

# Scenic Regional Library ANNUAL REPORT

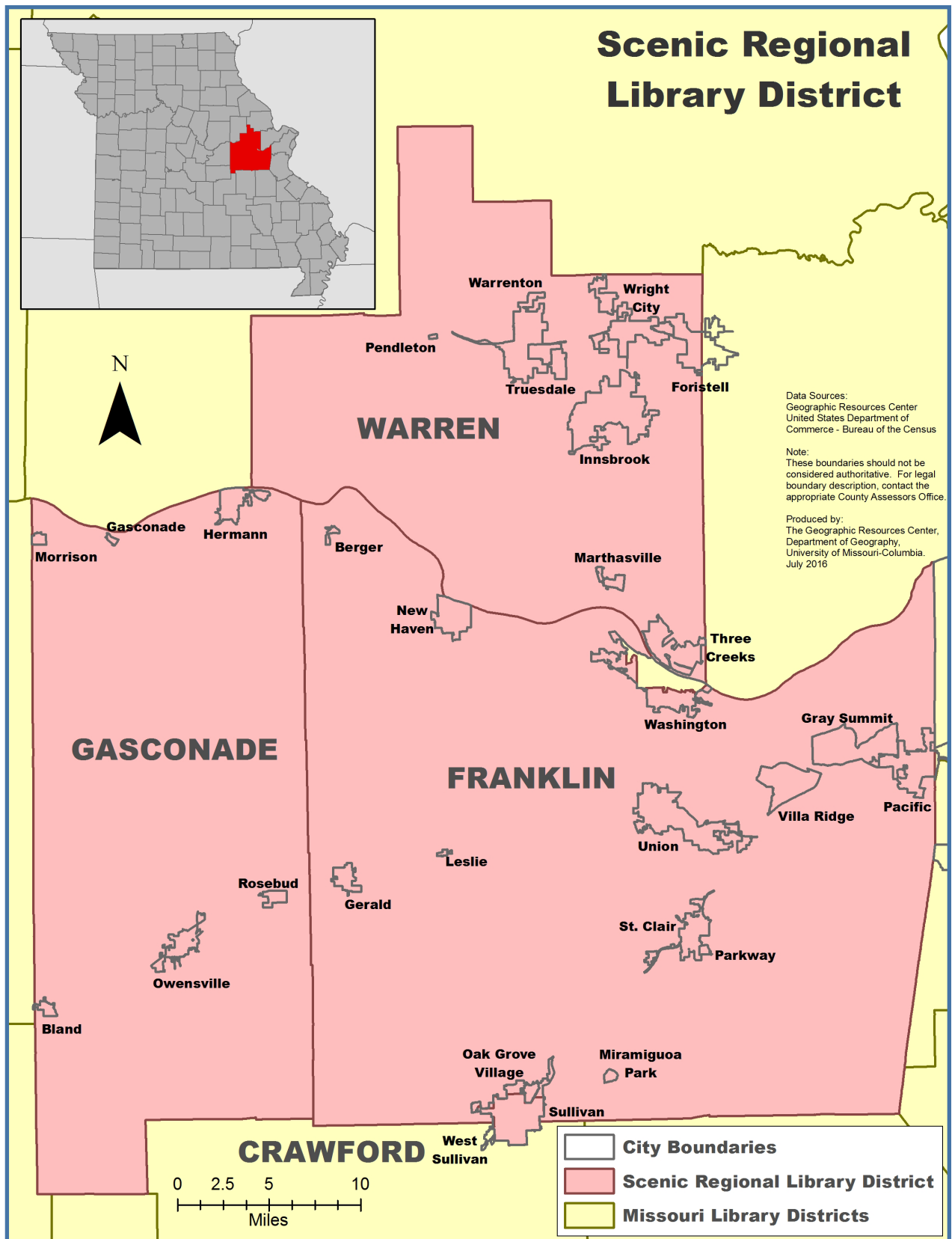


July 2022 - June 2023





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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

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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

|                       |       |                          |
|-----------------------|-------|--------------------------|
| <b>President</b>      | ..... | <b>Robert Niebruegge</b> |
| <b>Vice President</b> | ..... | <b>John Cheatham</b>     |
| <b>Secretary</b>      | ..... | <b>Joy Dufrain</b>       |
| <b>Treasurer</b>      | ..... | <b>Kathleen Ham</b>      |

### 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.)*

**06/30/2025**

**Susan Richardson** *(Franklin Co.)*

**06/30/2024**

**Carla Robertson** *(Warren Co.)*

**06/30/2026**

**Paula Sutton** *(Franklin Co.)*

**06/30/2023**



# 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**

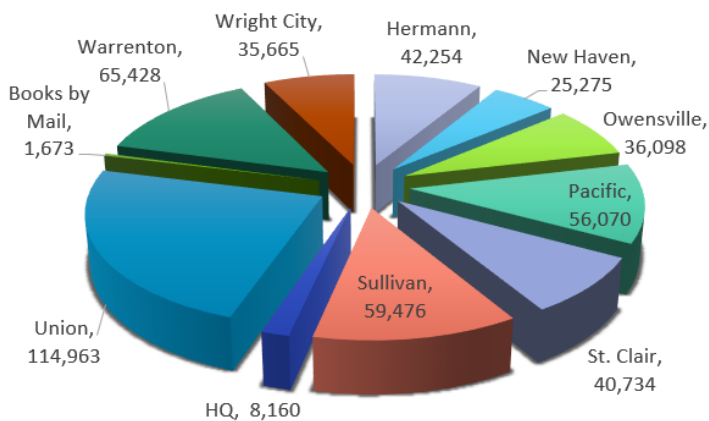


“Great little library, clean, organized and the staff is always friendly and ready to help. Kids area is always cute and engaging. Pro tip: (...) download the app and you can have books sent to the library to be picked up.”

- Rachel D., Hermann branch patron

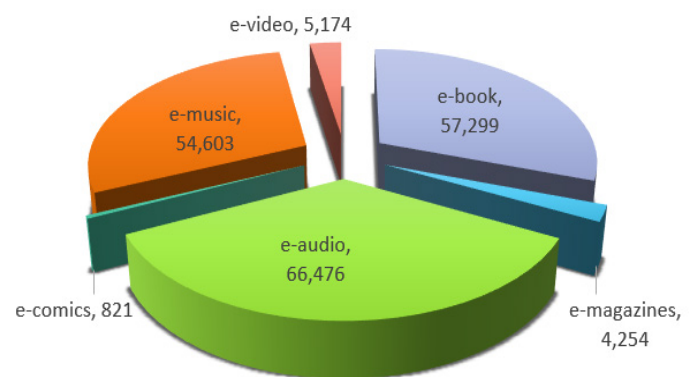


## CIRCULATION



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

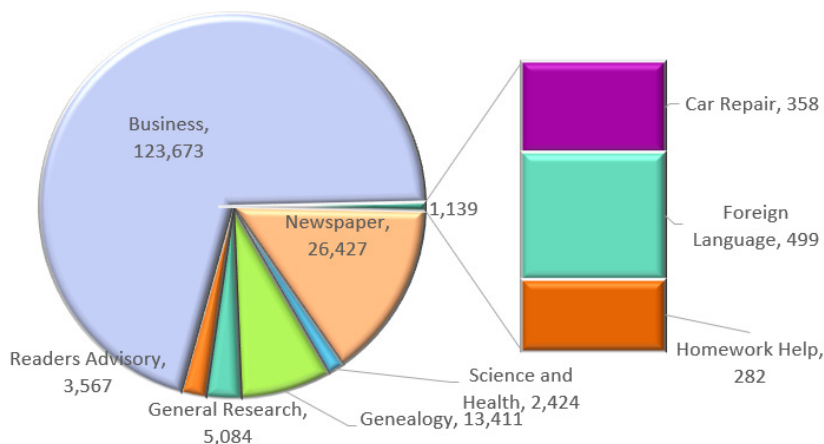
"Glad to be there for a great cause." (Making blankets for Project Linus)  
- Margaret S., Union branch patron

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

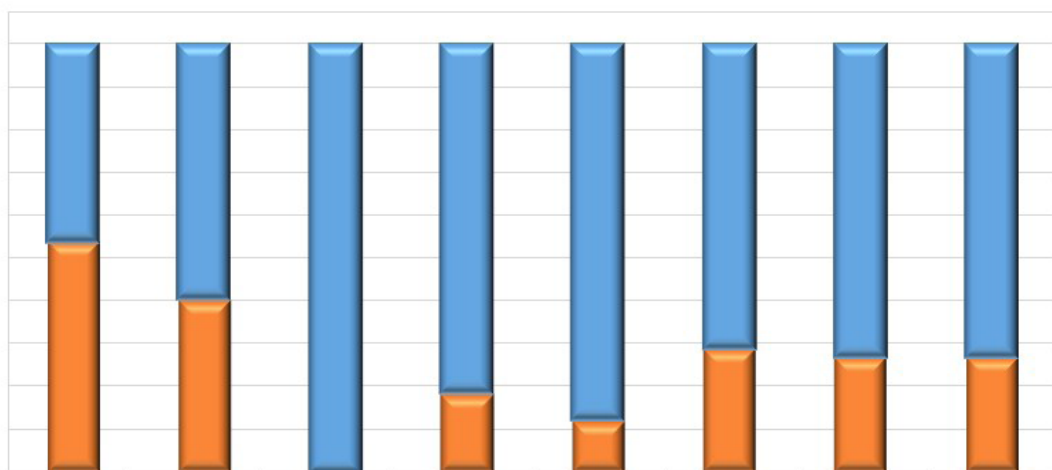
"Quiet. Clean. Friendly staff. Wide aisles. Books everywhere!"

- 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.**

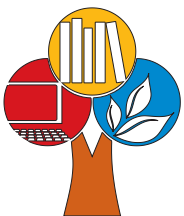
“...this public library supports Hermann school libraries by supplying books from all over Missouri that students want for special assignments.”  
- Victoria, Hermann branch patron



## 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

**Total Participants:  
347**

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



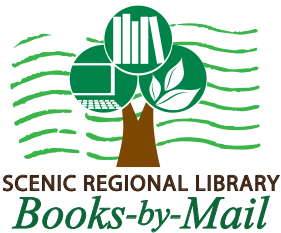
**1000  
BOOKS**  
Before Kindergarten

# 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

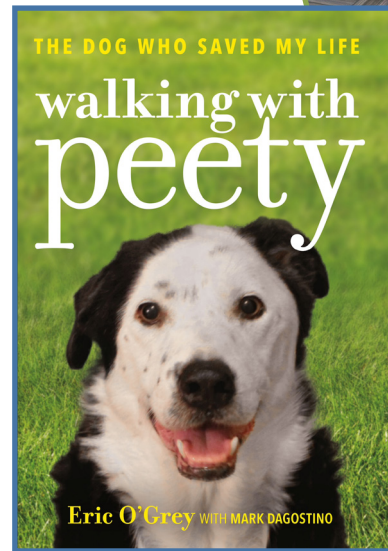
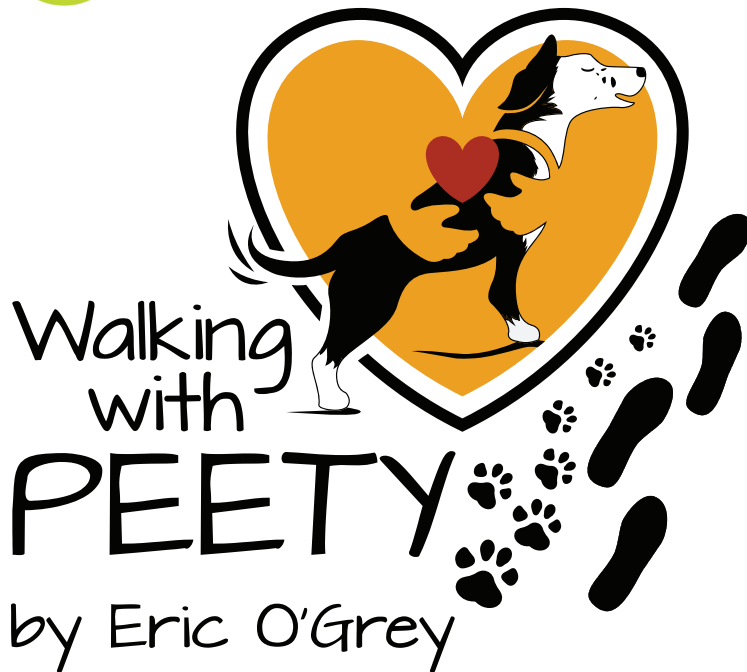
| SOLICITUD DE TARJETA DE BIBLIOTECA<br>Library Card Application                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                              |                                       |
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| Para uso del personal, exclusivamente para la captura de datos. Titular después de la captura.<br>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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                              |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ¿Cómo le gustaría que le notificáramos cuando sus reservas de libros u otros artículos estén listas para ser recogidas?<br>How would you like to be notified when books or other articles are ready to pickup?<br><input type="checkbox"/> Email / Email <input type="checkbox"/> Mensaje de texto / Text message<br><input type="checkbox"/> Teléfono / Telephone <input type="checkbox"/> Número para enviar mensajes de texto / Number to send you a text<br><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.<br>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

### Term

|                                                   |            |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Dorothy (Dot) Schowe</b> <i>(Franklin Co.)</i> | 07/30/2024 |
| <b>Dr. Debbie Depew</b> <i>(Franklin Co.)</i>     | 07/30/2025 |
| <b>Susan McKee</b> <i>(Franklin Co.)</i>          | 07/30/2024 |
| <b>Alice Whalen</b> <i>(Franklin Co.)</i>         | 07/30/2025 |
| <b>Pat Aichholz Schowe</b> <i>(Gasconade Co.)</i> | 07/30/2024 |
| <b>Jo Ellen Steineker</b> <i>(Gasconade Co.)</i>  | 07/30/2025 |
| <b>Shelby Uffmann</b> <i>(Gasconade Co.)</i>      | 07/30/2025 |
| <b>Sheri Hausman</b> <i>(Gasconade Co.)</i>       | 07/30/2024 |
| <b>Debbie Heggemann</b> <i>(Warren Co.)</i>       | 07/30/2023 |
| <b>Angie Hilbert</b> <i>(Warren Co.)</i>          | 07/30/2023 |
| <b>Stephanie Norton</b> <i>(Warren Co.)</i>       | 07/30/2024 |
| <b>Sarah Schroeder</b> <i>(Warren Co.)</i>        | 07/30/2024 |

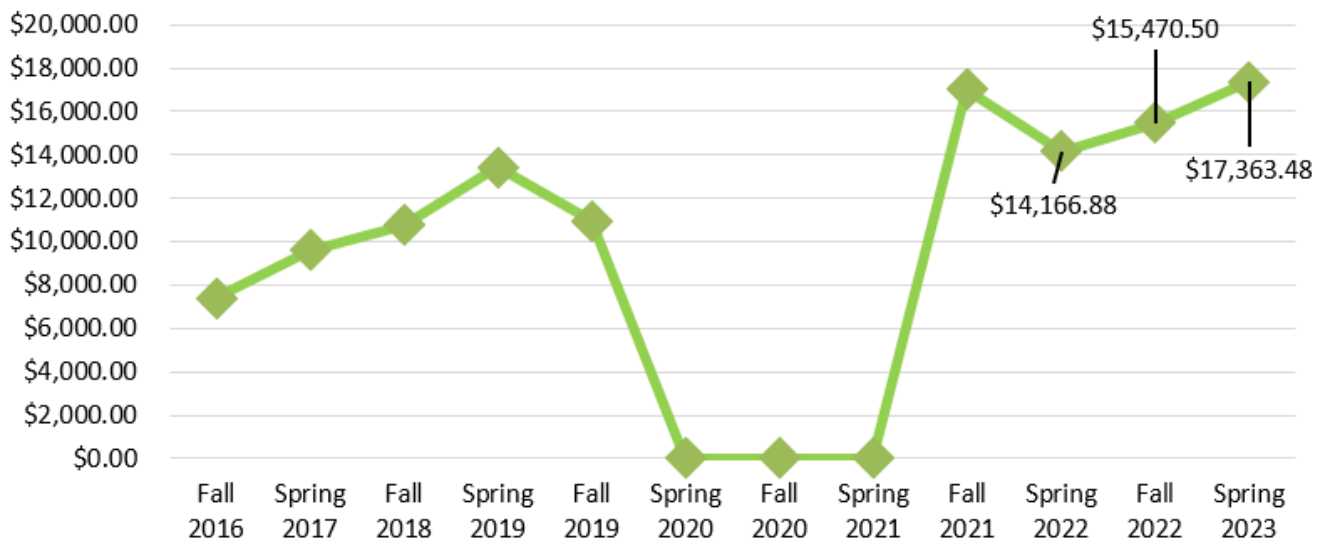
337 Friends' members system-wide.  
Raised \$59,114.87 in fiscal year 2022-2023.

- **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!"

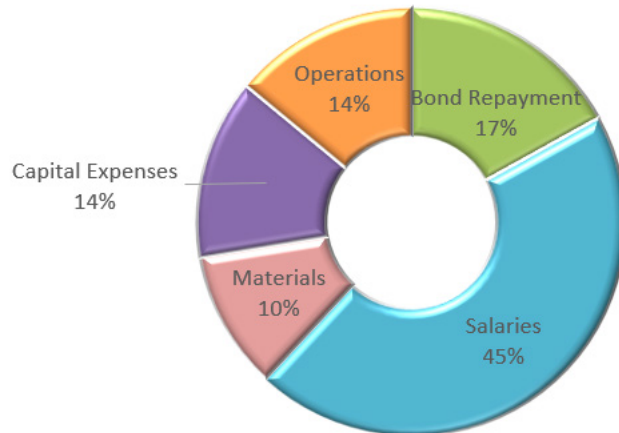
- Wesleyan Kiddie Kollege

"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."

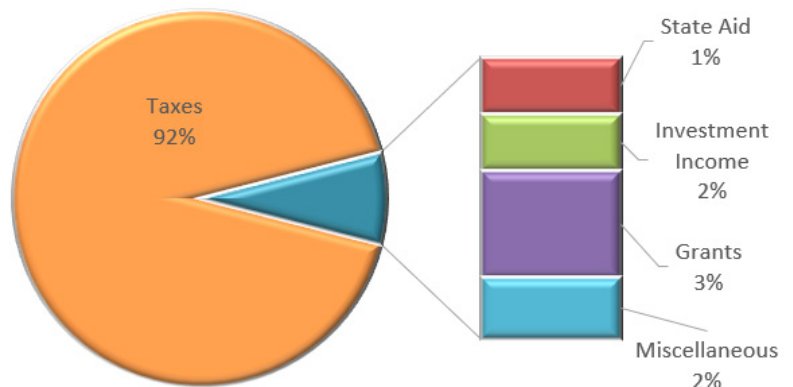
-Schwarzer Zither Ensemble



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



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





# 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            |
| <b>Total Value of Library Service</b>        |                    | <b>\$19,803,975</b> |

| 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           |