

Scenic Regional Library ANNUAL REPORT



July 2022 - June 2023





COVERAGE AREA

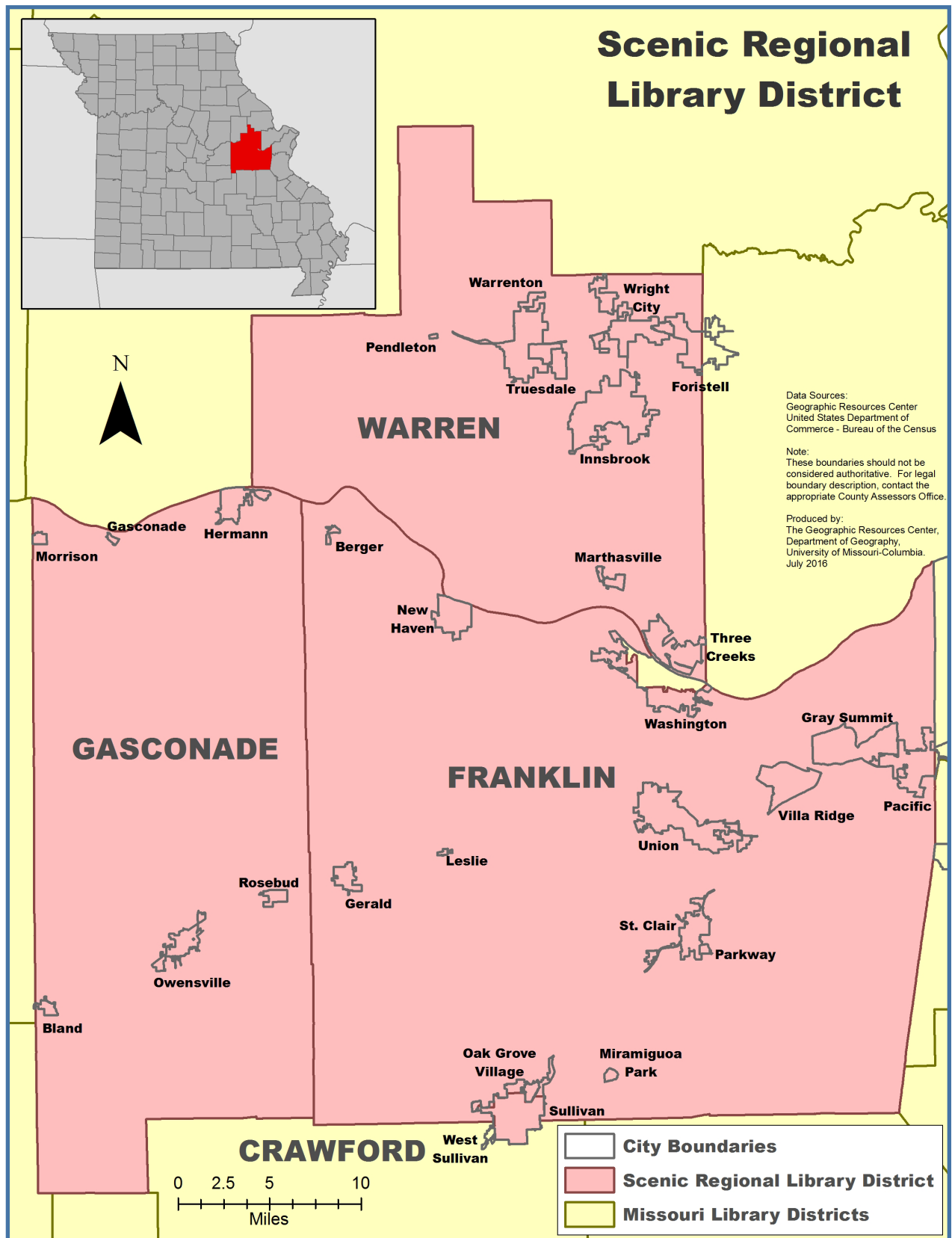


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"We always love spending time at our local library. A great indoor space to take the kids in the heat of summer or the dead of winter. The staff is always so helpful. And the programs they facilitate for the different ages are so fun!!"

- Colleen B.,
Sullivan branch patron

"Great library. Has good selection and seems to have quite a few classes as well."

- Dave T.,
Pacific branch patron

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LOCATIONS

Administration

251 Union Plaza Dr.
636-583-0652

Mon-Fri: 8am-4:30pm

Sat/Sun: Closed

scenicregionallibrary

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Hermann

123-A Bavarian Hills Blvd.
573-486-2024

Sun: Closed

Mon/Wed/Fri: 9am-6pm

Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm

Sat: 9am-5pm

hermannlibrary

New Haven

200 Douglas St.
573-237-2189

Sun: Closed

Mon/Wed/Fri: 9am-6pm

Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm

Sat: 9am-5pm

newhavenlibrary

Owensville

503 S. Olive St.
573-437-2188

Sun: Closed

Mon/Wed/Fri: 9am-6pm

Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm

Sat: 9am-5pm

owensvillebranch

Pacific

111 Lamar Parkway
636-257-2712

Sun: Closed

Mon/Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm

Wed/Fri: 9am-6pm

Sat: 9am-5pm

pacificbranch

St. Clair

515 E. Springfield Rd.
636-629-2546

Sun: Closed

Mon/Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm

Wed/Fri: 9am-6pm

Sat: 9am-5pm

stclairbranch

Sullivan

525 Cumberland Way
573-468-4372

Sun: Closed

Mon/Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm

Wed/Fri: 9am-6pm

Sat: 9am-5pm

sullivanlibrary

Union

251 Union Plaza Dr.
636-583-3224

Sun: Closed

Mon-Thurs: 9am-8pm

Fri: 9am-6pm

Sat: 9am-5pm

unionlibrary

Warrenton

912 S. Hwy. 47
636-456-3321

Sun: Closed

Mon-Thurs: 9am-8pm

Fri: 9am-6pm

Sat: 9am-5pm

warrentonbranch

Wright City

60 Wildcat Dr.
636-384-1136

Sun: Closed

Mon/Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm

Wed/Fri: 9am-6pm

Sat: 9am-5pm

wrightcitybranch



"This library is the jewel of Owensville.
It's a really nice facility."

- John P., Owensville branch patron

"My favorite part about the library is that
there is something for EVERYONE!"

- Sarah, Hermann branch patron



2022/2023 Officers

President	Robert Niebruegge
Vice President	John Cheatham
Secretary	Joy Dufrain
Treasurer	Kathleen Ham

Member

Term

Linda Andrae *(Franklin Co.)*

06/30/2023

John Barry *(Warren Co.)*

06/30/2025

John Cheatham *(Franklin Co.)*

06/30/2026

Joy Dufrain *(Warren Co.)*

06/30/2023

Sarah Rothermich *(Gasconade Co.)*

06/30/2023

Kathleen Ham *(Gasconade Co.)*

06/30/2025

Laura Hengstenberg *(Gasconade Co.)*

06/30/2024

Karen Holtmeyer *(Warren Co.)*

06/30/2025

Martha Lindsley *(Crawford Co.)*

06/30/2023

Robert Niebruegge *(Gasconade Co.)*

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Susan Richardson *(Franklin Co.)*

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Carla Robertson *(Warren Co.)*

06/30/2026

Paula Sutton *(Franklin Co.)*

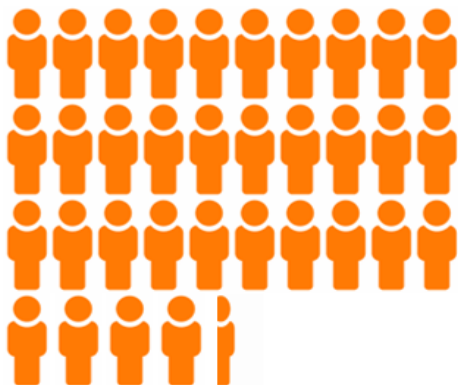
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LIBRARY VISITS



= 10,000 Visits



349,598
In-person



171,219
Website



22,225
Community Outreach

We Answered:

8,580

Reference Questions

8,346

Technology Questions!



LIBRARY CARDS ISSUED

of New Cards Issued: **5,879**

of Active Users: **19,345**

of e-Card Holders: **1,685**



"I recently went and got a library card. The librarians who signed me up were so kind and informational. It is a beautiful, peaceful, newly renovated space. Can't wait to hang out here more and read on the outside patios when the weather is nice."

- Elise, Union branch patron





SENSE OF PLACE

August 5, 2022 - October 22, 2022

RIVERS

November 4, 2022 - January 21, 2023

BLACK & WHITE & EIGHT SHADES OF GRAY

March 3, 2023 - May 20, 2023

PORTRAITURE

June 2, 2023 - August 18, 2023



"Thank you for creating this wonderful space. I live in St. Louis and have only visited once, but I'll be back! I will never visit Hermann again without stopping by The Gallery! It's the main attraction for me."

- Christine O.

"Enjoyed the last exhibit! Will make sure I see this one also. So glad you are able to showcase Missouri's talented artists in such a beautiful space!" (*Rivers Exhibit*)

- Donna T.

"Had a chance to spend some time in Hermann yesterday and visiting the gallery was foremost on my mind. It was wonderful seeing the works of so many artists from the area. Absolutely amazing." (*Sense of Place Exhibit*)

- Mary B.





BORROWING AND LENDING

Borrowed from
Evergreen Libraries:

48,922

Lent to Evergreen Libraries:

36,121

Internal Between Branches:

42,876

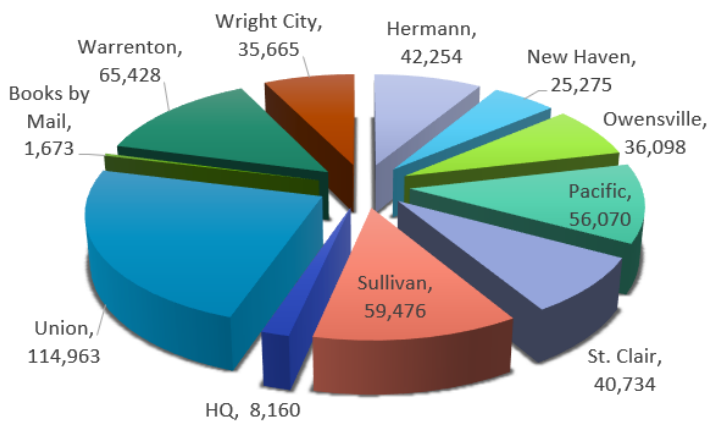


“Great little library, clean, organized and the staff is always friendly and ready to help. Kids area is always cute and engaging. Pro tip: (...) download the app and you can have books sent to the library to be picked up.”

- Rachel D., Hermann branch patron

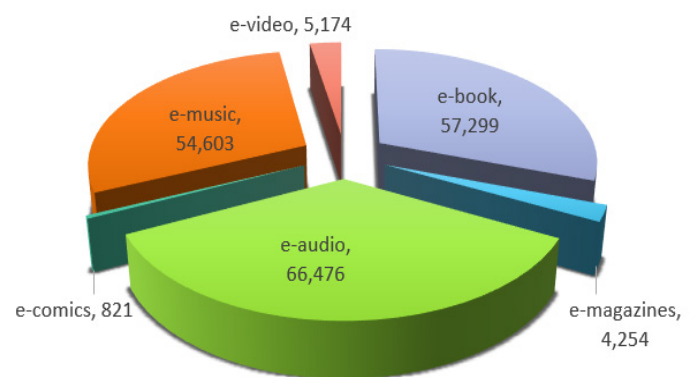


CIRCULATION



Total Physical Item Circulation:
492,375

8.45% increase from 2021-2022



Total E-circulation:
188,832

5.24% increase from 2021-2022

NON-TRADITIONAL CIRCULATION



1018 Headphones 

523 Device Charger Cables and Wall Plugs 

129 Telescopes 

253 Cake Pans 

63 Fishing Poles 

33 Binoculars 

47 Microscopes 

115 Mobile Hotspots 

831 Chromebooks 

New This Year:

129 Memory Kits 

1547 STEAM Kits 

92 Routers 

92 Ukuleles 



“Have used them [cake pans] several times! What a unique and pocketbook-saving service!!!”

- Patricia, Hermann branch patron

SELF-CHECK CIRCULATION



108,372 Items Checked Out
Using Self-Check.

(22.01% of all checkouts)

“Amazing staff and resources.”
- Michelle, Warrenton branch patron

“A WONDERFUL RESOURCE for our
community.”
- Amy G., Union branch patron

PASSPORTS



We took 1,185
passport applications.



CURBSIDE SERVICE

Curbside Service Utilized:
372 Times



MEETING ROOMS

Meeting Rooms used
1,376 times by:

- Action groups
- Blood drives
- Chambers of commerce
- Churches
- Farmers' markets committees
- Government organizations
- Healthcare groups
- Hobby groups
- Local charities
- Scout troops



"You have been very patient and helpful." (In response to staff helping him set up a meeting room account.)

- Lloyd K., Union branch patron

COMPUTER USAGE



"Staff is helpful and nice. Great place to go for studying, reading, and computer work."
- Kelsey B., Warrenton branch patron

Computer Usage:
27,207

Wireless Usage:
64,078
2.39% increase

YOUTH OUTREACH



"The librarians are always to helpful."
- Kathy F., Union branch patron

"This event was 100% the best experience for my daughter! All the kids were so polite and had a good time! Definitely need more water days!"
- Kari, St. Clair branch patron

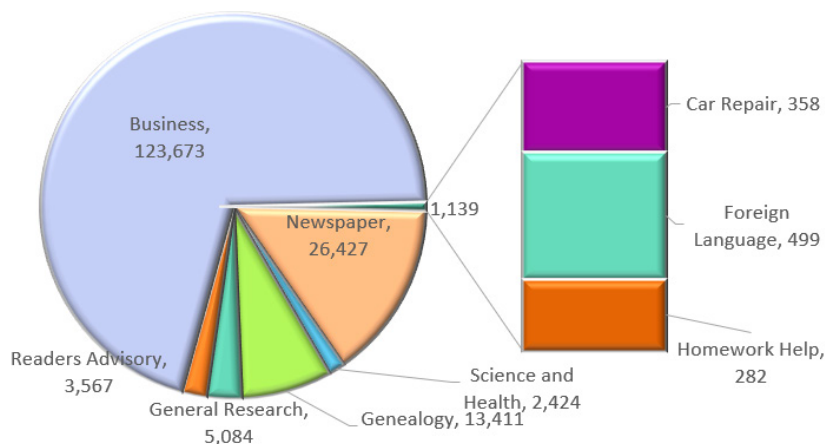
"Glad to be there for a great cause." (Making blankets for Project Linus)
- Margaret S., Union branch patron

Daycare & School Outreach:
354 visits reaching 16,609 students and teachers.



DATABASE USAGE

Total: **175,725**



The Library ladies were fantastic! They worked with my grandson and really took him seriously. I appreciate our library on so many levels, but the personal touch they offer is priceless. My grandkids have been coming to the library since they were about four years old. We love the library."

- Cindy T., Warrenton branch patron

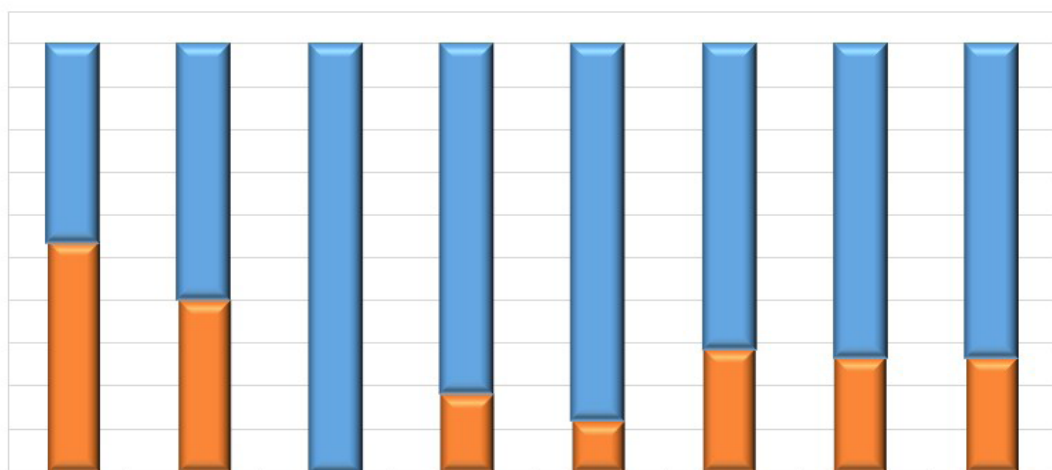
"Quiet. Clean. Friendly staff. Wide aisles. Books everywhere!"

- Elinda S., Wright City branch patron



COLLECTIONS

Total Physical: **265,803**
Total Digital: **28,830** 5.05% increase



	Fiction Books	Non-Fiction Books	Large Print Books	Books on CD	Music CDs	DVDs	e-Books	e-Audio
Adult Collection	65,865	38,939	14,748	11,296	3,530	15,950	13,400	7,685
Juvenile Collection	76,696	26,348	0	2,562	483	6,478	4,922	2,823

ADULT PROGRAMMING



**In 2022-2023 we offered
644 programs reaching
6,540 adults.**

"I like attending the library's programs and that you have access to books, movies, etc. from libraries all over the state. AND...it's free!"

- Erica, New Haven branch patron

"Thank you for this really fun program. I'm planning on making little jars of jam as Christmas gifts."

-Jenny S. V., Union branch patron

YOUTH PROGRAMMING



**In 2022-2023 we offered
999 programs reaching
26,587 children and teens.
56.99% increase**

"Love this library! We brought our three grandchildren who are spending a lot of time with us this summer. They had a blast with books, Lego and a scavenger hunt!"

- Shelly S., Wright City branch patron

"Amazing library with activities for kids."

- Angie L., Sullivan branch patron



TEACHER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**2,554 items delivered, filling
147 teacher requests.**

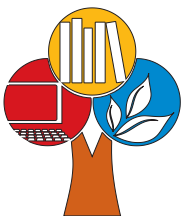
“...this public library supports Hermann school libraries by supplying books from all over Missouri that students want for special assignments.”
- Victoria, Hermann branch patron



1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

**Total Participants:
347**

**20 Children
have completed
the program by
reading 1,000
books!**



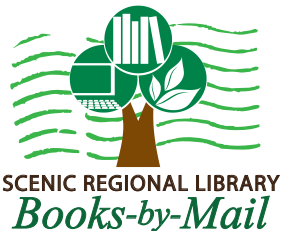
**1000
BOOKS**
Before Kindergarten

ADULT OUTREACH



- Staff facilitated 140 visits to 1,787 senior citizens at nursing homes and senior centers in all three counties.

BOOKS-BY-MAIL



- We currently have 58 Books-by-Mail patrons in all 3 counties.
- Books-by-Mail circulation: 1,673 items in 2022-2023 fiscal year.

SPANISH LANGUAGE MATERIALS



To better serve our Spanish speaking communities, we offer a collection of Spanish language materials.

Spanish books for adults: 168
Spanish books for children: 294
Spanish e-Books: 546

"Scenic libraries are vital to our communities!"
- Lori, Pacific branch patron

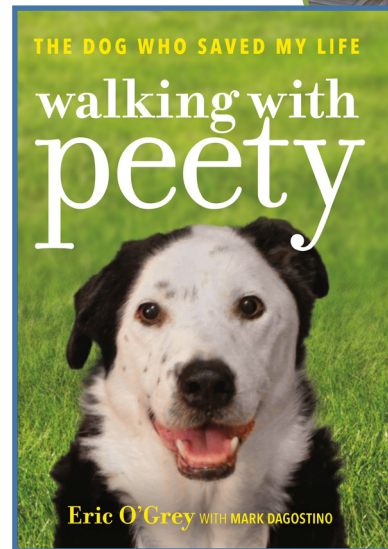
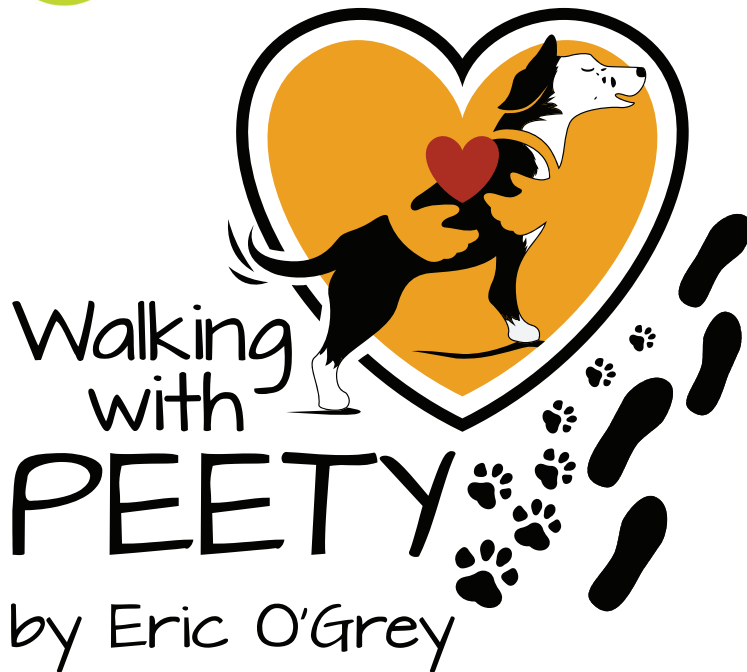
"You are all so helpful, we are lucky to have you."
- Union branch patron

SOLICITUD DE TARJETA DE BIBLIOTECA Library Card Application		
Para uso del personal, exclusivamente para la captura de datos. Titular después de la captura. Staff use for data entry only - Shred after entry		
Primer Nombre / First Name	Segundo Nombre / Middle Name	Apellido / Last Name
Si es menor de 16 años, nombre de la madre o del padre / Name of parent if patron is under 16 years old		
Fecha de Nacimiento / Date of Birth	Email / Email Address	Número de Teléfono / Telephone Number
Dirección Postal / Mailing Address		Código Postal / Postal Code
Domicilio (si es diferente de su Dirección Postal) / Street Address if different from Mailing Address		
Ciudad / City		
¿Cómo le gustaría que le notificáramos cuando sus reservas de libros u otros artículos estén listas para ser recogidas? How would you like to be notified when books or other articles are ready to be picked up?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Email / Email	<input type="checkbox"/> Mensaje de texto / Text message	
<input type="checkbox"/> Teléfono / Telephone	<input type="checkbox"/> Número para enviar mensajes de texto / Number to send you a text	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Operador de teléfono móvil / Cell phone carrier
Presente este formulario con una identificación con foto y comprobante de domicilio al personal de la biblioteca. Present this form with photo identification and proof of address to library staff.		





COMMUNITY READ



Thank you to our Partners and Sponsors:



- Number of programs: 70
- Total attendance: 1,250
- Books distributed to the public/schools: 2,300 free copies.

"Thank you Scenic Regional Library for giving free copies locally for all ages and hosting so many free events about the book. Your generosity is amazing."

- Reva M., patron

"I picked up my copy and finished it in two days. Excellent!"

- Sherry H., patron

SUMMER READING PROGRAM



All
Together
Now

Participants in 2023

1,620 Children



315 Teens



995 Adults



“Thanks a million for this wonderful program! And for doing such a great job encouraging literacy in our communities.”

- Betty W., patron

“Our kiddos are enjoying the books. Thank you!!!”

- Katye D., patron

“My son says thank you. He’s excited to build.” (Summer Reading Program, Lego prize recipient)

-Beka C., Warrenton branch patron

COMMUNITY GARDEN



2023 Spring planting season:

- 22 total beds - 8 flower/herb beds and 14 vegetable beds.
- 9 gardeners checked out 14 plots.



2022/2023 Officers

President	Alice Whalen
Vice President	Stephanie Norton
Secretary	Susan McKee
Treasurer	Debbie Heggemann

Member

Dorothy (Dot) Schowe *(Franklin Co.)*
Dr. Debbie Depew *(Franklin Co.)*
Susan McKee *(Franklin Co.)*
Alice Whalen *(Franklin Co.)*
Pat Aichholz Schowe *(Gasconade Co.)*
Jo Ellen Steineker *(Gasconade Co.)*
Shelby Uffmann *(Gasconade Co.)*
Sheri Hausman *(Gasconade Co.)*
Debbie Heggemann *(Warren Co.)*
Angie Hilbert *(Warren Co.)*
Stephanie Norton *(Warren Co.)*
Sarah Schroeder *(Warren Co.)*

Term

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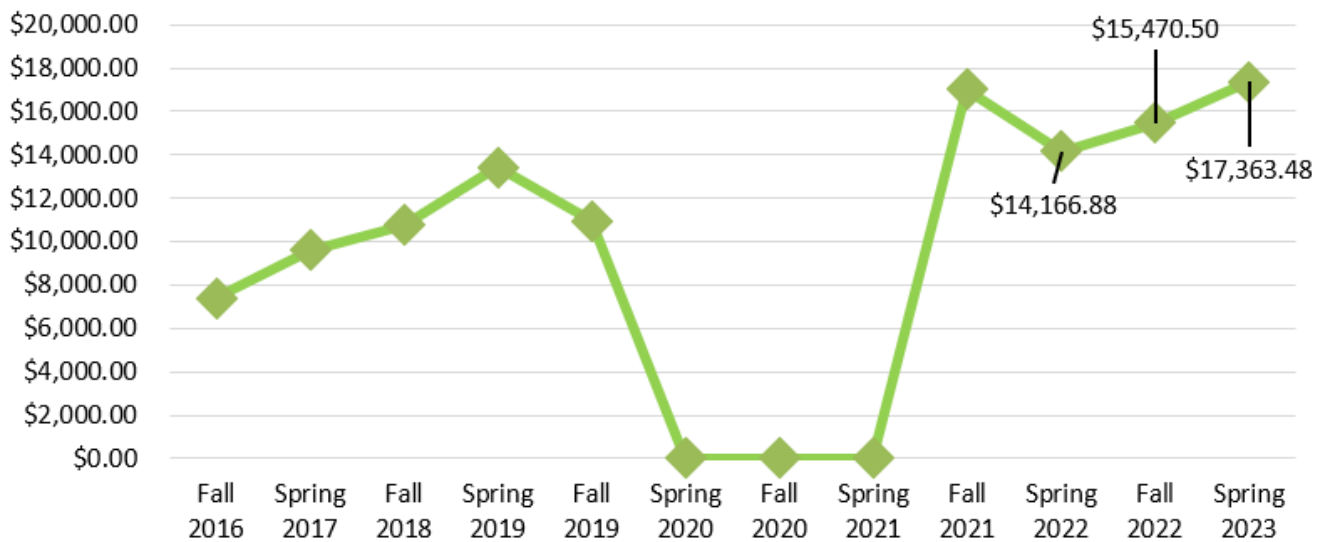
337 Friends' members system-wide.
Raised \$59,114.87 in fiscal year 2022-2023.

- **Friends of the Library groups donated \$9,880.16 for the purchase of musical instruments for the childrens patios at four branches. There are now 20 instruments system-wide.**





Book Sale Revenue



Fall 2022: \$15,470.50
Spring 2023: \$17,363.48

Spring 2023 was Scenic's
largest-ever Book Sale.

Each Friends of the Library
group has the opportunity to
run the book sale at its branch
and receive revenue.



"Love the book sale!"

- Dick C., patron

"I went on the last day and still came home
with two big boxes full (...)"

- Susan S., Owensville branch patron



BUDGET

"Very polite, helpful. Stay open pretty late. Accommodating in every way possible."

- Amanda, St. Clair branch patron

"We LOVE our Scenic Regional Library!"

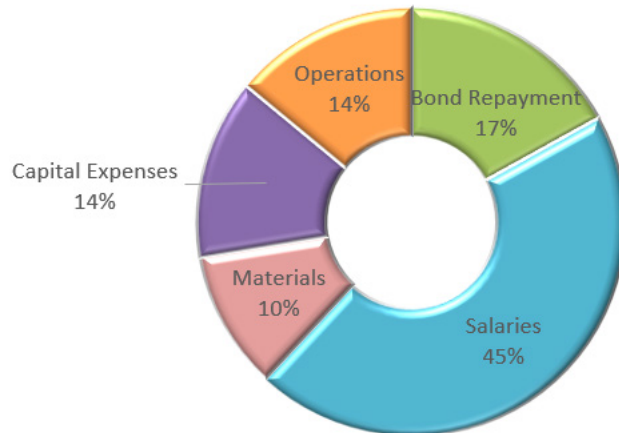
- Wesleyan Kiddie Kollege

"We had a fabulous time in Pacific at the Scenic Regional Library last evening! ...the adult programs coordinator, could not have been more welcoming and enthusiastic. The Friends of the Library provided refreshments, and the audience was so engaged with great questions for us."

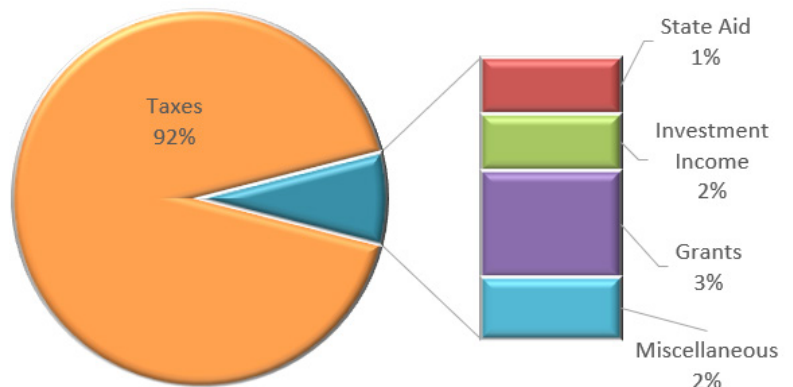
-Schwarzer Zither Ensemble



EXPENDITURES	
Bond Repayment	\$ 1,177,620
Salaries	\$ 3,122,960
Materials	\$ 728,717
Capital Expenses	\$ 944,275
Operations	\$ 973,273
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 6,946,845



REVENUE	
Taxes	\$ 6,394,638
State Aid	\$ 110,973
Investment Income	\$ 111,153
Grants	\$ 209,453
Miscellaneous	\$ 120,628
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 6,946,845



2022-2023 TOTAL SERVICE VALUE



Every \$1 of Revenue = \$2.85 in Library Services



Library Service	Annual Total Usage	Dollar Value
Books Borrowed (Physical & downloadable)	549,674	\$11,543,154
Magazines Borrowed (Physical & downloadable)	4,254	\$27,651
Videos (DVD & downloadable)	60,813	\$136,829
Audio Books Borrowed (CD & downloadable)	13,501	\$405,030
Music (CD & downloadable)	5,577	\$61,347
Mobile Hotspot Use	115	\$15,180
Fishingpole Use	63	\$2,205
Telescope Use	129	\$41,925
Microscope Use	47	\$11,750
Notary Service	1,472	\$7,360
Children's Program Attendance	26,587	\$186,109
Adult Program Attendance	6,540	\$98,100
Hours of Computer Use	91,285	\$2,464,695
Live Homework Help Tutoring Sessions	282	\$12,690
Database Searches	175,725	\$3,514,500
Interlibrary Loan Requests Processed	49,642	\$1,241,050
Meeting Room Use	1376	\$34,400
Total Value of Library Service		\$19,803,975

Library Service	Value of Service	Cost Based On
Books Borrowed	\$21.00	Amazon.com average price
Magazines Borrowed	\$6.50	Estimated average price
Videos (DVD & downloadable)	\$2.25	Estimated Redbox average
Audio Books Borrowed (CD & downloadable)	\$30.00	Estimated average price
Music CDs Borrowed	\$11.00	Estimated Spotify subscription
Mobile Hotspot Use	\$132.00	Cost of device plus two weeks of mobile data
Fishing pole Use	\$35.00	Cost of fishing pole per Amazon
Telescope Use	\$325.00	Cost of telescope per St. Louis Astronomical Society
Microscope Use	\$250.00	Based on average purchase price
Notary Use	\$5.00	State allowable charge
Children's Programs Attended	\$7.00	Estimated value per ALA library calculator
Adult Programs Attended	\$15.00	Estimated value per ALA library calculator
Hours of Computer Use	\$27.00	FedEx hourly rate
Live Homework Help Tutoring Sessions	\$45.00	Cost for one hour of tutoring at Tutor.com
Database Searches	\$20.00	Estimated value per ALA library calculator
Interlibrary Loan Requests Processed	\$25.00	Amazon.com average price plus shipping
Meeting Room Use	\$25.00	Estimated value per ALA library calculator