

Scenic Regional Library ANNUAL REPORT



July 2025 - June 2026



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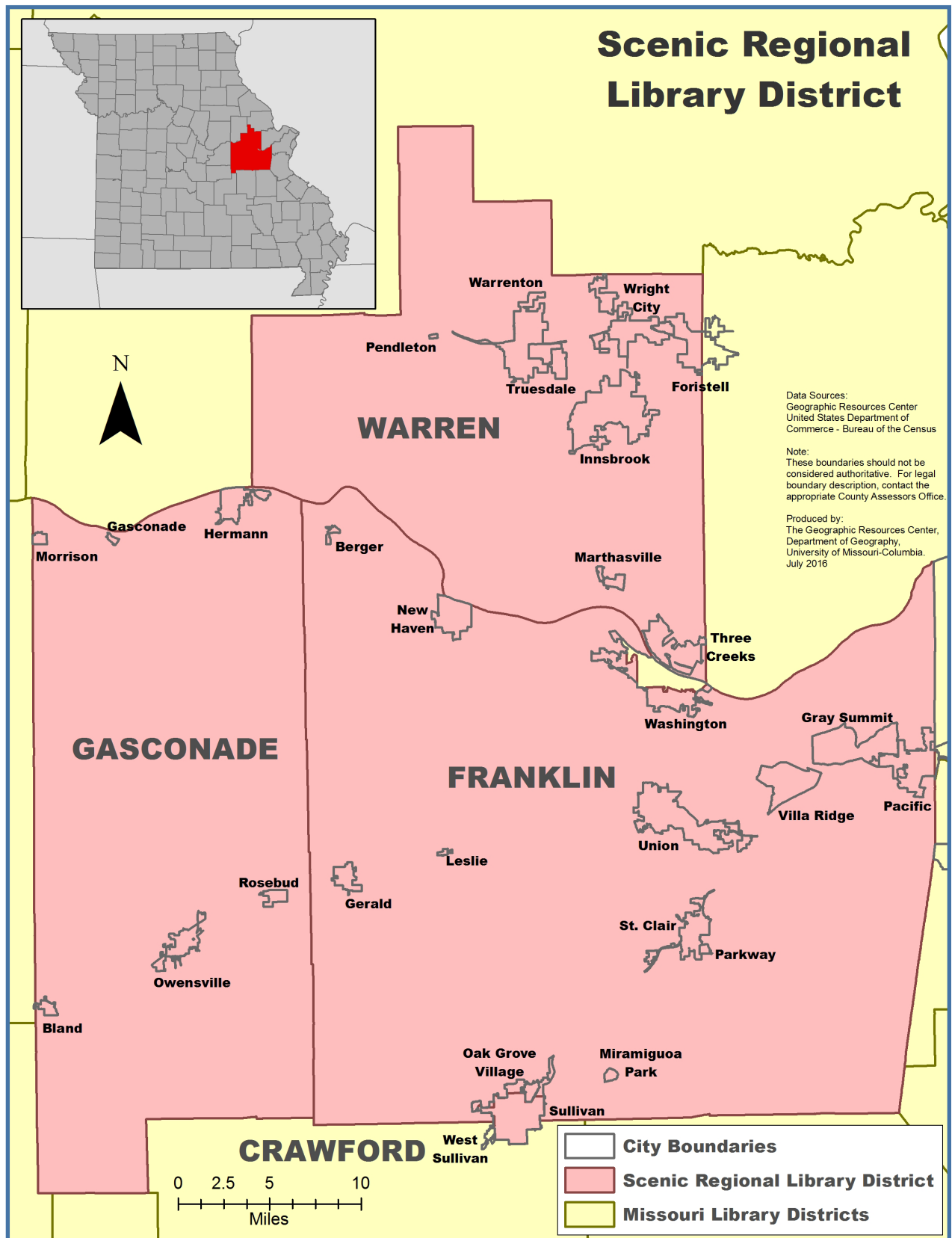


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“Love visiting the library! Extremely helpful librarians, clean-gorgeous-beautiful building, and always has the books I need! Love my many conversations with these amazing ladies!! Very up-to-date on the new releases of kids through adult books! Hate that I can only give them five stars!!!”

- Kylee W., Wright City 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



"A fantastic community library that offers much more than just books. The building is clean, modern, and welcoming, making it a great place to relax, study, or spend time with family."

- Israel E., Union branch patron

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2025/2026 Officers

President		Susan Richardson
Vice President		Karen Holtmeyer
Secretary		Laura Hengstenberg
Treasurer		Renee Laune

Member

Term

Renee Laune *(Franklin Co.)*

06/30/2027

John Barry *(Warren Co.)*

06/30/2029

John Cheatham *(Franklin Co.)*

06/30/2030

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

Amanda Keogh *(Crawford Co.)*

06/30/2027

Robert Niebruegge *(Gasconade Co.)*

06/30/2029

Susan Richardson *(Franklin Co.)*

06/30/2028

Carla Robertson *(Warren Co.)*

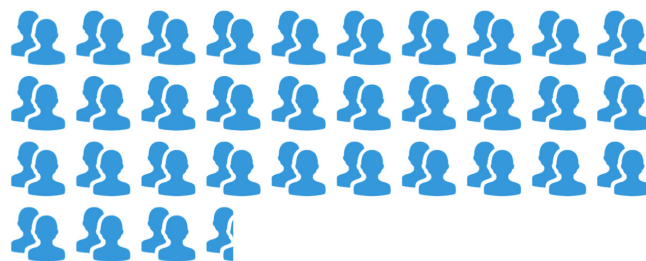
06/30/2030

Monica Hiatt *(Franklin Co.)*

06/30/2027

LIBRARY VISITS

 = 10,000 visits



335,184
In-person



168,988
Website



20,219
Community Outreach

We Answered:
8,632
Reference Questions
13,780
Technology Questions

LIBRARY CARDS ISSUED

of New Cards Issued: **6,217**

of Active Users: **11,610**

of e-Card Holders: **2,141**



“[A library card is] free, you can also use your card to rent ebooks and audiobooks from apps like Libby and Hoopla.”

- Andrea Sieve,
What's Up Union Facebook Page

HERMANN ART GALLERY

LANDSCAPES: VIEWS FROM THE EASEL

October 3, 2025 - December 18, 2025

BRICOLAGE: ART FROM THE UNEXPECTED

January 9, 2026 - March 19, 2026

ROCKS, ROOTS, AND WATER: NATURAL WORLD REIMAGINED

April 3, 2026 - June 26, 2026

3,048

Patrons Visited the Gallery Exhibits



"What a fabulous space, interesting and inquisitive audience, and an overall wonderful experience."
- Luanne Rimel

"The July 10-September 18 exhibit is incredible- cannot wait to visit again!"
- tourist from Springfield, MO

BORROWING AND LENDING

Borrowed from
Evergreen Libraries:
53,142

Lent to Evergreen Libraries:
42,506

Internal Between Branches:
33,732

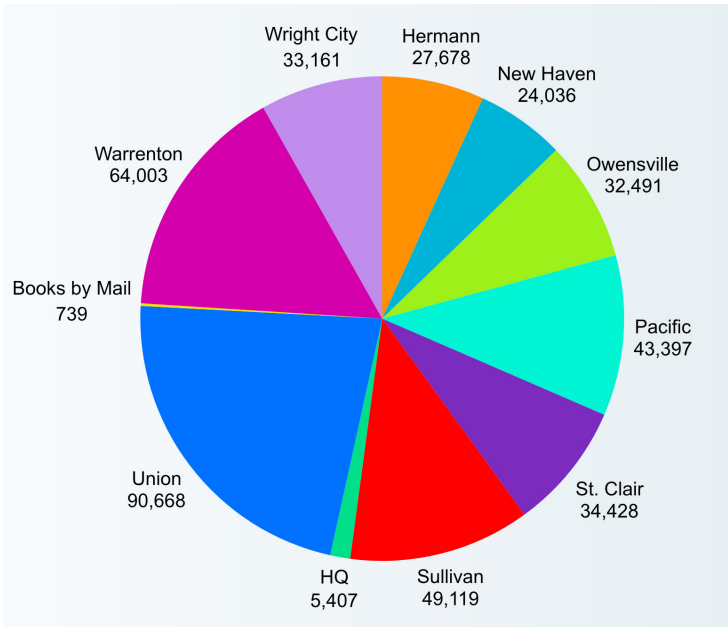


“I go to the library for the new books and librarians. They are very helpful, and if they don’t have a book, they will find a library that may have it and get it for me.”

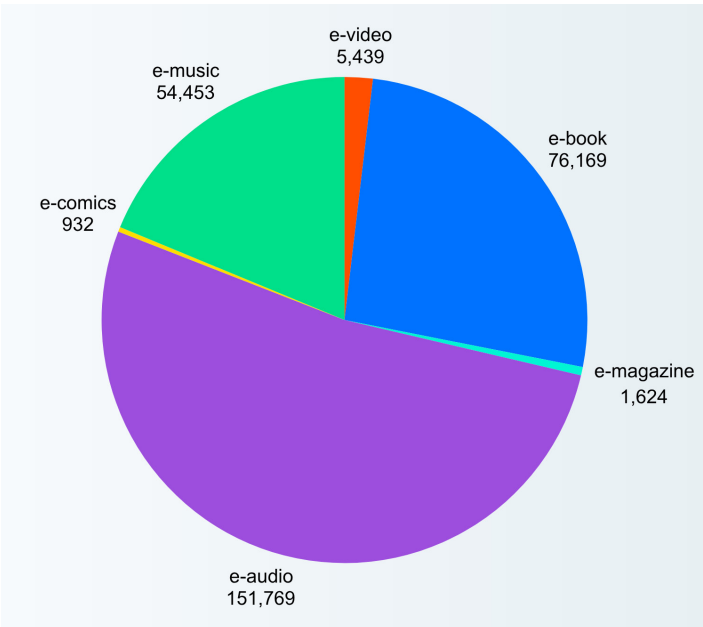
- LuAnn C.

CIRCULATION

Spanish books for adults: 166
Spanish books for children: 286
Spanish e-Books: 228



Total Physical Item Circulation:
405,127



Total E-circulation:
290,386

NON-TRADITIONAL CIRCULATION

733 Headphones 🎧

772 Device Charger Cables and Wall Plugs 🔌

52 Telescopes 🔭

179 Cake Pans 🍰

75 Fishing Poles 🐟

12 Binoculars 🔭

20 Microscopes 🔬

667 Mobile Hotspots 📶

49 Laptops 💻

45 Memory Kits 🧠

877 STEAM Kits 🧠

28 Ukuleles 🎸

31 Blood Pressure Kits 🩺

797 Tonie Boxes 🗣️

1202 Board Games 🎲

15 Cornhole Boards 🎯

25 Projectors 📽️

10 Parkinson's Kits 🧠

(Added 12/25 Through a partnership with the American Parkinson Disease Association, Missouri Chapter.)



"Love all the new things they're bring in like, ukuleles, guitars, tablets etc."

- May 2026 Community Survey

"I love that they offer the Library of Things and that there is a kid play area!"

- May 2026 Community Survey



PARKINSONS KITS

Scenic Regional Library added 10 Parkinsons kits to our collection for patrons to borrow, through a partnership with the American Parkinson Disease Association, Missouri Chapter.

SELF-CHECK CIRCULATION



**98,920 Items Checked Out
Using Self-Check.
(24.42% of all checkouts)**

Seven new TechLogic self-check systems were installed in late August. 40% of the cost was provided by a Missouri State Library grant.

CURBSIDE SERVICE

Curbside Service Utilized:
412 Times



MEETING ROOMS

Meeting Rooms used
1,848 times by:

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



FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Foundation for Strengthening Families partnered with the library to provide free weekly meal packs for children at Hermann, Owensville, St. Clair, Sullivan and Union branches from June 29 through August 17.

51,500 meals were distributed to 7,400 children



"Our library isn't just a building with books; it's a place where my daughter and I have found community, inspiration, and opportunities we simply couldn't access anywhere else."

-Lisa B., homeschool mom

COMPUTER USAGE



Computer Usage:
23,323

Wireless Usage:
59,546



WARRENTON STORYWALK

A storywalk was installed in the Warrenton Binkley Woods Park in the spring.

It's a joint project between the Warrenton branch Friends of the Library, the Warrenton Parks Department, and the library.

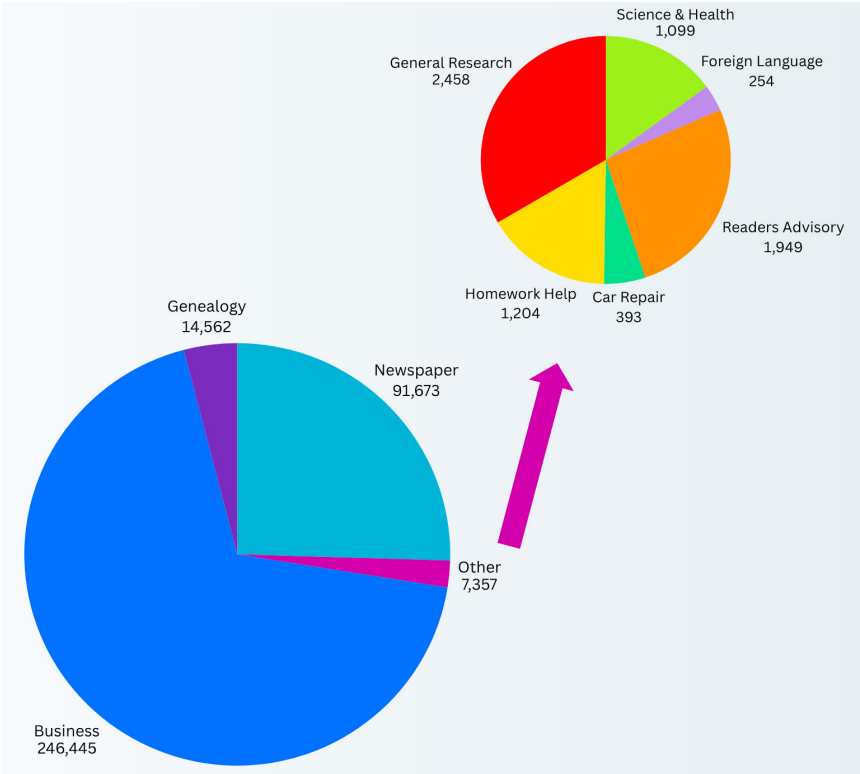
AED DEVICES AT ALL BRANCHES

The library now has an AED device at every branch. All nine devices were funded by local organizations at a total cost of more than \$19,000.

- Hermann Ambulance District
- New Haven Friends of the Library
- Owensville Lions Club
- Pacific Eagles Club
- St. Clair Lions Club
- Sullivan BJC
- Union Rotary Club
- Warrenton Friends of the Library
- Wright City Cuivre River Electric Coop



DATABASE USAGE

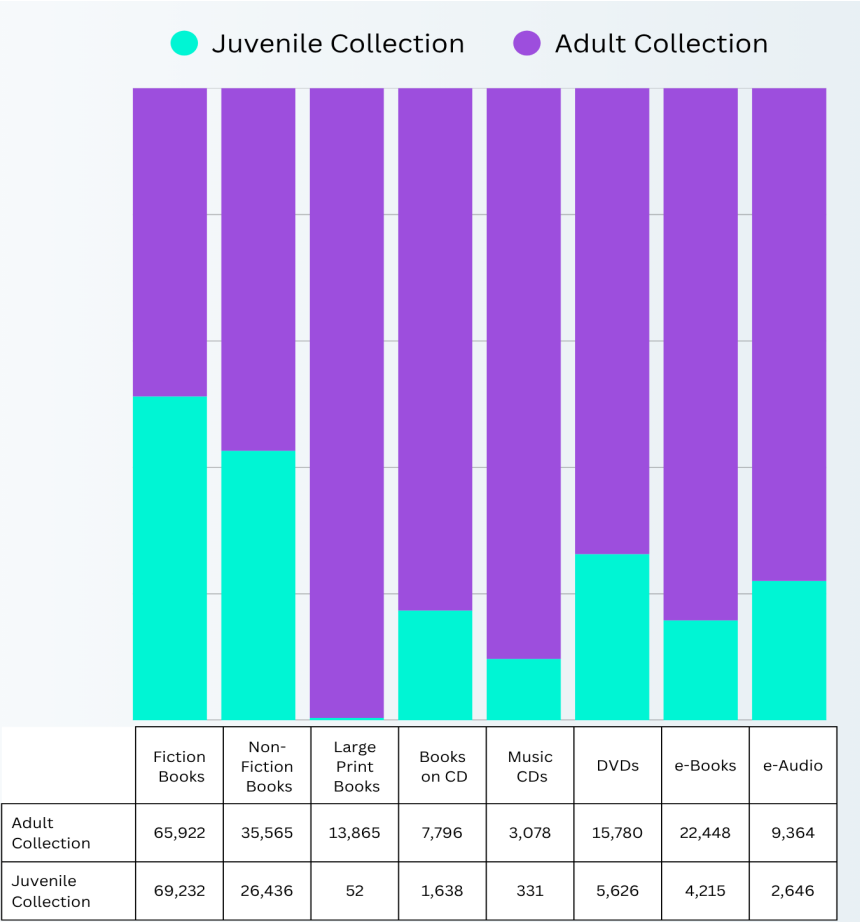


Total: **360,037**

“Wonderful library. Everyone there is friendly, patient, and very helpful.”
- Terry E.,
St. Clair branch patron

“Scenic Regional Library is a VITAL part of our community.”
- Janice M.

COLLECTIONS



Total Physical:
245,321

Total Digital:
38,673

SOCIAL WORKER RECAP



Graduate student Jenny Reynoso completed her social work practicum on May 14, making 42 visits across library branches and assisting 90 patrons.

Key Services Provided:

- **Local Resources:** Housing, food, childcare, healthcare, employment, and transportation.
- **Crisis Support:** Domestic violence, mental health, counseling, and substance abuse treatment.
- **Benefits & ID:** Applications for SNAP, Medicaid, unemployment, disability, and replacement vital records.

AWARDS



2026 Gold Trefoil Award | Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri

- **Access:** Expanded mobile computer labs, Wi-Fi hotspots, and virtual support.
- **Inclusion:** Partnered to extend services to non-users and marginalized populations.
- **Infrastructure:** Modernized systems for safe, accessible resident services.
- **Resilience:** Remained welcoming and solutions-focused through COVID-19.



2025 Community Partnership Award | Missouri Library Association

- Honored on Oct. 9 for impactful collaborations with **PreventEd** and the **HOPE Coalition**.

“Thank you for what you are doing for the military out there with your display. I was able to teach my Grandchildren about something important first thing today and it was great. Not that many do things for Veterans and I appreciate it.”
- from a Special Forces Veteran, Union branch patron

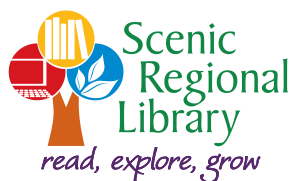
ADULT OUTREACH

Staff facilitated
262 visits
to
5,389 seniors
at nursing homes and senior
centers in all three counties.



YOUTH OUTREACH

Daycare & School Outreach:
306 visits
reaching
9,727
students & teachers



"We love our library! The staff is very kind and helpful, and they have great programs for all ages."

- Melissa O., St. Clair branch patron

ADULT PROGRAMMING



**In 2025-2026 we offered
588 programs
reaching 10,492 adults.
(25.3% increase)**



**"We LOVE attending the library events! All that you
do for the community is extremely appreciated."
- Aubree W.**

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

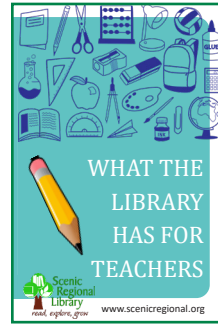


**In 2025-2026 we offered
957 programs reaching
22,852 children and teens.**

**"Our library is wonderful! They have such great
programs for kids and adults."
- Leslie B., Warrenton branch patron**

TEACHER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**704 items delivered,
filling 39
teacher requests.**



1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

**Total Participants:
1,140**

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



COMMUNITY GARDENS



The Owenville branch community gardens have 10 total beds. All beds have been checked out.

The St. Clair branch community gardens include 22 beds, 8 flower/herb and 14 vegetable gardens. 7 gardeners checked out 16 plots.

PASSPORTS

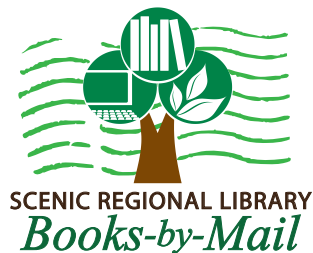


We took 2,051 passport applications.

All nine branches offer passport photos.

We processed over 2,176 passport photos.

BOOKS-BY-MAIL



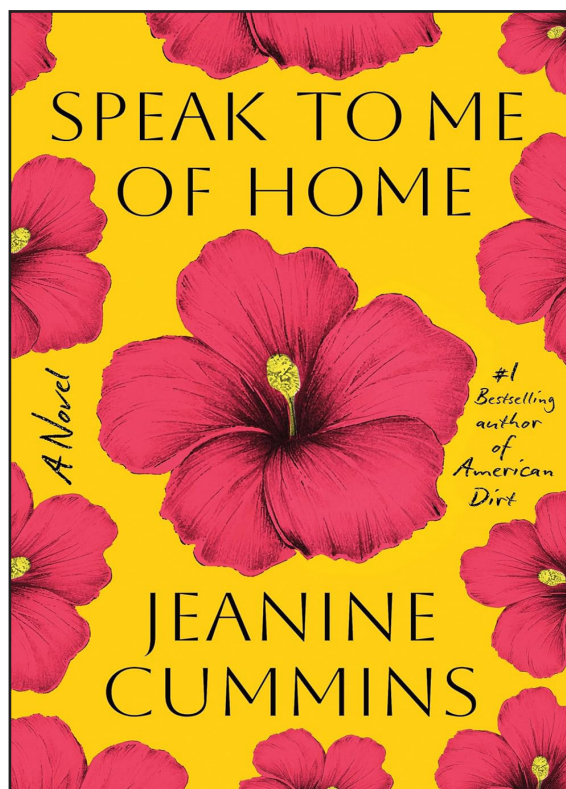
We currently have 25 Books-by-Mail patrons in all 3 counties.

**Books-by-Mail circulation:
739 items in 2025-2026 fiscal year.**

"All the options online they offer for folks who can't get to the library in person, as myself. I love access to LIBBY, MISSOURI EVERGREEN and FLIPSTER.....THANKS FOR ALL THE LIBRARY OFFERS. The Union employees are so very helpful."

- Roxanne S.

COMMUNITY READ



The culminating event was a visit by the author, Jeanine Cummins. The event had an attendance of 106 people.

Thank you to our Partners and Sponsors:



SCENIC REGIONAL LIBRARY
FOUNDATION



WASHINGTON
PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Number of programs: 55
- Total attendance: 1,052
- Books distributed to the public: 1,094 free copies.

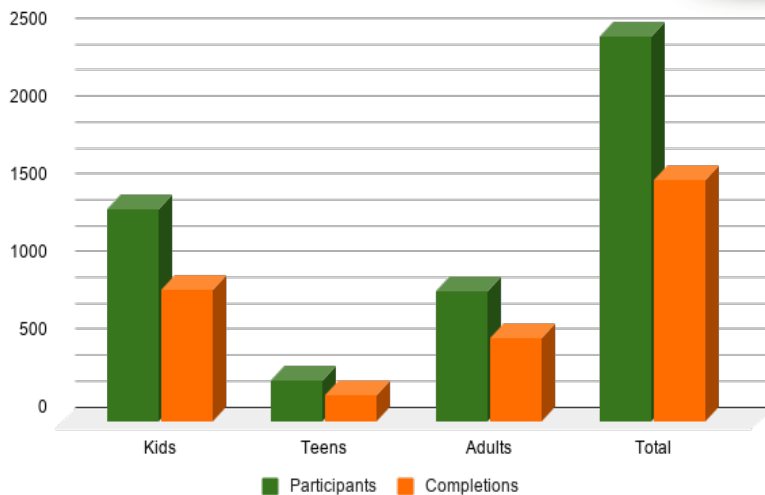


"I love the special programs that accompany the Community Reads book of the year."

- Susan M.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

UNEARTH A STORY™



For the first time, the library had Summer Reading Program kick-off parties at all 9 branches. The Friends of the Library groups paid for the events and provided volunteers.

We had over 2,500 children and parents attend, an increase of 67%.

We had a total of 2,477 people register for summer reading program with 1,557 completions, an increase of 38%.



"I use the library so much! They help me keep my children reading over the summer when they do not have access to books through their school library. We regularly order books from their favorite series and attend library programs. They offer so many services to our rural area."

- Jolene H.

2025/2026 Officers

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

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

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259 Friends’ members system-wide. Raised \$58,062.72 in fiscal year 2025-2026.

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



COMMUNITY SURVEY UPDATE

96.9% said “Staff are friendly and welcoming” and “I can get help in a reasonable amount of time”.

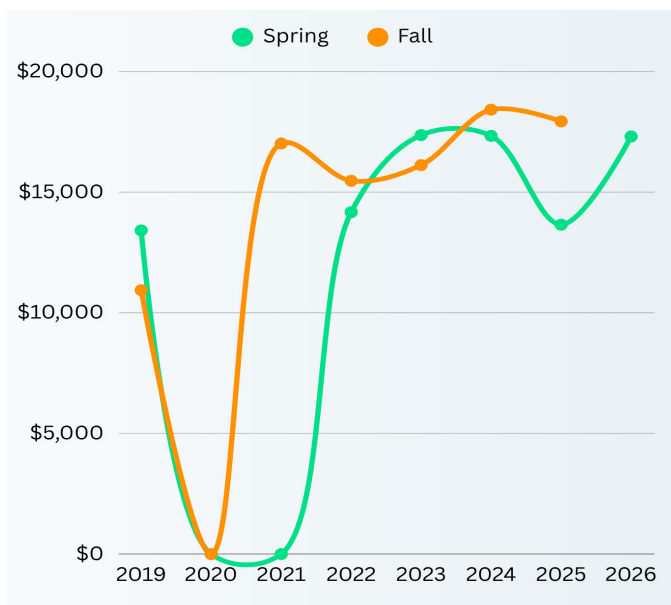
97% said “Staff are knowledgeable and willing to help”.

51% of respondees had attended a library program in the past 12 months.



1,646 people responded

**Overall rating:
4.75 out of 5.0**



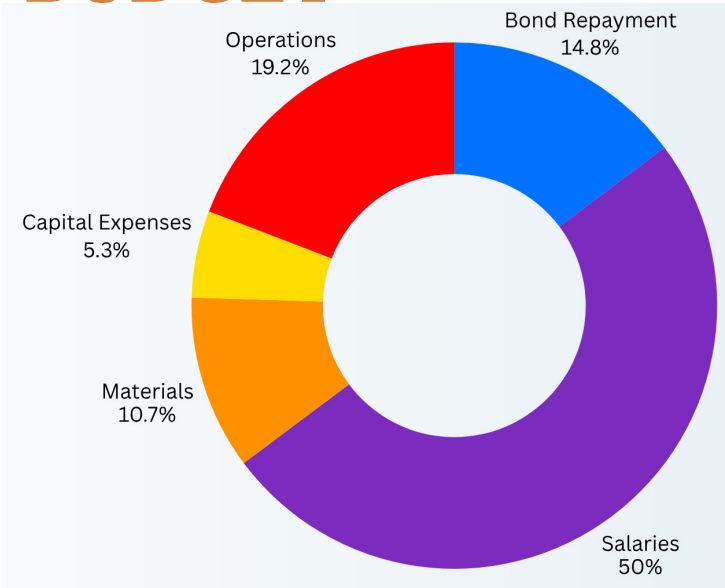
BOOK SALE



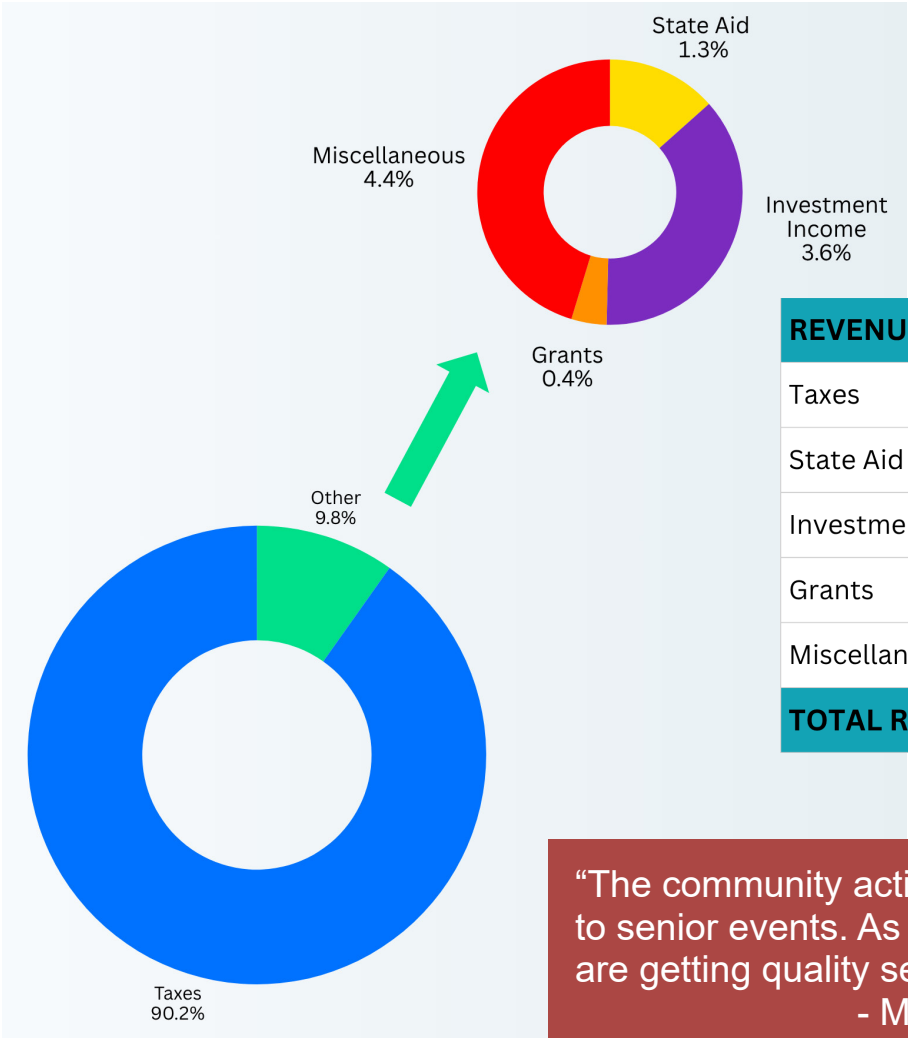
**Fall 2025 \$17,931.65
Spring 2026: \$17,308.49**

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

BUDGET



EXPENDITURES	
Bond Repayment	\$1,177,959
Salaries	\$3,994,732
Materials	\$854,013
Capital Expenses	\$426,785
Operations	\$1,530,441
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$7,983,930



REVENUE	
Taxes	\$7,199,961
State Aid	\$105,226
Investment Income	\$289,953
Grants	\$33,614
Miscellaneous	\$355,176
TOTAL REVENUE	7,983,930

“The community activities are stellar, from youth to senior events. As a tax payer, I feel citizens are getting quality service. Great job!”

- May 2026 Community Survey

“Taxpayers get a real value of their money. Libraries build community.”

- May 2026 Community Survey

2025-2026 TOTAL SERVICE VALUE

Every \$1 of Revenue = \$2.43 in Library Services

Library Service	Annual Total Usage	Dollar Value
Books Borrowed (Physical & downloadable)	417,688	\$6,683,008
Magazines Borrowed (Physical & downloadable)	4,413	\$22,065
Videos (DVD & downloadable)	48,481	\$193,924
Audio Books Borrowed (CD & downloadable)	159,290	\$1,584,936
Music (CD & downloadable)	58,525	\$760,825
Mobile Hotspot Use	667	\$93,380
Fishing Pole Use	75	\$2,625
Telescope Use	52	\$20,800
Microscope Use	20	\$5,080
Notary Service	2,879	\$14,395
Children's Program Attendance	14,731	\$103,117
Adult Program Attendance	10,492	\$157,380
Hours of Computer Use	82,869	\$994,428
Live Homework Help Tutoring Sessions	1,204	\$48,160
Database Searches	364,929	\$7,280,334
Interlibrary Loan Requests Processed	54,891	\$1,372,275
Meeting Room Use	1,848	\$46,200
	Total Value of Library Service	\$19,382,931

Library Service	Value of Service	Cost Based On
Books Borrowed	\$16.00	Estimated value per ALA library calculator
Magazines Borrowed	\$5.00	Estimated value per ALA library calculator
Videos (DVD & downloadable)	\$4.00	Estimated Netflix average
Audio Books Borrowed (CD & downloadable)	\$9.95	Audible.com download average
Music CDs Borrowed	\$13.00	Estimated Spotify subscription
Mobile Hotspot Use	\$140.00	Cost of device plus two weeks of mobile data
Fishing pole Use	\$35.00	Cost of fishing pole per Amazon
Telescope Use	\$400.00	Cost of telescope per St. Louis Astronomical Society
Microscope Use	\$254.00	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	\$12.00	FedEx/Kinkos price
Live Homework Help Tutoring Sessions	\$40.00	Cost for one hour of tutoring at Tutor.com
Database Searches	\$19.95	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