

Scenic Regional Library ANNUAL REPORT



July 2023 - June 2024





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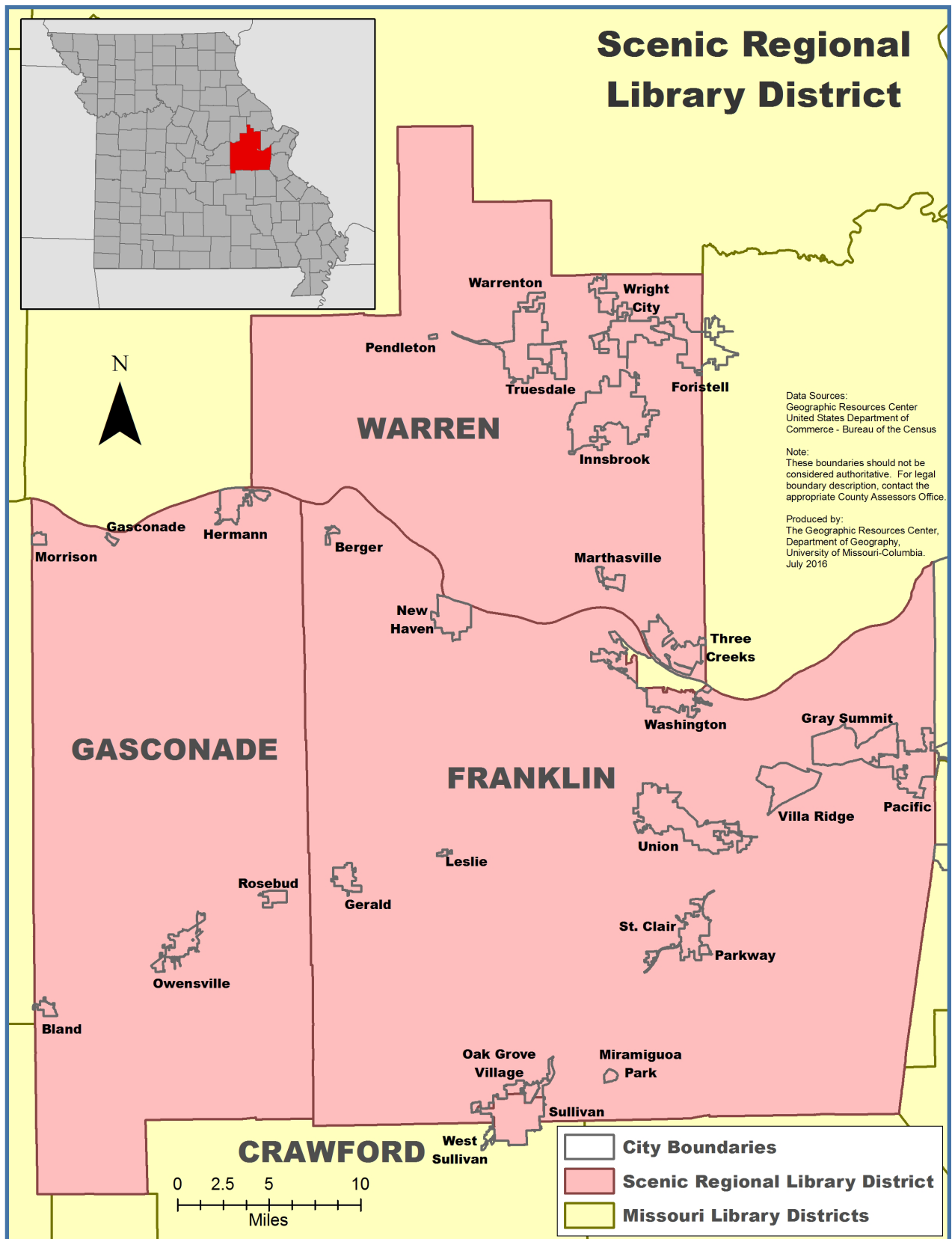


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“Very nice library. The personnel are helpful and kind.”

- Cheryl W.,
Warrenton branch patron

“Quiet. Clean. Friendly staff. Wide aisles. Books everywhere!”

- Elinda S.,
Wright City branch patron

“I like the library, it’s nice. I like how modern it is.”

- Union 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.
573-306-6189

Sun: Closed
Mon/Wed/Fri: 9am-6pm
Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm
Sat: 9am-5pm

newhavenlibrary

Owensville

503 S. Olive St.
573-299-0006

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
573-342-6505

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



"Our library system has so many wonderful resources and classes. We took the grandkids to see Santa."

- Dottie M., Union branch patron

"I love how every branch of Scenic Regional is so unique and has something special at each of them."

- Angela H., Owensville branch patron



2023/2024 Officers

President		John Cheatham
Vice President		Joy Dufrain
Secretary		Kathleen Ham
Treasurer		Paula Sutton

Member

Term

Linda Andrae *(Franklin Co.)*

06/30/2027

John Barry *(Warren Co.)*

06/30/2025

John Cheatham *(Franklin Co.)*

06/30/2026

Joy Dufrain *(Warren Co.)*

06/30/2027

Sarah Rothermich *(Gasconade Co.)*

06/30/2027

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.)*

06/30/2027

Robert Niebruegge *(Gasconade Co.)*

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Susan Richardson *(Franklin Co.)*

06/30/2024

Carla Robertson *(Warren Co.)*

06/30/2026

Paula Sutton *(Franklin Co.)*

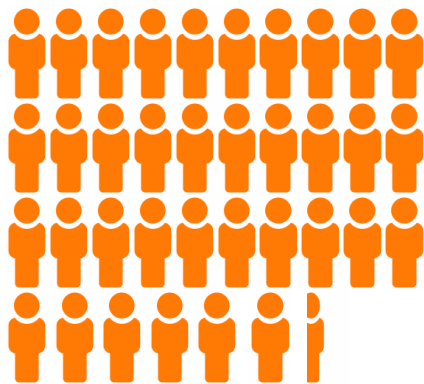
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LIBRARY VISITS



= 10,000 Visits



368,401

In-person



150,959

Website



21,589

Community Outreach

We Answered:

8,216

Reference Questions

9,724

Technology Questions



LIBRARY CARDS ISSUED

of New Cards Issued: **6,730**

of Active Users: **14,643**

of e-Card Holders: **1,604**



"It was a friendly location for me to donate books to the library and for me to get a library card for me to learn new things."

- Sarah H., Union branch patron





PORTRAITURE

June 2, 2023 - August 18, 2023

WINTER EDEN

December 1, 2023 - Mar 22, 2024

AT PLAY

April 5, 2024 - July 19, 2024



"Thank you for the opportunity to share my creativity"
- Joyce H., contributing Gallery show artist

"Hermann has a wonderful gallery space to exhibit this impressive show. We enjoyed our visit this morning."

- Jan S.

"Go visit. Wonderful exhibit. There is a handout booklet to introduce each artist. Exhibit changes every quarter."

- Kathie H.

"Visited it this past week and it was very impressive."

- Bonnie H.





BORROWING AND LENDING

Borrowed from
Evergreen Libraries:
51,013

Lent to Evergreen Libraries:
37,155

Internal Between Branches:
41,822

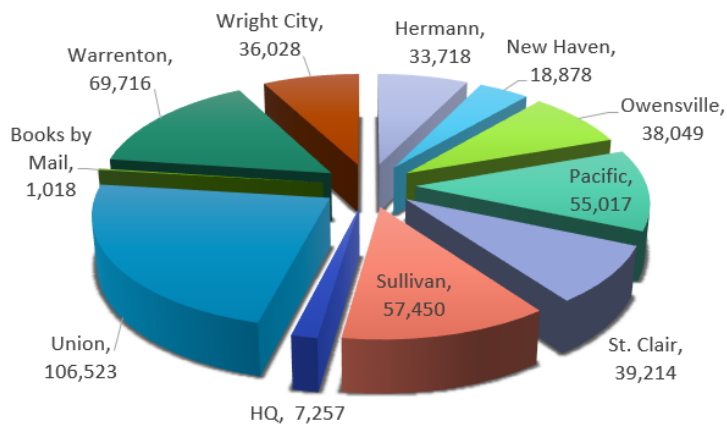


"I have found that Libby is a modern miracle."

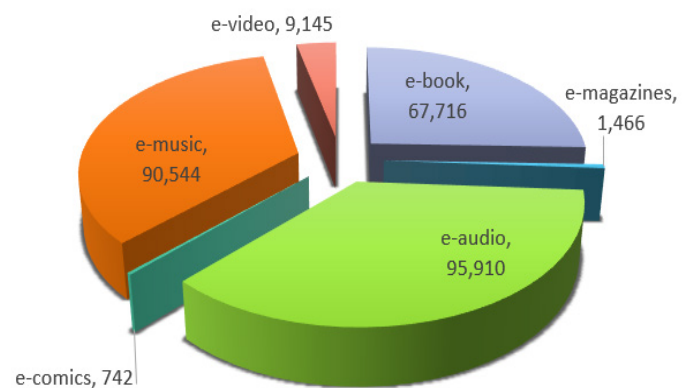
- Union branch patron



CIRCULATION



Total Physical Item Circulation:
462,819



Total E-circulation:
265,823

39.67% increase from 2022-2023

NON-TRADITIONAL CIRCULATION



864 Headphones 

New This Year:

815 Device Charger Cables and Wall Plugs 

41 Blood Pressure Kits 

87 Telescopes 

36 Chromebooks 

242 Tonie Boxes 

180 Cake Pans 

76 Memory Kits 

32 Fishing Poles 

1478 STEAM Kits 

15 Binoculars 

51 Ukuleles 

32 Microscopes 

746 Mobile Hotspots 



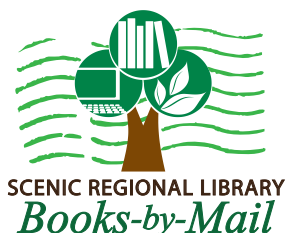
“(...) Wow they have lots more than books to check out. From medical equipment to telescopes to cake pans. I say if you haven’t been then you’re missing out.”
- Jason H., Wright City branch patron

SELF-CHECK CIRCULATION



116,792 Items Checked Out
Using Self-Check.
(25.23% of all checkouts)

BOOKS-BY-MAIL



- We currently have 40 Books-by-Mail patrons in all 3 counties.
- Books-by-Mail circulation: 1,018 items in 2023-2024 fiscal year.



CURBSIDE SERVICE

Curbside Service Utilized:
372 Times



MEETING ROOMS

Meeting Rooms used
1,534 times by:

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



"This is so much more than a library! The play area inside brings my kids a lot of joy and the meeting rooms available have been good spots for Girl Scouts and civic organizations to get together. It's always clean, bright and welcoming."

- Stephanie H., Union branch patron

COMPUTER USAGE



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

Computer Usage:
25,601

Wireless Usage:
60,075

COLOR PRINTERS



**Scenic Regional Library
now offers color printing for
patrons at all nine branches.**

TIKTOK



**In March 2024, the library
launched a TikTok page:**

310 Followers

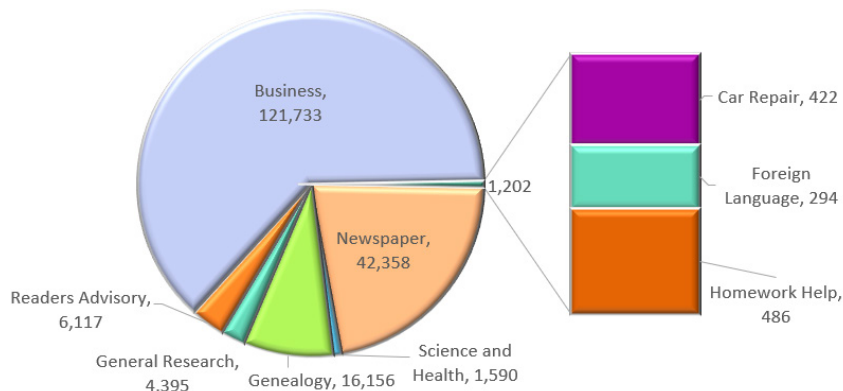
1,707 Likes

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DATABASE USAGE

Total: **193,551**

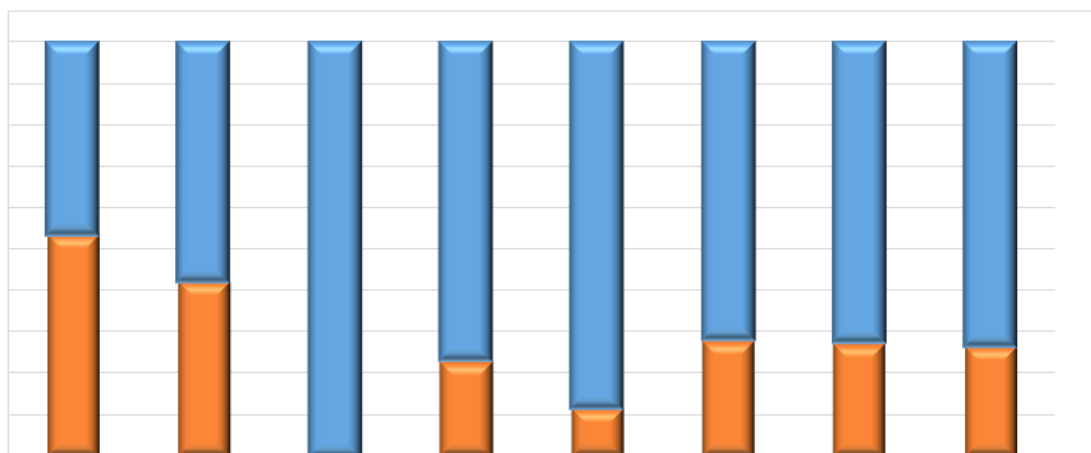


"We love the new building. Everything is so nicely arranged. The staff is great about helping with technology questions."
- Gery O. Union branch patron



COLLECTIONS

Total Physical: **256,204**
Total Digital: **35,458**
(23% increase from last year!)



	Fiction Books	Non-Fiction Books	Large Print Books	Books on CD	Music CDs	DVDs	e-Books	e-Audio
Adult Collection	65,181	37,473	14,790	7,821	3,537	16,026	13,775	12,098
Juvenile Collection	75,000	27,341	0	2,349	463	6,223	5,211	4,374



The Library began distributing 250 gun locks, 250 medication lock boxes, and Detera prescription drug disposal bags.



Scenic Regional Library was awarded PreventEd's annual Service Award on April 26. Assistant Director Megan Maurer accepted the award.

GOVERNOR VISIT



Governor Parson visited the Union branch on April 16. He spoke to a crowd of 70 people about his new book, "No Turnin' Back". The governor was accompanied by his wife, First Lady Teresa Parson, and the author of the book, Dr. Jim Jones.



ADULT OUTREACH

Staff facilitated
212 visits
to
3,383 seniors
at nursing homes and senior
centers in all three counties.



YOUTH OUTREACH

Daycare & School Outreach:
342 visits
reaching
18,206
students & teachers



"Lovely place! Great selection of kids, teens, and adult books. The programs they have for children, teens & adults are wonderful & a great way to bring the community together! My little one & I love the STEAM kids available for checkout."

- Alexis L., Sullivan branch patron

ADULT PROGRAMMING



**In 2023-2024 we offered
606 programs reaching
7,874 adults.
(20.4% increase!)**

“Great place to read, do work, or even have some fun in your community during the different events hosted.”

- Kaiya C., Warrenton branch patron

“My mother will be so proud.” (Waist apron sewing program utilizing the library sewing machines)
- Union branch patron

YOUTH PROGRAMMING



**In 2023-2024 we offered
983 programs reaching
25,591 children and teens.**

“The presenter (*Didgeridoo Down Under*) did a wonderful job. The kids were highly entertained while learning lots.”

- Wendy P. Hermann branch patron



TEACHER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

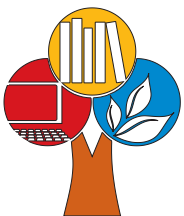
**2,119 items delivered, filling
116 teacher requests.**



1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

**Total Participants:
649**

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



**1000
BOOKS**
Before Kindergarten

COMMUNITY GARDEN



2024 Spring planting season:

- 22 total beds - 8 flower/herb beds and 14 vegetable beds.
- 10 gardeners checked out 19 plots.

**We took 1,947
passport
applications.**

**All nine branches
now offer passport
photos.**

**We processed over
800 passport photos.**



PASSPORTS



“This is the best library ever! They are so helpful and friendly. They will do everything they can to get your book/DVD requests.”

- Gwen S., St. Clair branch patron

SPANISH LANGUAGE MATERIALS



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

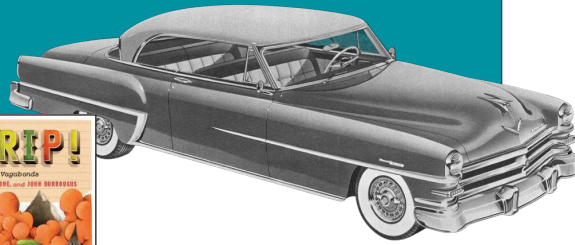
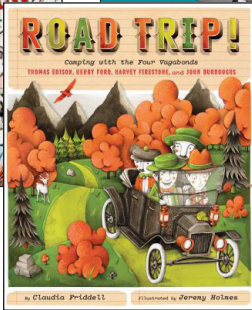
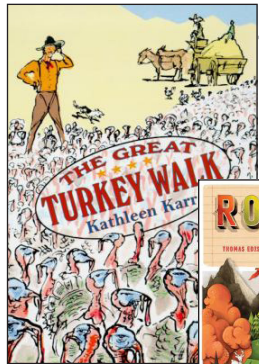
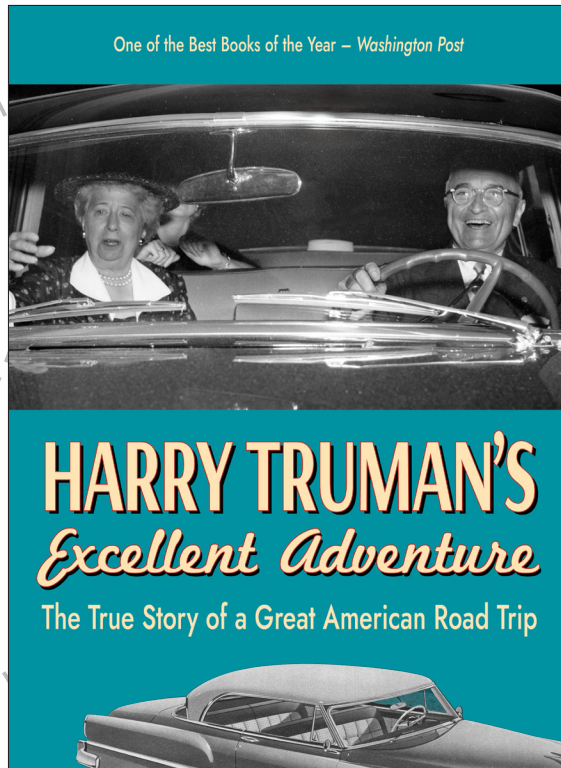
Spanish books for adults: 167
Spanish books for children: 273
Spanish e-Books: 440

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





COMMUNITY READ



Thank you to our Partners and Sponsors:



- Number of programs: 86
- Total attendance: 1,647
- Books distributed to the public/schools: 2,136 free copies.

The Community Read kick off was held on Friday, March 1 at East Central College. 480 people watched Clifton Truman Daniel portray his grandfather, Harry S. Truman, in a one-man theatrical performance of the play "Give 'Em Hell, Harry."

SUMMER READING PROGRAM



ADVENTURE — BEGINS AT — YOUR LIBRARY™

Participants in 2024

1,743 Children



269 Teens



941 Adults



Summer Reading Kick-Off Parties were held at the New Haven, Warrenton, Sullivan, and Pacific branches on Saturday, June 1. The events featured a bounce house obstacle course, face painting, balloon twisting, popcorn, hotdogs, and drinks. Over 1,000 people attended the parties, which were sponsored by each branch's Friends of the Library groups.



"Very friendly staff! Great summer reading program. We enjoyed the Animal Tales show they put on today :)"

- Tiffany T., Pacific branch patron

"Our grandkids absolutely love this program (Summer Reading) and love to read, thank you so very much! #behondblessedandgrateful #ThankYouEveryone"

- Kim C.



2023/2024 Officers

President	Stephanie Norton
Vice President	Angie Hilbert
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.)*
Robyn Fleming *(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.)*
Karen Gironde *(Warren Co.)*

Term

07/30/2024
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350 Friends' members system-wide.
 Raised \$59,207 in fiscal year 2023-2024.

**Friends of the library groups
 donated \$14,110 for the
 purchase of musical instruments
 for the children's patios at 3
 branches.**



FOUNDATION TRIVIA



The Library Foundation hosted a trivia fundraiser on October 20 at the Owensville Lions Club. The “Trick-or-Treat Trivia” event saw 75 attendees and raised over \$4,000 for the Foundation.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SWAG



Scenic Regional Library is now offering membership gifts to all new members of Friends of the Library.



Gold:
21oz. metal
water bottle



Platinum:
20-can cooler
backpack

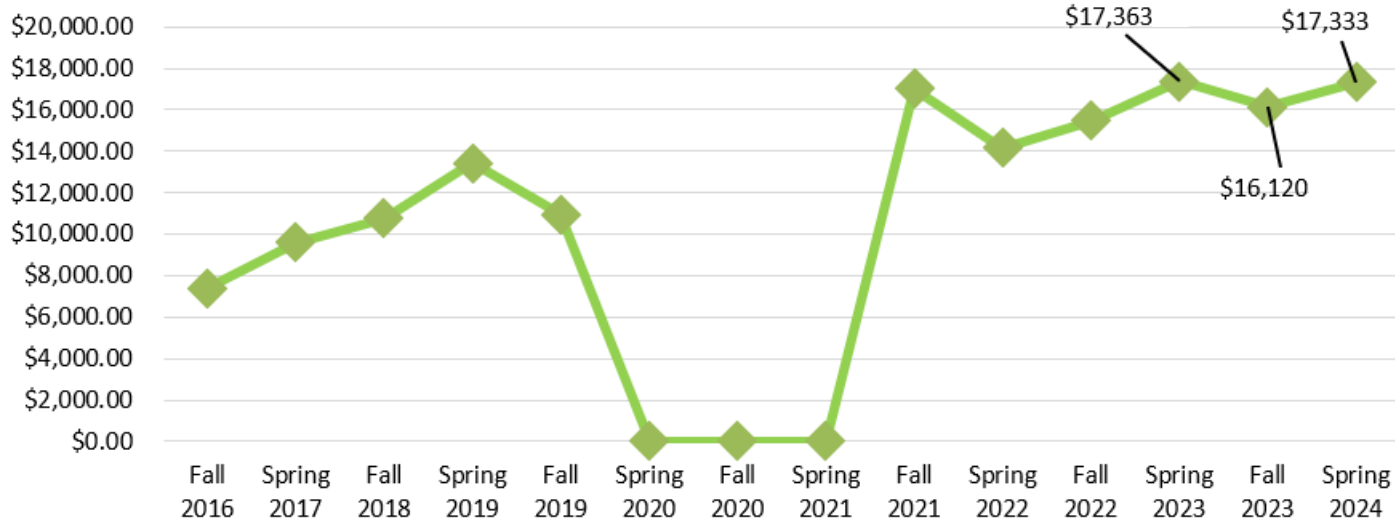


Diamond:
\$150 donor
wall book



BOOK SALE

Book Sale Revenue



Fall 2023: \$16,120
Spring 2024: \$17,333

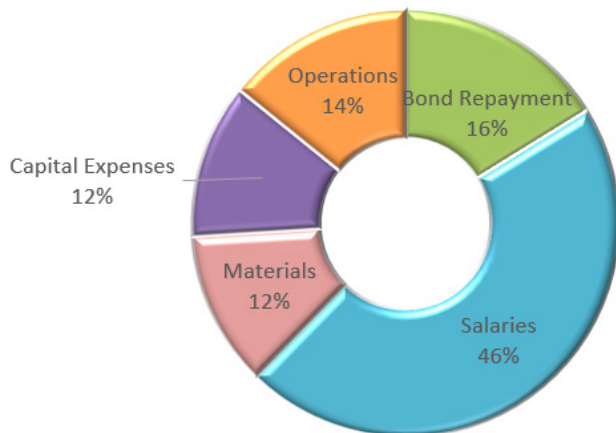
Each Friends of the Library group has the opportunity to run the book sale at its branch and receive revenue.



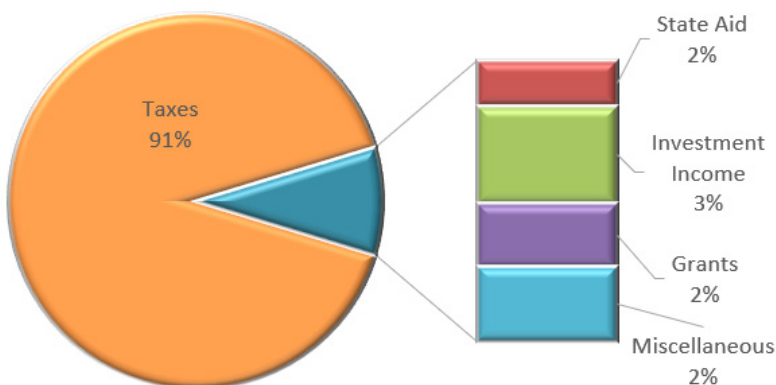
BUDGET



EXPENDITURES	
Bond Repayment	\$ 1,177,791
Salaries	\$ 3,352,793
Materials	\$ 848,804
Capital Expenses	\$ 855,352
Operations	\$ 1,033,779
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 7,268,519



REVENUE	
Taxes	\$ 6,596,878
State Aid	\$ 108,483
Investment Income	\$ 233,378
Grants	\$ 151,727
Miscellaneous	\$ 178,053
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 7,268,519



“Made great use of the computer to print out the income tax forms for 2020 and 2021.”

- Kevin M. Union branch patron

“I hadn’t been to the library since I was little, and I started taking my daughter this summer. We have both enjoyed our trips to the library ever since. The staff is always very helpful and kind. And you can place books on hold, if they are at a sister location, they will send it and you can get a text when you should pick it up! I’ve been able to read more than one great series this way, and I am thoroughly enjoying it! As a long-time book nerd, this is the best way to get great books to read without spending a ton of money on the books you want to read!”

- Lorna L.,
Warrenton branch patron





2023-2024 TOTAL SERVICE VALUE



Every \$1 of Revenue = \$3.24 in Library Services



Library Service	Annual Total Usage	Dollar Value
Books Borrowed (Physical & downloadable)	530,535	\$11,141,235
Magazines Borrowed (Physical & downloadable)	1,466	\$9,529
Videos (DVD & downloadable)	67,777	\$152,498
Audio Books Borrowed (CD & downloadable)	107,317	\$3,219,510
Music (CD & downloadable)	95,671	\$1,052,381
Mobile Hotspot Use	746	\$98,472
Fishingpole Use	32	\$1,120
Telescope Use	87	\$28,275
Microscope Use	32	\$8,000
Notary Service	1,861	\$9,305
Children's Program Attendance	25,591	\$179,137
Adult Program Attendance	7,874	\$118,110
Hours of Computer Use	85,676	\$2,313,252
Live Homework Help Tutoring Sessions	486	\$21,870
Database Searches	193,551	\$3,871,020
Interlibrary Loan Requests Processed	51,685	\$1,292,125
Meeting Room Use	1534	\$38,350
Total Value of Library Service		\$23,554,189

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