Community Read will Conclude with Culinary Show

The 2023 Community Read is going strong, and we are quickly approaching the final events! The purpose of the Community Read is to have everyone in our communities read the same book at the same time. This year, we are reading “Walking with Peety” by Eric O’Grey.

On Thursday, April 13, at 6 p.m., join us at the Union branch for a Meet the Author event as O’Grey shares his story of positive changes he made that altered the course of his life. A book signing will follow.

On Friday, April 14, the Community Read will conclude with the “This Community Reads Culinary Show!” The event will take place at Washington West Elementary School from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

During the event, O’Grey will showcase his culinary talents with a cooking demonstration, teaching the audience how to cook vegetarian cauliflower and black bean chili, and Cajun tofu chunks.

In addition, attendees at the event can try samples and visit food and craft vendors between demonstrations. Different vendor services at the show will include sweet treats, kitchen gadgets, indoor garden gadgets, and more. For more information, visit thiscommunityreads.org.

Meet Eric O’Grey
Thursday, April 13, 6 p.m. at the Union branch

This Community Reads Culinary Show
Friday, April 14, 5 - 8 p.m. at the Washington West Elementary School

Peer Support Trailer Visits Pacific and St. Clair

Scenic Regional Library will partner with HOPE for Franklin County Coalition and Prevent+Ed to host a Certified Peer Specialist (CPS) mobile outreach trailer at the Pacific and St. Clair branches over the next few months. The trailer will be at the Pacific branch from April 1 to April 10, the St. Clair branch from May 1 to May 8, and again at the St. Clair branch from June 1 to June 15.

Their Certified Peer Specialist program consists of individuals who have been successful in recovery and help others experiencing similar situations. Through shared understanding, respect, and mutual empowerment, peer support workers help people become and stay engaged in the recovery process and reduce the likelihood of recurrence.

The program can also connect people directly to medication for their substance use disorder by facilitating a virtual appointment with medical professionals. The mobile unit will also have Narcan to share with visitors if they want access to the life-saving drug. All services are provided at no cost. Peer support services can extend the reach of treatment beyond the clinical setting into the everyday environment of those seeking a successful, sustained recovery process. The trailer will be located in the parking lot, and three Certified Peer Specialists will be available to meet clients where they are in their journey to recovery.

The certified peer specialist trailer will be available at the following locations and dates:

- Pacific Branch, April 1 - April 10
- St. Clair Branch, May 1 - May 8
- St. Clair Branch, June 1 - June 15
Trivial Fundraiser
Huge Success

The Scenic Regional Library Foundation Trivia fundraiser, held on March 4 at the Union City Auditorium, was an enormous success. The movie-themed event sold 21 tables and had approximately 160 people in attendance. The event raised $4,410.

A silent auction was held at the event, and people were given the opportunity to purchase mulligans, 50/50 tickets, and raffle basket tickets. In addition, prizes were given for the best-decorated table and best outfit.

New Hermann and New Haven Branch Manager

Brian Cleveland has been hired as the new Hermann and New Haven branch manager. Previously, Cleveland was director of the Ralls County Public Library, located by Hannibal, Missouri. He has also worked at St. Charles City-County Library and St. Louis Public Library.

Cleveland has a master’s degree in Japanese literature from the University of Kansas, and a master’s degree in library science from the University of Illinois. He began his new role on March 6.

Election Information from League of Women Voters® Available at Branches

The League of Women Voters® is a nonpartisan, grassroots organization working to protect and expand voting rights and ensure everyone is represented in our democracy. They empower voters and defend democracy through advocacy, education, and litigation at the local, state, and national levels. The League of Women Voters® provides an online nonpartisan informational Voter Guide to provide citizens with pertinent information regarding the upcoming election. To access an online version of the Voter Guide, visit vote411.org.

St. Clair School Board Forum

Scenic Regional Library and the Missourian Media Group hosted a candidate forum for the April 4 St. Clair R-XIII School District Board of Education election. The four candidates, Brian Hinson (incumbent), Dave Berkel (incumbent), Heather Anne Van Ness, and Jason Gaszak, answered questions submitted by the public. The questions covered topics such as open enrollment, limited internet access, teacher pay, learning plans, what makes an effective school board member, and more. Scenic Regional Library Assistant Director Megan Maurer and Missourian Editor Ethan Colbert moderated the forum.

The event was live-streamed on the St. Clair branch’s Facebook page: facebook.com/stclairbranch. A video recording is also available on scenicregional.org/elections.
Staff Spotlight: Lauren, Library Assistant, Union

How long have you worked for Scenic?
I was the Children’s Programmer for Union back in 2013 for a couple years. Now I am a Library Assistant for Union and have been for a little over one year.

Can you share a little bit about your background before you came to work at the library?
Before returning the second time, I was a stay at home mom. It was wonderful!

What made you want to work in a library?
Books. All the books!

What is your favorite part of the job? Why?
I love helping our patrons find what they are looking for. It’s like figuring out a puzzle or solving a mystery sometimes!

What are you currently reading or what are you reading next?
My next read is All Your Perfects by Colleen Hoover. I need to find out what all the Hoover hype has been about!

You can only take one book to a desert island. What book, and why?
This is a tough one! I would take The Monster at the End of This Book by Jon Stone. Something silly and fun because living on a desert island sounds depressing.

Any hobbies or interests outside the library?
My 5-year-old and I work together on our Animal Crossing island every day. My favorite part of the day!

Is there anything else you would like people to know about you, your job, or your library branch?
The library is not just books! We have ukuleles, cake pans, STEM kits, telescopes, and more!

Mark Your Calendars for the Spring Book Sale

Mark your calendars! Scenic Regional Library’s spring book sale is back! From Thursday, May 18 to Saturday, May 20, join us at all nine locations and shop thousands of adult and children’s books, CDs, and audiobooks. Book sale volunteers earn a $5 voucher for free sale books for each hour they help. A special preview for Friends of the Library members will be on Wednesday, May 17, from 5 pm to 6 pm. All Friends of the Library receive a 10% discount at the book sale and may attend the preview event.

Director Campbell Elected to MU Extension Council for Franklin County

Director Steve Campbell was elected in January to serve on the MU Extension Council for Franklin County, representing the Union district. He was sworn in on February 23 and will serve a two-year term.

MU Extension council members work with extension specialists to provide the county educational programs, manage the finances of local extension operations, provide personnel to carry out extension activities, and elect and organize the local extension council.
PBS Family Resources Available

Meghan Halsey, with 9 PBS, visited all of the Scenic Regional Library branches in March to publicize the organization's resources available for families, including kindergarten readiness materials. For more information, visit ninepbs.org/learningtoolkit.

Scenic Regional Library at Family Reading Night

Scenic Regional Library participated in Family Reading Night at Washington Middle School on March 3. The library read “Madeline Finn and the Shelter Dog” and attendees had the opportunity to color a picture of a dog or cat to make their own button. Approximately 800 people attended the event, and the library helped 120 children make buttons.

Newest Gallery Exhibit Now Open

The Gallery at the Library’s latest exhibit, “Black and White and Eight Shades of Gray,” opened on March 3 and saw over 100 attendees during the reception. The Hermann Friends of the Library is the sponsor for the exhibit, which features 93 black and white photographs submitted by artists from around the country. The exhibit will run until Saturday, May 20. The gallery is free and open to the public. All artwork is for sale. For more information, visit us at scenicregional.org/gallery.

The Alzheimer’s Association of Greater Missouri will be hosting a Caregiver Support Group in the meeting room of our Warrenton Branch every 4th Wednesday from 6pm to 7:30pm. Alzheimer’s Association support groups, conducted by trained facilitators, are a safe place for people living with dementia and their care partners. You will have the opportunity to:

- Develop a support system
- Exchange practical information on challenges and possible solutions
- Talk through issues & ways of coping
- Share feelings, needs and concerns
- Learn about community resources

For more information contact Viki Farrow, 314-216-1001, svfarrow@yahoo.com.

Thank you to the Hermann Friends of the Library for sponsoring the “Black and White and Eight Shades of Gray” exhibit and helping during the reception!
HERMANN BRANCH  
Call: 573-486-2024

Register for all in-person programs!

ADULT PROGRAMS  
Take-a-Ticket Technology Service  
Tuesday, April 4 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Stop by for help with your device.

BOOK CLUBS  
Book Discussion Group  
3rd Wednesday each month at 2:30 pm
1984 by George Orwell.

Visit here for all Book Clubs:  
scenicregional.org/how-do-i/find-a-book-club/

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS  
Preschool Storytime  
Every Thursday at 10:00 am

Chess Club (Ages 8+)  
Saturday, April 1 at 10:00 am

FREE KidSight Vision Screening  
Thursday, April 13 at 9:30 am & 11:00 am

Kids Club: Woven Baskets (Gr. 1-6)  
Monday, April 17 at 3:30 pm

The Lettering Lab (Teen/Adult)  
Tuesday, April 18 at 6:00 pm

Storytime: Rewind (Preschool)  
Thursday, April 20 at 4:00 pm

NEW HAVEN BRANCH  
Call: 573-237-2189

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ADULT PROGRAMS  
Take-a-Ticket Technology Service  
Tuesday, April 6 from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Stop by for help with your device.

BOOK CLUBS  
Book Discussion Group  
3rd Thursday each month at 4:30 pm
Carrie Soto is Back by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

Visit here for all Book Clubs:  
scenicregional.org/how-do-i/find-a-book-club/

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS  
Preschool Storytime  
Every Tuesday at 10:00 am

Ugly Art Night (Ages 8+)  
April 26 from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

OWENSVILLE BRANCH  
Call: 573-437-2188

Register for all in-person programs!

ADULT PROGRAMS  
Take-a-Ticket Technology Service  
Thursday, April 13 from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Stop by for help with your device.

Escape to Belize  
Tuesday, April 25 at 6:00 pm
Discover the people, customs and culture of Belize.

80s & 90s Trivia Night  
Thursday, April 27 from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Answer questions on pop culture, history, and general knowledge of the 80s & 90s.

BOOK CLUBS  
Book Look Book Club  
Tuesday, April 18 at 6:00 pm
The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins.

Visit here for all Book Clubs:  
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KID & TEEN PROGRAMS  
Li’l OWLs Storytime  
Every Wednesday at 10:00 am

Hairstyling Class for Families  
Wednesday, April 26 at 4:00 pm
Learn braiding and simple hairstyles for children, teens, and parents.

Library Seeks Donations

Scenic Regional Library is always accepting donations of gently-used books, DVDs, music CDs, and books on CD! Most donations will be sold at our semi-annual book sale. Have a lot? Call ahead of time, and we will help you carry them in! Contact your local branch for more details.

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Beaufort Elementary sent over all of their K-2nd grade classes to the Union branch on March 23 for a field trip! Everyone got a library tour, made a bookmark craft, played in the children’s area, had two opportunities for read-alouds, and got some free reading time in the teen area.
### April 2023 Upcoming Events

#### Pacific Branch

**Call:** 636-257-2712

**Register for all in-person programs!**

| ADULT PROGRAMS | **Reap What You Sow Gardening Club**
Saturday, April 22 at 11:00 am  
Master Gardener Jodie Fleer will discuss all things gardening. |
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| **An Evening with Local Authors**
Brett Biaggio and Payton Morgan  
Tuesday, April 25 at 6:00 pm  
Author meet-and-greet including book reading, sales, and signing. |
| **Book Bingo at Night**
Thursday, April 27 at 6:00 pm |
| **BOOK CLUBS** | **The First Chapter Book Club (Limit 16)**
Tuesday, April 11 at 6:00 pm  
Walking with Peety by Eric O’Grey. |
| | **The Next Chapter Book Club (Limit 16)**
Wednesday, April 12 at 10:00 am  
Walking with Peety by Eric O’Grey. |
| **KID & TEEN PROGRAMS** | **Preschool Storytime**
Every Thursday at 10:00 am |
| | **Storytime Rewind (Toddler-K)**
Second Thursday Each Month at 2:00 pm |

#### St. Clair Branch

**Call:** 636-629-2546

**Register for all in-person programs!**

| ADULT PROGRAMS | **Take-a-Ticket Technology Service**
Wednesday, April 12 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Stop by for help with your device. |
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| **Book Bingo**
Thursday, April 20 at 6:00 pm |
| **Epicurean Adventures:**
Waffles - Sweet and Savory
Tuesday, April 25 at 6:00 pm |
| **BOOK CLUBS** | **Third Thursdays Book Club**
Thursday, April 20 at 2:00pm  
Walking with Peety by Eric O’Grey. |
| **KID & TEEN PROGRAMS** | **Preschool Storytime**
Every Thursday at 10:00 am |
| | **Kids’ Book Bingo**
1st Wednesday of month at 2:30 pm |
| | **Homeschool Group**
Every 2nd Wednesday of the month  
First session at 10:00 am  
Second session at 11:00 am |
| | **Ruff Readers**
Monday, April 24 at 4:30 pm |
| | **Waggy Wednesdays for Teens**
Last Wednesday of month at 4:30 pm |

#### Sullivan Branch

**Call:** 573-468-4372

**Register for all in-person programs!**

| ADULT PROGRAMS | **Take-a-Ticket Technology Service**
Thursday, April 20 from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Stop by for help with your device. |
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| **Get to Know VR (Ages 13+)**
Wednesday, April 26 from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Come try out the library’s new Meta Quest 2 VR headsets! Games include: Space Pirate Training, Golf, Wander, Roller Coasters, Fishing, and more. |
| **BOOK CLUBS** | **As The Page Turns Book Club**
Tuesday, April 18 at 6:00 pm  
Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline. |
| **KID & TEEN PROGRAMS** | **Preschool Storytime**
Every Tuesday at 10:00 am |
| | **Dungeons & Dragons (Teens)**
Monday, April 10 at 4:00 pm |
| | **Kids Club: Can You Solve the Puzzle?**
Monday, April 24 at 4:00 pm |

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**Dry Creek Bloodhounds visited the Union branch and taught patrons about how their dogs use scent to find lost individuals. The organization then gave a mantrailing demonstration where Bloodhound Mattie found a young patron while she hid.**

**MU Extension Dietitian, Rachel O’Halloran, joined the Pacific branch and presented a hands-on instruction in healthy cooking.**

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Register for all in-person programs!

## Adult Programs

**Poe’s Life in Poetry**  
*Thursday, April 27 at 6:00 pm*  
Edgar Allan Poe’s life represented throughout his poetry.

## Book Clubs

**Hooked on Books**  
*Thursday, April 20 at 6:00 pm*  
*Week in Winter* by Maeve Binchy.


## Kid & Teen Programs

**Preschool Storytime**  
*Every Wednesday at 10:00 am*

**Kids Club: Wildflower Seed Bombs**  
*Friday, April 21 at 4:00 pm*

**MS Word: A Tour**  
*Thursday, April 27 at 10:00 am*

**Take-a-Ticket Technology Service**  
*Wednesday, April 26 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm*  
Stop by for help with your device.

**Book Bingo**  
*Thursday, April 6 at 1:00 pm*

**The Last Wednesday Book Club**  
*Wednesday, April 26 at 5:00 pm*  
The Book Woman’s Daughter by Kim Michelle Richardson.


## Computer Classes

**Take-a-Ticket Technology Service**  
*Tuesday, April 18 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm*  
Stop by for help with your device.

**MS Word: A Tour**  
*Thursday, April 27 at 10:00 am*

**The Life of Theodore Roosevelt**  
*Tuesday, April 18 at 6:00 pm*  
Presented by John Notgrass.

## Family Event: Pioneer Days

*Saturday, April 22 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm*  
Demonstrations, activities, food, and live music from days gone by.

## Book Club: A Novel Bunch Book Club

*Wednesday, April 26 at 2:00 pm*  
The Day the World Came to Town by Jim DeFede.

**Reese’s Reads Book Club**  
*Thursday, April 6 at 6:00 pm*  
*Daisy Jones & The Six* by Taylor Jenkins Reid.


## Wildcat Wednesday

**Every Wednesday at 1:15 pm**

**PJ Book Bingo**  
*Thursday, April 27 at 6:00 pm*

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The Owensville branch held a book club March 21 to discuss the Community Read book “Walking with Peety” by Eric O’Grey.

Wesleyan Kiddie Kollege kiddos took a walk to the Warrenton branch and enjoyed building with the Rigamajig, playing with the Clevertouch, trains and Lego.
Purchase a “Book” for the Donor Wall in Your Community’s New Library

The Scenic Regional Library Foundation and Friends of the Library groups are selling donor wall “books”, which will be placed in the entrance hallway of each new library building.

You can have your name, your family’s name, or your business’s name become a permanent part of the new library in your community. Donor wall “books” can also serve as a beautiful and long-lasting memorial for a loved one.

The cost of a donor wall “book” is based on the size of the book:
- 8” x 1 ½” book – $100
- 10” x 2” book – $200
- 9” x 3” book – $300

Visit www.scenicregional.org/foundation/ or complete this form to place your order. The Foundation accepts debit and credit cards (online), checks, and cash (only for forms brought to the library) for donor wall “book” purchases.

Proceeds from the sale of the donor wall books are designated for the local Friends of the Library group and used to assist with the purchase of furnishings and equipment in their new building.

Purchases are tax deductible.

Mail this form (or drop it off at your local branch) with your personal check or money order to:

Friends of the Library
251 Union Plaza Drive
Union, MO 63084
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All information submitted is considered confidential and will never be given or sold to any other individual, company, or organization.

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Friends of the St. Clair Branch
Friends of the Sullivan Branch
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