



THE Scenic Regional Library NEWSLETTER

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A monthly publication from your local library!

BIG SPRING BOOK SALE



SCENIC REGIONAL LIBRARY

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 9AM-8PM
FRIDAY, MAY 17, 9AM-6PM
SATURDAY, MAY 18, 9AM-5PM



Friends of the Library members can attend a special book sale preview event on Wednesday, May 15, 5-6pm and also receive a 10% discount!

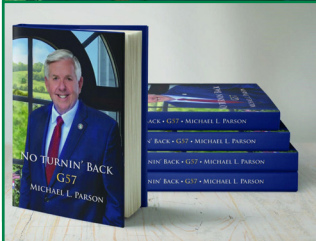
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Governor Parson to Visit Library



Governor Parson will visit the Union branch of Scenic Regional Library for a Meet & Greet on Tuesday, April 16, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The Governor will briefly speak about his new book, *No Turnin' Back*, and answer questions. A book signing will follow. Books will be available for purchase for \$30 each. All proceeds will go to the Moving Missouri Forward Foundation, a non-profit organization designed to support programs such as Jobs for America's Graduates - Missouri, Inc., children with special needs, and other programs focused on Missouri's children.

To register for the meet and greet, call 636-583-3224, stop by the branch, or register online at bit.ly/3vol5gj.

St. Clair Branch Starts Seed Library

The St. Clair branch of Scenic Regional Library is now offering a seed library. The seed library is next to the holds shelf and the self-check machine, and is available to all patrons with a library card in good-standing.

When using the seed library, patrons must fill out a log sheet to mark what seeds they took. Coin envelopes are available to transport the borrowed seeds. Many seed options are available, including squash/melon, beans, peppers, tomatoes, carrots, lettuce, herbs, flowers, and more. Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds donated most of the seeds.

The library will also accept any donated seeds. Donated seeds must be appropriately labeled and identified. Seed libraries are also available at the Hermann, Owensville, and Sullivan branches.



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Grave Cleaning Clubs Beginning in May



Winners of our Toniebox drawing. These kids were so excited to take home a Toniebox and 2 Tonies of their very own. Thank you to everyone who checked out a Tonie kit and filled out the survey to be entered in the drawing.



We were delighted to host KidSight at several Scenic Regional Library branches to offer free eye screenings for children. Thank you to the volunteers who made this possible and to the families who brought their children in for the screening.

Beginning in May and lasting through October, the library will offer grave cleaning clubs in each county. Each month, each county's club will meet at a local cemetery and clean gravestones. The library will provide all supplies, and a library staff member will demonstrate the process.

Grave cleaning has grown in popularity over the past few years and has even become a trend on social media. Public libraries and other organizations across the country have started their own clubs.

Over time, gravestones can become covered with dirt, bird deposits, sap, and biological growth such as algae, moss, and lichen. If left unmaintained, these additions can cause a gravestone to deteriorate. In addition, lettering can become worn to the point where it's no longer readable. Cleaning gravestones helps beautify the cemetery and preserve the grave markers.

The library will utilize an environmentally friendly biological chemical called D/2 and non-metal tools to clean gravestones in the gentlest manner possible to avoid damage. The Department of Veterans Affairs and the National Park Service have tested and used these methods. D/2 is a biodegradable cleaner that is pH neutral and contains no salts, bleach, or acids.

The following sponsors have provided the supplies for the grave cleaning clubs: Eaton Funeral Home and Tim and Nettie Peterson (Franklin County); Victorian Place of Owensville and Hermann, St. Peter's United Church of Christ Cemetery, Anonymous, and Theresa Black (Gasconade); and Going Postal, Continental Pump, and Missouri Bank (Warren).

To learn more about the grave cleaning clubs and to view a complete list of dates and times, visit scenicregional.org/gravecleaning. **Registration is required to participate. Go online, call or stop by your local branch.**



Club Dates, Times, & Cemetery Locations:

Franklin County -
 Restoration Guardians
 3rd Saturday of the Month
 10am - 12pm
Franklin County Starting in June

Gasconade County - Save a Story Grave Cleaning Club
 1st Saturday of the Month
 (except in June)
 10am - 12pm

May 4 - Hermann City Cemetery,
 East 9th Street and Schiller Street,
 Hermann, Missouri
 June 8 - St. Peter's United Church of
 Christ Cemetery, Owensville, Missouri
 July 6 - Little Berger Cemetery,
 Hermann, Missouri

Warren County -
 Preserving the Past
 3rd Saturday of the Month
 10am - 12pm
 May 18 - Warrenton City Cemetery
 June 21 - Wright City Cemetery
 July 20 - Warrenton City Cemetery



Creativebug® Offers Thousands of Tutorials



Are you interested in learning a new skill? Try out Creativebug! Creativebug is a free online service provided by the library that allows on-demand access to over 1,000 high-definition arts and crafts instructional videos for kids, teens, and adults.

Subjects include drawing, painting, sewing, knitting, crochet, quilting, baking, and more. All classes are taught by experts, with new classes added daily.

Creativebug video tutorials are broken down into small video segments that guide a user through the process step-by-step. Each class also includes a detailed list of needed materials and a place to take notes as you go. Creativebug provides access to thousands of classes and downloadable patterns, templates, and recipes, and it even allows users to communicate with instructors and each other. Creativebug has a mobile app available for iOS and Android.

To get started with Creativebug, visit us at scenicregional.org/databases/#diy.



Chilton Library

Do you repair or perform maintenance on your own vehicles? If so, check out Chilton Library. The library's online Chilton Library provides everything you can find in a Chilton manual and a lot more. Repair, maintenance, and service information for thousands of car, truck, van, and SUV makes and models can be found on the site. In addition, Chilton Library provides step-by-step repair procedures, troubleshooting guides, diagnostic trouble codes, photographs, illustrations, wiring diagrams, and multimedia (videos and animations) to simplify even the most complicated tasks.

Chilton Library can be accessed 24/7 on the library's website with a library card. To get started, visit us at scenicregional.org/databases/#diy.

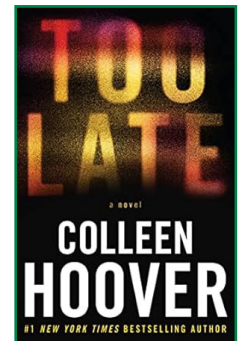
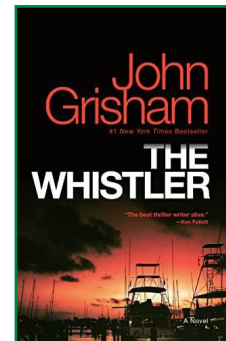


Adult Outreach Coordinator, Kasey, gave a tour of the Union branch to visitors from Rainbow Abilities Center. Everyone had a good time viewing the library and getting comfy by the fireplace.

Last Month's Most Popular Books

Last month, a debut thriller novel, *Falling*, by former flight attendant T. J. Newman, claimed the top spot for the highest number of circulations. The book tells the story of a pilot whose family is kidnapped - the demand for their release being the death of all of the passengers on his plane.

The Whistler by John Grisham and *Too Late* by Colleen Hoover were the other most checked-out books.





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SCENIC SAYS!

What is your favorite April Fools Day prank?

What is your favorite book and why?

What library resource do you enjoy the most and why?

Kaitlyn
Library Assistant
Floater



"Filling an empty mayonnaise jar with vanilla pudding and eating it in public."

"*Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley - It's a classic that's still read to this day and even after 200 years, new interpretations are always being made about its themes and implications."

"Novelist! It's a great tool when you don't know what to read next. I love to generate new lists for patrons when they ask me for suggestions. There's also a lot of great resources for teachers on there as well."

Diane
Circulation Coordinator,
Administration



"The one that doesn't happen."

"*David Copperfield* by Charles Dickens - The eloquent writing, well-drawn characters, and sympathetic story are all the best I have read."

"Books! Physical books! Books to learn from and books that are windows into other lives and mirrors of my own experiences."

Madison
Library Assistant,
Union



"Putting googly eyes on all items at my workplace and if any customers ask, pretend everything is completely normal."

"*Velocity* by Dean Koontz. It is the most intense thriller I have read that keeps you reading until the end. I can usually predict endings, but I didn't predict this one!"

"I enjoy the Interlibrary Loan resource. It's awesome that we can get nearly any book from anywhere!"

Genevieve
Adult Programmer,
Sullivan



"Putting all the coffee cups outdoors and saying 'My, it's a little muggy outside isn't it?'"

"*The Dark Descent of Elizabeth Frankenstein* by Kiersten White. It's a retelling of Frankenstein from Elizabeth's POV, which I just love!"

"Libby! So many good books and audiobooks are available, AND they're all right there at my fingertips."



FCLC Scrabble Tournament Fundraiser

The Franklin County Literacy Council will host a Scrabble Tournament Fundraiser on Saturday, May 4, at 6 p.m. to help provide HiSET scholarships for those in local communities. The tournament will take place at the Union Community Center, 1329 Union Ave. Doors will open at 5 p.m.

Each team can consist of up to four players. The cost to participate is \$25 per player. The tournament will also feature a 50-50 raffle and prizes. The event is BYOB and snacks.

The funds raised from the tournament will go to the Adult Education and Literacy program (AEL) at East Central College (ECC) to fund background checks and scholarships for students to take the HiSET exam.

The AEL program is accessible to everyone, and ECC has several class locations to serve students with free morning and evening classes. The program offers high school equivalency preparation and English language classes, which include basic computer training, literacy tutoring, and life-skills instruction. To contact the AEL program, email ael@eastcentral.edu, or call 636-584-6533.

To register for the Scrabble Tournament, visit bit.ly/SCRABBLEFCLC. The tournament is sponsored by the Bank of Washington, Sullivan Bank, and United Bank of Union.

AEL Classes:

Union

East Central College, Hansen Hall, 1964 Prairie Dell Rd., Suite 270
 Day: Tuesday & Thursday, 9am – 12pm or 1pm -4pm
 Evening: Monday & Wednesday, 5pm – 8pm

Sullivan

The Ridge Church of Sullivan, 131 W. Hwy WW
 Tuesday & Thursday, 9am –12pm

St. Clair

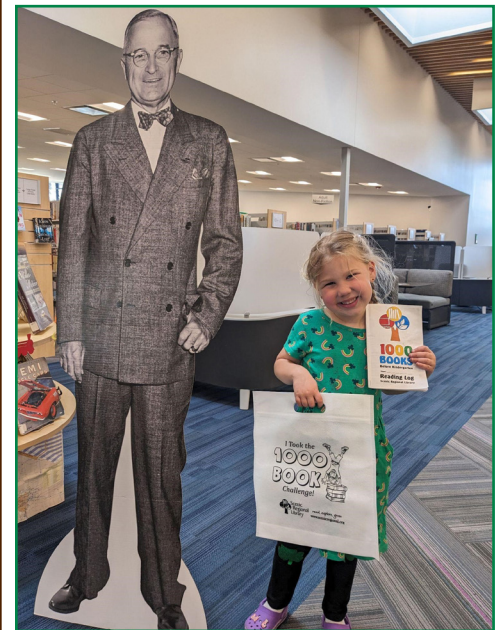
First Baptist Church, 450 E. Springfield Road
 Monday & Thursday, 5pm – 8pm

Washington

Missouri Career Center (Behind Big Lots), 1108 Washington Square
 Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am –12pm

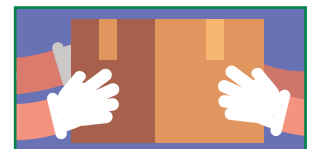


Congratulations to Scarlett for completing 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten! She received a book bag she gets to decorate.



Library Seeks Book Sale 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.



to our sponsors!





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 1/2" book – \$150
- 10" x 2" book – \$250
- 9" x 3" book – \$350

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.



Scenic Regional Library Foundation Donor Wall "Book" Order Form

FIRST NAME		DATE	
MIDDLE INITIAL	LAST NAME		
STREET ADDRESS			
CITY			
STATE	ZIP CODE		
PHONE NUMBER			
EMAIL ADDRESS			
NAME OF INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY, BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION TO APPEAR ON BOOK			
BRANCH (Please select one) <input type="checkbox"/> Hermann Branch <input type="checkbox"/> New Haven Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Owensville Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Branch <input type="checkbox"/> St. Clair Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Sullivan Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Union Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Warrenton Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Wright City Branch		SIZE OF BOOK <input type="checkbox"/> 8" X 1-1/2" - \$150 <input type="checkbox"/> 10" X 2" - \$250 <input type="checkbox"/> 9" X 3" - \$350	
OFFICE USE ONLY Date received: _____ Amount received: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cash			

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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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024 Membership Year

All information submitted is considered confidential and will never be given or sold to any other individual, company, or organization.

If this membership is for you, please provide your information; if this membership is a gift for someone else, please provide their information:			
FIRST NAME		MIDDLE INITIAL	
LAST NAME			
STREET ADDRESS		CITY	
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BRANCH AFFILIATION (Please select one) Friends of the Hermann Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Friends of the New Haven Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Friends of the Owensville Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Friends of the Pacific Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Friends of the St. Clair Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Friends of the Sullivan Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Friends of the Union Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Friends of the Warrenton Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Friends of the Wright City Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		LEVEL OF MEMBERSHIP Bronze – \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> Silver – \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> Ruby – \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Gold – \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> Platinum – \$250 <input type="checkbox"/> Diamond* – \$500 <input type="checkbox"/> *Lifetime Membership	
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP? (Select all which apply) Volunteer at the Fall Book Sale <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer at the Spring Book Sale <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer at other events <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer at my local branch <input type="checkbox"/> Serve on the local Friends of the Library's Governing and Planning Committee <input type="checkbox"/>		Office Use Only <input type="checkbox"/> New Application <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Date Received: <input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cash Amount Received:	

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