

Scenic Regional Library ANNUAL REPORT



July 2024 - June 2025



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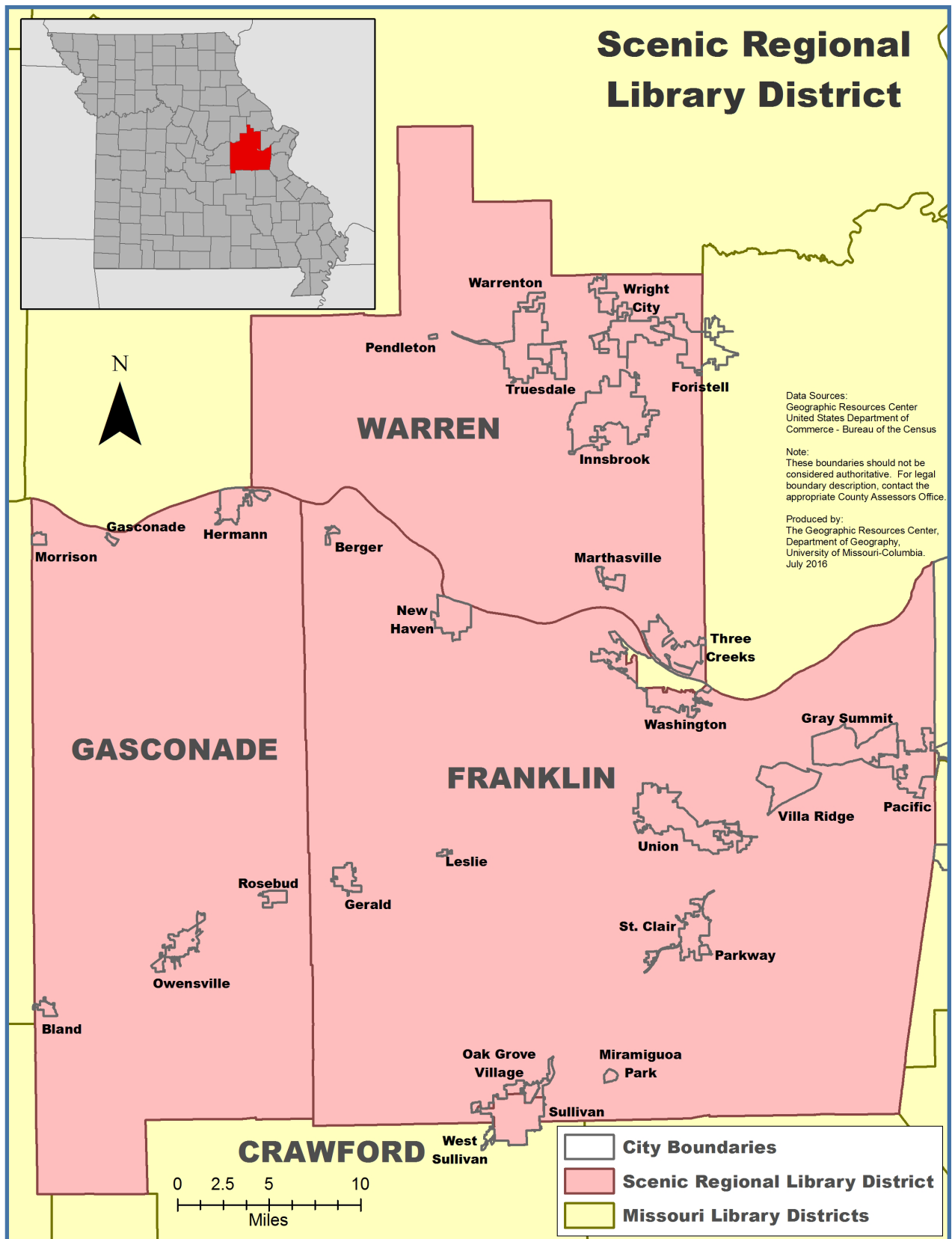


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"The staff is very nice and helpful. The place is amazing(ly) clean and I can go on for day(s) and day(s) I just love it here. The books are kept up so its so nice to pick up a book without gum stuck to it. Thank you to everyone at the Owensville library."

- Jesse Jenny H.,
Owensville 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.
573-306-6189

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



"Such a friendly, vibrant, and supportive place to find new reads, old reads, and wonderfully creative displays! The staff is friendly, patient and professional, and Bekah is wonderful with the little ones. Thank you for this neighborhood treasure!"

- Vicki B., Pacific Branch Patron

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2024/2025 Officers

President		Joy Dufrain
Vice President		Kathleen Ham
Secretary		Paula Sutton
Treasurer		Karen Holtmeyer

Member

Term

Linda Andrae *(Franklin Co.)*

06/30/2027

John Barry *(Warren Co.)*

06/30/2029

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.)*

06/30/2029

Laura Hengstenberg *(Gasconade Co.)*

06/30/2028

Karen Holtmeyer *(Warren Co.)*

06/30/2029

Martha Lindsley *(Crawford Co.)*

06/30/2027

Robert Niebruegge *(Gasconade Co.)*

06/30/2029

Susan Richardson *(Franklin Co.)*

06/30/2028

Carla Robertson *(Warren Co.)*

06/30/2026

Jennifer Schwentke *(Franklin Co.)*

06/30/2027

LIBRARY VISITS



= 10,000 Visits



346,881
In-person



135,568
Website



Community Outreach
14,305

We Answered:

9,100

Reference Questions

12,896

Technology Questions

LIBRARY CARDS ISSUED

of New Cards Issued: **6,056**

of Active Users: **12,014**

of e-Card Holders: **1,911**



"I love the staff, and I love that I can borrow a wide range of materials from a wide variety of sources!"

- Judy N., St. Clair Branch Patron

HERMANN ART GALLERY

AT PLAY

April 5, 2024- July 19, 2024

FIBER CONNECTIONS (MO FIBER ARTIST GUILD)

August 2, 2024 - October 18, 2024

FUNDRAISER SHOW

November 1 - 15, 2024

STORIES

December 6, 2024- February 21, 2025

MISSOURI MASTERS

March 7, 2025 - May 8, 2025

4,582

Patrons Visited the Gallery Exhibits



“Thank you for honoring your employees for the awesome work they do throughout the year. I live in St Louis, so I’ve only visited the SRL in Hermann a few times. Every time I go there, the employees have been very helpful and patient. Thanks to them for all they do!”

- Christine O., St. Louis, MO



BORROWING AND LENDING

Borrowed from
Evergreen Libraries:
51,997

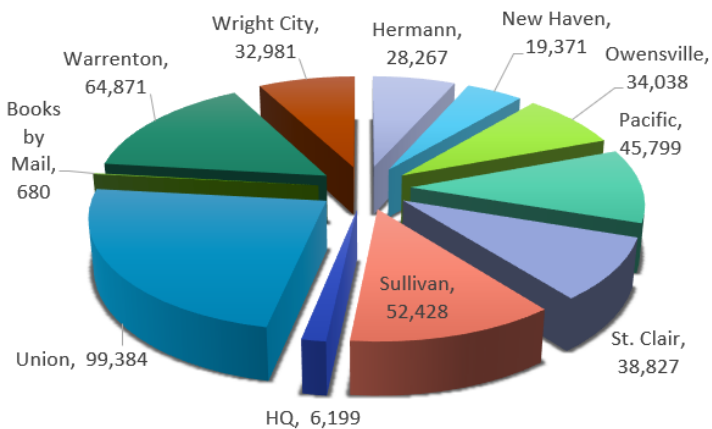
Lent to Evergreen Libraries:
40,051

Internal Between Branches:
37,744

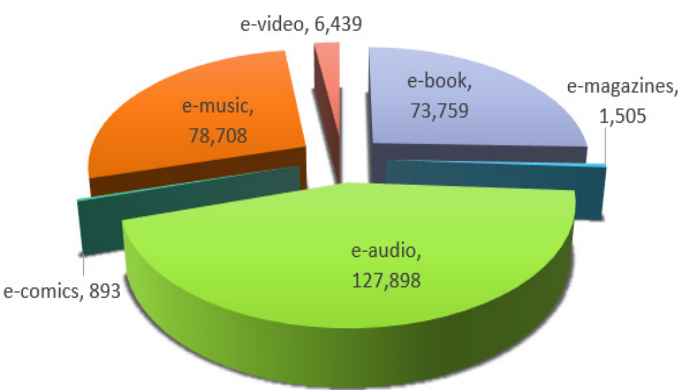


“I love this library, you guys are always so friendly.”
- Caroline S., Union branch patron

CIRCULATION



Total Physical Item Circulation:
422,845



Total E-circulation:
289,202
9% increase from 2023-2024

NON-TRADITIONAL CIRCULATION

782 Headphones 🎧

729 Device Charger Cables
and Wall Plugs 🔌

81 Telescopes 🔭

196 Cake Pans 🍰

71 Fishing Poles 🐟

12 Binoculars 🔭

19 Microscopes 🔬

653 Mobile Hotspots 📶

25 Chromebooks 💻

31 Memory Kits 🧠

1077 STEAM Kits 🧠

49 Ukuleles 🎸

47 Blood Pressure Kits 🩺

698 Tonie Boxes 📻

New This Year:

779 Board Games 🎲

15 Cornhole Boards 🎯

25 Projectors 📽️



"I appreciate the super friendly and helpful staff at Pacific Scenic; and not only do they offer books, instruments, binoculars etc. they also have great events (...)"

- Jodi F., Pacific branch patron



BOARD GAMES

Scenic Regional Library added 350 board games to our collection for patrons to borrow.



SELF-CHECK CIRCULATION

**106,490 Items Checked Out
Using Self-Check.**

(25.18% of all checkouts)

CURBSIDE SERVICE

Curbside Service Utilized:
329 Times



MEETING ROOMS

Meeting Rooms used
1,681 times by:

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



"It's always a joy to visit our Library. Staff is very helpful and friendly. The building is immaculate. It's really a blessing for our Community."

- Sam B., Owensville branch patron

COMPUTER USAGE



Computer Usage:
23,237

Wireless Usage:
55,521

OWENSVILLE STORYWALK



Scenic Regional Library partnered with Owensville Friends of the Library and the City of Owensville Park Dept. to add a StoryWalk to the walking path in Memorial park. Stories have included *Froggy Gets Dressed*, *The Very Impatient Caterpillar*, *The Napping House*, and *Grandma Calls Me Jean*. The story is changed 4 times per year.

AED DEVICES

Hermann, Owensville, Pacific, and St. Clair branches have had AED devices donated to them.

Hermann's device was donated by the Hermann Ambulance District.

Owensville's device was donated by the Owensville Lion's Club.

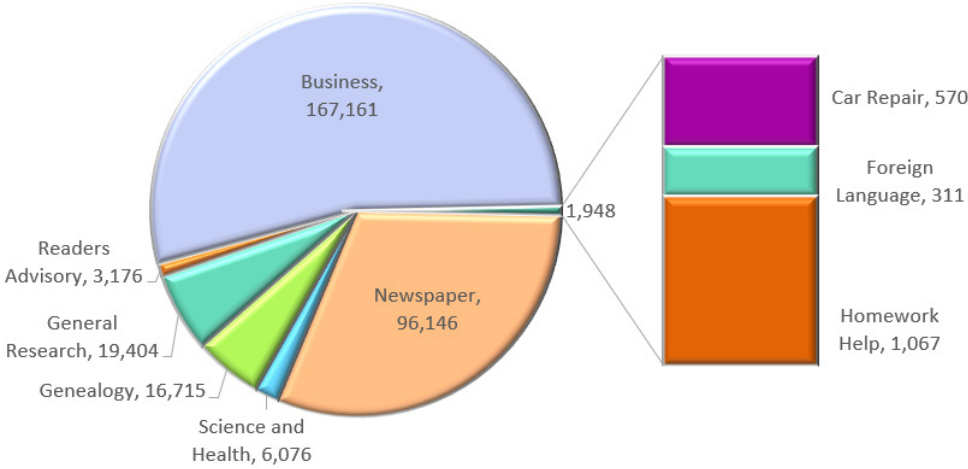
Pacific's device was donated by the Pacific Eagle's Club.

St. Clair's device was donated by the St. Clair Lion's Club.



DATABASE USAGE

Total: **310,566**
(60% increase)

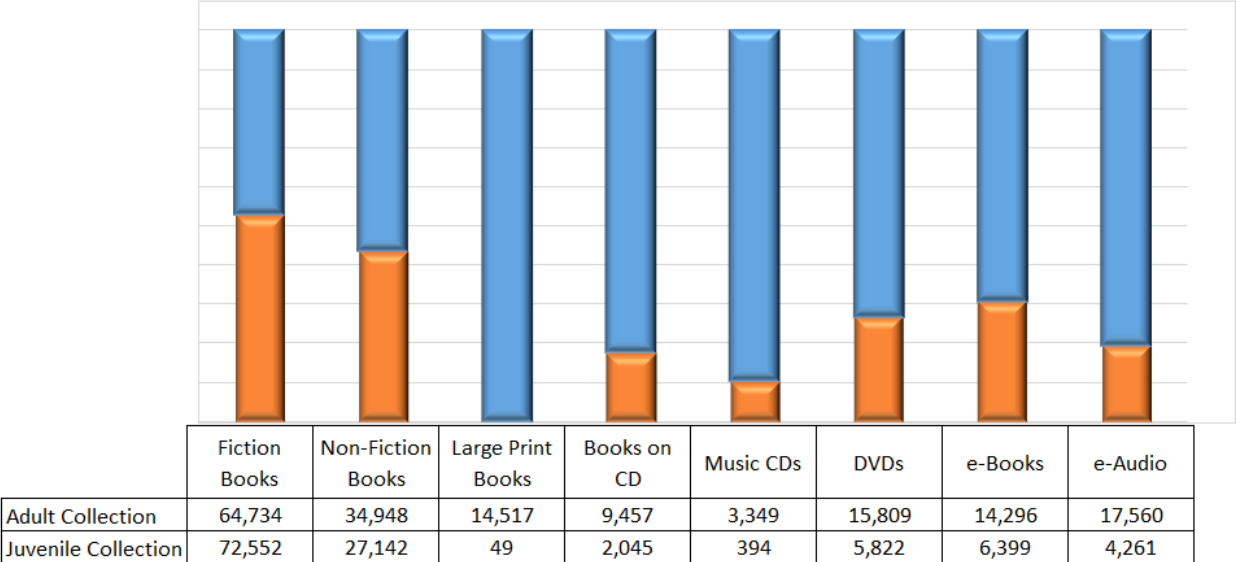


“I appreciate all of your help,
you are always so nice.”
- Lloyd L.,
Union branch patron

“This is a real nice library.
The librarians are very helpful
they help me with printing
and scanning documents.”
- Matt W.
Wright City branch patron

COLLECTIONS

Total Physical: **250,818**
Total Digital: **42,516**
(19% increase from last year!)



OPTIMIST OF THE YEAR



Megan Maurer, Scenic Regional Library's Assistant Director, was awarded the 2025 Optimist of the Year award by the Optimist Club of Washington. She is currently serving as Vice President and will be inducted as President of the club this October.

LEGISLATURE STORYTIME



Representative John Simmons visited the New Haven branch for Storytime and read *Planting a Rainbow*.



Representative Bruce Sassmann visited the Owensville branch and read *Counting with Tiny Cat*.

Representative Mike McGirl visited the Sullivan branch and read *I Don't Draw I Color*.

Thank you to our legislators for taking time out of their busy schedules to visit the libraries.



"Thanks Christy! I had sooo much fun with the kids. You have a great program. Keep it up!

-Rep. Simmons

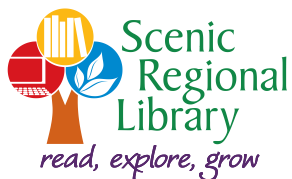
ADULT OUTREACH

Staff facilitated
210 visits
to
2,654 seniors
at nursing homes and senior
centers in all three counties.



YOUTH OUTREACH

Daycare & School Outreach:
276 visits
reaching
11,165
students & teachers



"We love our local library! There are so many great resources at our fingertips. We love taking advantage of the free programs that are provided and my children love the activities they have for kids. (...)"

- Jennifer B., Wright City branch patron

ADULT PROGRAMMING



**In 2024-2025 we offered
573 programs
reaching 8,374 adults.
(6.35% increase)**



"We really enjoyed the class (Fall Edible & Poisonous Mushrooms)! Excited to go out and put all of the information to use. Hope to find some yummy treats."

- Lori A. Sullivan branch patron

YOUTH PROGRAMMING



**In 2024-2025 we offered
1,035 programs reaching
25,177 children and teens.**

Thank You for Letting me be
the first one to share Lego
Mikecraft IDEAS book I got some
IDEAS from the book I hope other
kids like it to thank You

TEACHER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**2,329 items delivered,
filling 70 teacher requests.**



1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Total Participants:
845

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



OWENSVILLE COMMUNITY GARDEN



The Owensville branch opened a community garden. The garden beds, soil, and supplies were purchased with a Federal grant from the Dept. of Social Services through the University of Missouri Extension Family Nutrition Education Program.

10 total beds-All beds have been checked out.

PASSPORTS



We took 1,902 passport applications.

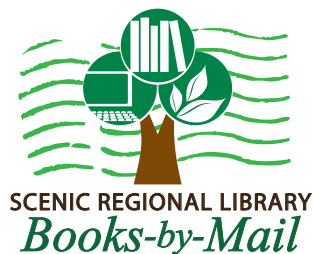
All nine branches offer passport photos.

We processed over 1,755 passport photos.

“We are so grateful for our wonderful librarians!!”

- Phoebe M., Pacific branch patron

BOOKS-BY-MAIL



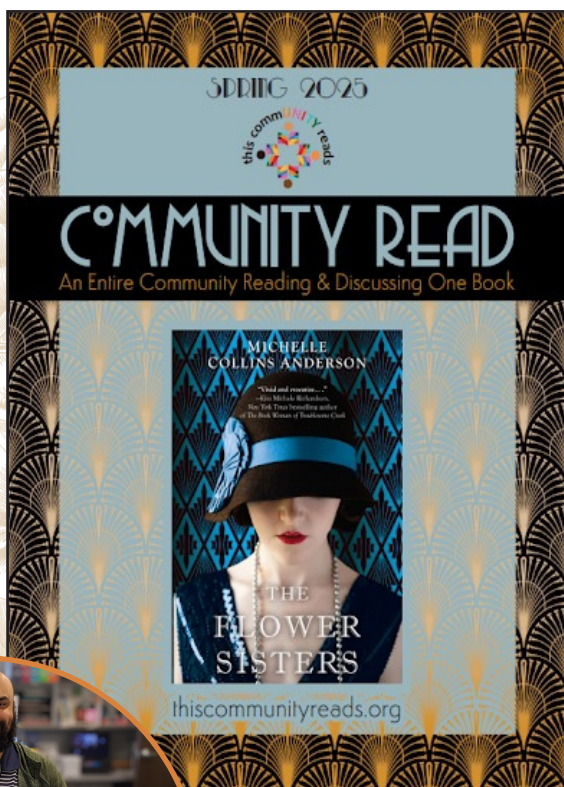
We currently have 38 Books-by- Mail patrons in all 3 counties.

**Books-by-Mail circulation:
680 items in 2024-2025 fiscal year.**

“What a great service for homebound people.”

**- Kathy B.,
Warrenton branch patron**

COMMUNITY READ



Thank you to our Partners and Sponsors:



- Number of programs: 54
- Total attendance: 1,173
- Books distributed to the public: 1,105 free copies.

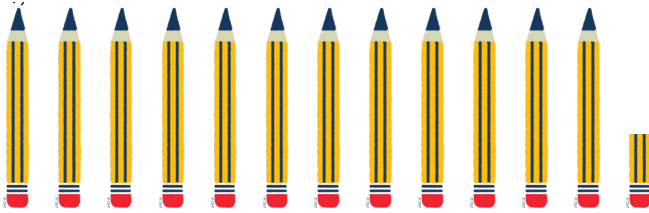
"I have been to several of these Community Read Programs and they have all been so good, please tell everyone who worked on this what a great job they did. You do a great job."

- Violet L., Union branch patron

SUMMER READING PROGRAM



Participants in 2024



Summer Reading Kick-Off Parties were held at the Hermann, New Haven, Owensville, Pacific, Sullivan, and Wright City branches on Saturday, May 31. The events featured a bounce house obstacle course, face painting, balloon twisting, and snow cones. Over 1,500 people attended the parties, which were sponsored by each branch's Friends of the Library groups.

"My kids had sooo much fun!!! Thanks for having this event (Bubble Bus)!"

- Xantiana K. Pacific branch patron

"You all are amazing! I love our library and all the fun activities!"

- DeAnn F., St. Clair branch patron

2024/2025 Officers

President	Stephanie Norton
Vice President	Angie Hilbert
Secretary	Susan McKee
Treasurer	Debbie Heggemann

Member	Term
Dorothy (Dot) Schowe <i>(Franklin Co.)</i>	07/30/2027
Dr. Debbie Depew <i>(Franklin Co.)</i>	07/30/2025
Susan McKee <i>(Franklin Co.)</i>	07/30/2027
Alice Whalen <i>(Franklin Co.)</i>	07/30/2025
Robyn Fleming <i>(Gasconade Co.)</i>	07/30/2027
Dennis Hall <i>(Gasconade Co.)</i>	07/30/2025
Shelby Uffmann <i>(Gasconade Co.)</i>	07/30/2025
Sheri Hausman <i>(Gasconade Co.)</i>	07/30/2027
Debbie Heggemann <i>(Warren Co.)</i>	07/30/2026
Angie Hilbert <i>(Warren Co.)</i>	07/30/2026
Stephanie Norton <i>(Warren Co.)</i>	07/30/2027
Karen Girondo <i>(Warren Co.)</i>	07/30/2027

260 Friends’ members system-wide.
Raised \$61,251.94 in fiscal year 2024-2025.

Friends of the Library groups and the Foundation contributed funds to various programs, Summer Reading Program kick-off/wrap-up parties, furniture and equipment.



NEW FRIENDS SWAG

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



Gold:
**12oz. metal
tumbler/Koozie**



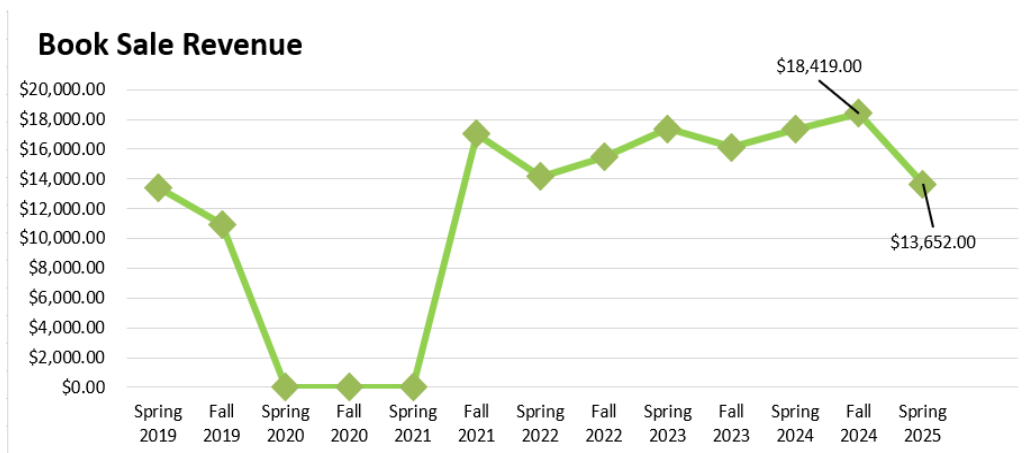
Platinum:
**bluetooth
speaker/wireless
phone charger**



Diamond:
**\$150 donor
wall book**



BOOK SALE



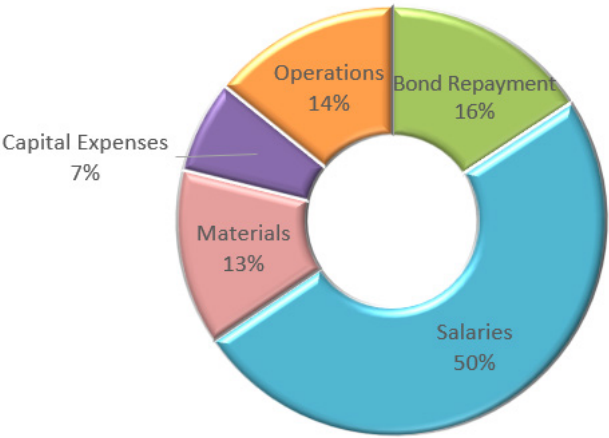
Fall 2024: \$18,419
Spring 2025: \$13,652

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

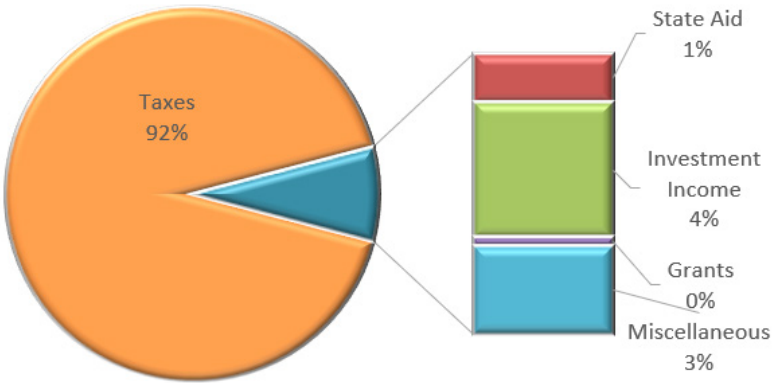


BUDGET

EXPENDITURES	
Bond Repayment	\$ 1,174,330
Salaries	\$ 3,703,400
Materials	\$ 986,989
Capital Expenses	\$ 519,832
Operations	\$ 1,053,914
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 7,438,465



REVENUE	
Taxes	\$ 6,834,302
State Aid	\$ 105,175
Investment Income	\$ 290,203
Grants	\$ 20,296
Miscellaneous	\$ 188,489
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 7,438,465



“The library is in immaculate condition with care given to its layout and usability. The selection is great and the staff are wonderful. They regularly host events such as storytime and family reading nights. It’s a great addition to the community.”

- Jacob D.
New Haven branch patron

“I love all the awesome programs, the apps I use to borrow books, magazines, and music, and I love all the friendly amazing librarians who work there!”

- Linda D.,
Warrenton branch patron



2024-2025 TOTAL SERVICE VALUE

Every \$1 of Revenue = \$3.69 in Library Services

Library Service	Annual Total Usage	Dollar Value
Books Borrowed (Physical & downloadable)	496,604	\$10,428,684
Magazines Borrowed (Physical & downloadable)	1,505	\$9,783
Videos (DVD & downloadable)	49,701	\$248,505
Audio Books Borrowed (CD & downloadable)	139,400	\$4,182,000
Music (CD & downloadable)	86,194	\$948,134
Mobile Hotspot Use	653	\$86,196
Fishing Pole Use	71	\$2,485
Telescope Use	81	\$27,135
Microscope Use	39	\$9,750
Notary Service	2,560	\$12,800
Children's Program Attendance	29,796	\$208,572
Adult Program Attendance	8,374	\$125,610
Hours of Computer Use	78,758	\$3,544,110
Live Homework Help Tutoring Sessions	1,067	\$48,015
Database Searches	310,566	\$6,211,320
Interlibrary Loan Requests Processed	52,647	\$1,316,175
Meeting Room Use	1807	\$45,175
Total Value of Library Service		\$27,454,449

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)	\$5.00	Estimated average price
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	\$335.00	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	\$45.00	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