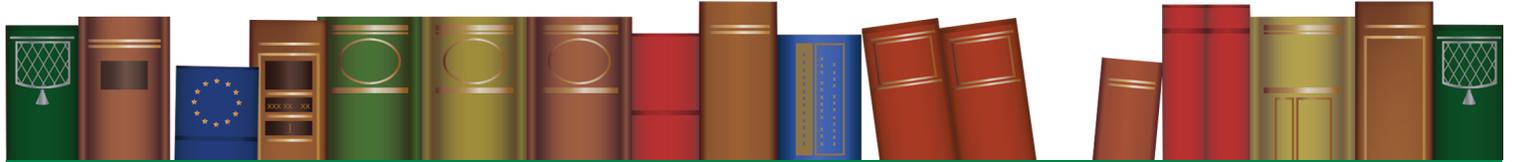




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Community Read Programming Begins April 1

Community Read programming officially begins Wednesday, April 1! The Community Read aims to foster connections within our communities and spark meaningful discussions by encouraging as many people as possible to read the same book at the same time. This year's selection is *Speak to Me of Home* by bestselling author Jeanine Cummins, also known for the novel *American Dirt*.

The Community Read will feature a variety of free programs throughout April, inspired by the book's themes. Highlights include Beginner Spanish: Everyday Basics, an introductory language class focused on everyday communication; Paint the Banyan Trees of Puerto Rico, a guided art experience celebrating the island's natural beauty; Puerto Rican Cultural and Flavor Experience, an interactive presentation featuring food, stories, and traditions; Family Tree 101, an introduction to tracing your ancestry; Where Home Lives: Memory, Aging and Belonging, a reflective program exploring the meaning of home across generations, and many more. Book discussions will also be held at every branch and partner locations.

To view the full program guide, visit us at thiscommunityreads.org.

SPEAK TO ME OF HOME
JEANINE CUMMINS
#1 Bestselling author of *American Dirt*

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Join in the conversation to discuss the book's themes and ideas with others in your community.

HOME • LOVE • FAMILY

- Wednesday, April 1, 10am
Washington Public Library
- Thursday April 2, 11am
Owensville
- Thursday, April 2, 5:30pm
Warrenton
- Wednesday, April 8, 10am
Pacific
- Tuesday, April 14, 6pm | *Pacific*
- Wednesday, April 15, 2:30pm
Hermann
- Wednesday, April 15, 2 & 5:30pm
East Central College Library
- Wednesday, April 15, 6:30pm
Washington Public Library
- Thursday, April 16, 2pm | *St. Clair*
- Thursday, April 16, 6pm
New Haven
- Thursday, April 16, 6pm | *Union*
- Tuesday, April 21, 6pm
Owensville
- Tuesday, April 21, 6pm | *Sullivan*
- Wednesday, April 22, 2pm
Warrenton
- Tuesday, April 28 at 5pm
Wright City
- Tuesday, April 28, 6pm | *Sullivan*

MEET AUTHOR Jeanine Cummins



Welcome #1 New York Times bestselling author Jeanine Cummins to the library for an evening

of conversation and insight into her writing and newest novel, *Speak to Me of Home*—this year's Community Read selection.

Thursday, April 30, 6pm
Union branch
RSVP: bit.ly/CumminsSRL



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SPRING Book Sale

At Each Branch Location



Thursday, May 14
9am-8pm

Friday, May 15
9am-6pm

Saturday, May 16
9am-5pm

Donate Your Used Books, DVDs, and CDs to the Library Book Sale!

Hardcover Books, DVDs, and CDs...\$1.00
Paperback Books, VHS Tapes, Cassette Tapes, and Records...50¢
Call: 636-583-0652 for more information



Mark Your Calendars for the Spring Book Sale

Mark your calendars! Scenic Regional Library's Spring book sale is back! From Thursday, May 14, to Saturday, May 16, 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 13, from 5 to 6 pm. All Friends of the Library receive a 10% discount at the book sale and may attend the preview event.




Library Director Steve Campbell read to Ms. Kaufmann's first-grade class at Daniel Boone Elementary School in Warrenton for Read Across America Week.

Keogh Appointed to Library Board



Mandy Keogh was recently appointed to the Scenic Regional Library Board of Trustees by the Crawford County Commission to represent Crawford County. Ms. Keogh has worked in education for 19 years, spending 15 years at Cuba Elementary as a 3rd-grade teacher and counselor, and the last 4 years in the Sullivan School district as a counselor at the Elementary and High School.

Ms. Keogh holds a Master of Arts in Counseling from Missouri Baptist University. She has lived in Sullivan her whole life with her family.



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Genealogy Help Desk Provides Assistance

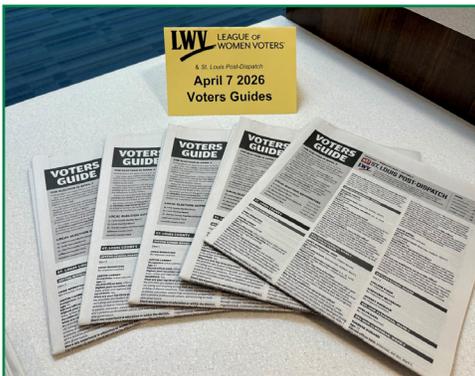


Do you have unanswered genealogy questions? Contact Scenic Regional Library's Genealogy Help Desk for assistance with basic genealogy research. The Help Desk utilizes the library's online databases, free online resources, and other libraries and historical societies to fulfill requests.

Patrons can email their requests to genealogy@scenicregional.org. When making a request, please keep the following in mind: provide as much information as you have related to the request; requests are answered in the order in which they are received; and the library cannot locate living friends or relatives for you, as records of living persons are not easily accessible due to privacy laws.

Scenic Regional Library's Genealogy Help Desk reserves the right to discontinue or disregard requests from professional genealogists, fee researchers, or other individuals who attempt to use the reference services for monetary gain or from individuals who utilize these services excessively.

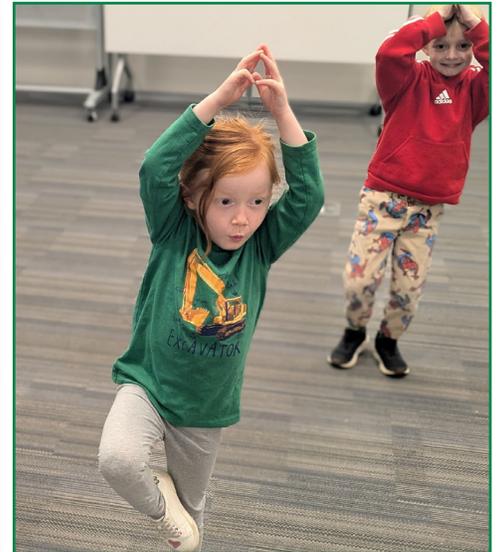
Election Information from League of Women Voters® Available at Branches



The League of Women Voters® will provide the library's Franklin County branches with nonpartisan informational pamphlets for the upcoming election, containing pertinent election information. The pamphlets will be available until the day of the General Election, Tuesday, April 7.

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. For more information about the League of Women Voters, visit www.lwv.org.



Storytime in Union was full of calming energy as we learned how to take a pause and enjoy the world around us. We ended the program with some yoga poses.



Thank you to Madge and Monica for leading this class on how to sew Cozy Coasters at our Wright City branch.

Learn a New Language with Bluebird Languages App



The library's online foreign language service, Pronunciator, also has a free app called Bluebird Languages. Bluebird Languages is an audio-based app with 163 languages available, designed to help build language skills through listening and speaking. The app is available on Android via Google Play and on iOS via the App Store. A library card is not required to log in.



Agreement Gives Libby Users Access to 25,000 Additional eBooks & eAudiobooks



MUNICIPAL LIBRARY CONSORTIUM
OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY

A new agreement with the Missouri Library Consortium (MLC) will give Scenic Regional Library patrons access to more than 25,000 additional eBooks and eAudiobooks through Libby, beginning April 20.

With this partnership, patrons can browse and check out available titles from both Scenic Regional Library and MLC collections directly in the Libby app. While the two collections remain separate, this expanded access brings the total number of available digital titles to more than 64,000.

Items from MLC must be available to check out and cannot be placed on hold.

Patrons can add MLC as a partner library in Libby without needing a separate library card. Once added, the MLC collection will appear as a browsing and borrowing option alongside Scenic Regional Library's collection. A help guide will be available for using this new feature at scenicregional.org/libbyshare on April 20.

The Municipal Library Consortium includes nine public libraries in the St. Louis area: Brentwood Public Library, Ferguson Municipal Public Library, Kirkwood Public Library, Maplewood Public Library, Richmond Heights Memorial Library, Rock Hill Public Library, University City Public Library, Valley Park Community Library, and Webster Groves Public Library.

Social Worker Available at All Branches



Scenic Regional Library is pleased to welcome Jenny Reynoso, a graduate-level social work practicum student, who will be available at all branches and the Washington Public Library through mid-May to assist community members in connecting with local resources and support. Reynoso can help individuals find resources related to housing, food, childcare, healthcare, employment, and transportation. She can also provide guidance on accessing support services such as mental health care, counseling, domestic violence resources, and substance use treatment. In addition, assistance is available for applying for benefits, including SNAP, Medicaid, unemployment, and disability, as well as for replacing important documents such as IDs and birth certificates.

Reynoso is a graduate student in the social work program at Saint Louis University. She brings 10 years of experience as a 911 Telecommunicator and a B.A. in Education and Social Sciences from New Mexico Highlands University. Patrons interested in learning more or inquiring about availability can contact support@scenicregional.org.

The library's free social worker is available on the following dates and times:

Hermann Branch

Wednesday, April 1, 9am-2pm
 Wednesday, April 29, 9am-2pm

New Haven Branch

Thursday, April 30, 9am-1:30pm

Owensville Branch

Wednesday, April 15, 9am-2pm

Pacific Branch

Thursday, April 2, 9am-1:30pm
 Thursday, May 14, 9am-1:30pm

St. Clair Branch

Thursday, April 16, 9am-1:30pm
 Monday, May 11, 9am-1:30pm

Sullivan Branch

Wednesday, April 8, 9am-2pm
 Monday, April 27, 9am-2pm
 Wednesday, May 13, 9am-2pm

Union Branch

Monday, April 20, 9am-2pm
 Wednesday, May 6, 9am-2pm

Wright City Branch

Monday, April 13, 9am-2pm

Warrenton Branch

Monday, April 6, 9am-2pm
 Wednesday, April 22, 9am-2pm
 Monday, May 4, 9am-2pm

Washington Public Library

Thursday, April 9, 9am-2pm
 Thursday, April 23, 9am-2pm
 Thursday, May 7, 9am-2pm





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Rocks, Roots, and Water Exhibit Opens April 3



the
gallery
at the library



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The State of the Arts

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The Gallery at the Library in Hermann will open its newest exhibit, *Rocks, Roots, and Water: Natural World Reimagined*, with a reception on Friday, April 3, from 6-8pm.

The exhibit brings together imaginative works inspired by elements of the natural world, with a focus on earth, plant life, and water. Through a variety of artistic approaches, the collection explores both the beauty and complexity of these elements.

Following the opening reception, the exhibit will remain on display through June 26. All artwork in the show will be available for purchase.

The Gallery at the Library, located in Hermann, welcomes visitors of all ages. The exhibit is sponsored by the Missouri Arts Council and Hermann Trolley. More information about The Gallery at the Library is available at scenicregional.org/gallery.



Jack Whitney
Autumn's Quiet Advent



Gary Gackstatter
Red Bud, Hawn Park

Staff April Anniversaries

Thank you for being such an *important* piece of our puzzle!



Bree, Administrative
Assistant, Administration



Frances, Library Assistant,
Hermann & New Haven

Tried one of our
**CAKE
PANS?**



We'd love to see your creation.

Email a photo to marketingspecialist@scenicregional.org
or drop an image off at your local branch.



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Wright City Puzzle Exchange

Looking for your next puzzle? The Wright City Branch now has a puzzle exchange available for patrons to enjoy. Bring in a completed puzzle to swap for a new one, or browse the selection and take one home to piece together.

The exchange features a variety of puzzles, from smaller piece counts to more challenging designs, offering something for all ages and experience levels. Those who wish to donate are asked to ensure puzzles are complete, in good condition, and include all pieces. Donations and returns should be checked in at the service desk.

Whether looking for a relaxing activity or a new challenge, stop by the Wright City Branch to see what puzzles are available.



KidSight

at Storytime

FREE
vision
screenings
before
& after
storytime.

9:45-11am
kid-sight.org
New Haven branch:
 Tuesday April 14
Hermann branch:
 Thursday April 16
Warrenton branch:
 Tuesday May 12
Wright City branch:
 Wednesday May 13
Pacific branch:
 Thursday May 21

Free Vision Screening at Storytime

KidSight, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, will be visiting select branches' Storytime programs throughout April and May to conduct free vision screening before and after Storytime.

KidSight was founded in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1995 with a handful of volunteers screening a few hundred children a year. Today, KidSight's program has grown to screen the vision of more than 48,000 kids throughout Missouri each year with the help of trained staff and volunteers operating across the state.

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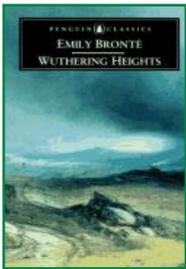
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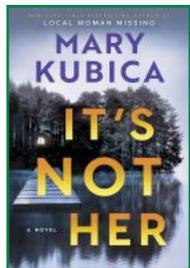


Wuthering Heights
 by Emily Brontë
 (eBook)

From the moment of his adoption by the Earnshaws, the founding boy Heathcliff devotes himself to their daughter Catherine. Growing up together, they share a love that

blossoms into romance until Catherine's betrayal. But Heathcliff's emotions know no bounds—not even death. Determined to claim Wuthering Heights, he vents his bitterness on the next generation, manipulating lives under a passion turned to obsession. First published in 1847, Emily Brontë's novel was recognized as a dark, tempestuous romance set on the Yorkshire moors..

Genres: Romance, Classics, Gothic

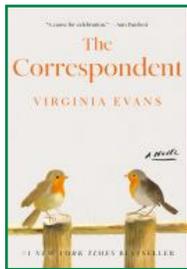


It's Not Her
 by Mary Kubica
 (eAudiobook)

Courtney Gray's vacation is shattered when she hears a scream from next door. There she finds the bodies of her brother and sister-in-law. Her

niece, Reese, is nowhere to be found, while her nephew, Wyatt, lies asleep upstairs. As police descend, secrets about Courtney's family start to emerge. When she learns the town has secrets of its own, she wonders if Reese is another victim or the killer. Courtney unravels the mystery, but everyone around her has something to hide. And the closer she gets to the truth, the harder it is to see....

Genres: Thriller, Mystery, Fiction

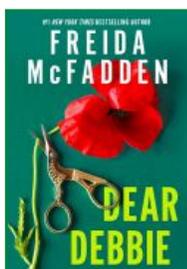


The Correspondent
 by Virginia Evans
 (eBook)

Sybil Van Antwerp has, throughout her life, used letters to make sense of the world. Most mornings, Sybil sits down to write letters—to her brother,

to her best friend, to the president of the university who will not allow her to audit a class, to Joan Didion and Larry McMurtry, and to one person to whom she writes often yet never sends the letter. Sybil expects her world to go on as it always has—she has lived a full life. But when letters from someone in her past force her to examine one of the most painful periods of her life, she realizes that the letter she has been writing needs to be read and that she cannot move forward until she finds it in her heart to offer forgiveness.

Genres: Literary Fiction, Contemporary, Family



Dear Debbie
 by Freida McFadden
 (eAudiobook)

Sometimes, enough is enough... Debbie Mullen is losing it. For years, she has compiled advice into her column, Dear Debbie, where women

come for sympathy and advice. Through her work, Debbie has heard from countless women who are belittled or even abused by their husbands. And Debbie does her best to guide them. Or at least, she did. Debbie's life seems to be spiraling out of control. She just lost her job. Something is happening with her teenage daughters. And her husband is keeping secrets, according to the tracking app she installed on his phone. Now, Debbie's done being the bigger person. It's time to take her own advice—and time for payback against the people in her life who deserve it.

Genres: Mystery, Thriller, Fiction



Tasting the tea, at The Art of Tea Blending program in Warrenton.



Teen homeschoolers in St. Clair showed off their creativity by decorating some beautiful cupcakes.



Patrons in Hermann learned about pickleball scoring, paddles, serving, and more.



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SCENIC SAYS!

What library section would you explore if you had an entire quiet afternoon to yourself?

What book or show has kept you up way too late because you had to know what happened next?

What's one thing people would be surprised to learn they can do at the library?

Christy
Admin



"Adult seating area - I would sit by the fire and read all afternoon."

"*Dungeon Crawler Carl* - I'm on book 7, and they just keep getting better!"

"Play music - we have amazing instruments on our kids' patios."

Em
Admin



"Definitely our nonfiction. I've been dying to take a look at all of our art and baking books!"

"It's a tie between the shows *Reacher* and Tom Clancy's *Jack Ryan*."

"They can check out non-traditional items like fishing poles and cake pans :)"

Brandy
Owensville Branch



"YA Nonfiction 741.5 The graphic novels. It's one of my favorite storytelling mediums, and you can read several in one afternoon."

"I recently sped through all 5 books of the *All for the Game* series by Nora Sakavic in just over a week."

"Our notary services. We have lots of people who will print a document and ask us if we know a place to get it notarized, with no idea that we have one on staff."

Shea
Union Branch



"The board games. We have so many I'd like to just sit and peruse."

"*The Artful Dodger* is a television series based on *Oliver Twist*. I am obsessed!"

"Utilize Brainfuse! Having access to a free live tutor is such a wonderful resource we offer!"



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East Central College is seeking part-time Adult Education & Literacy (AEL, formerly GED) Instructors for the Steelville location, responsible for teaching/tutoring adult learners 6 hours per week. An additional 1-2 hours per week is available for planning time. No grading of assignments is required outside class time. Annual requirement for 20 hours of professional development.

Class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 am – 12 pm at the Crawford County Sheriff's Department. The classroom is located inside the facility. Instructors will work with a local sheriff in the classroom to teach a group of 4-10 students.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Completion of a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university
- Desire to teach
- Comfortable with Microsoft Office and Zoom
- Teaching or tutoring experience preferred
- Fingerprint background check

Starting rate:
 \$20.00 per hour.

Visit www.eastcentral.edu/ael for more information, class times, and locations.

Visit www.eastcentral.edu/hr/employment-opportunities/ for a full job description and the link to apply.

April Showers Drive



Girl Scout Troop 4593 will hold a collection drive at the St. Clair branch of Scenic Regional Library during April for April Showers, a district-wide Girl Scout Hygiene collection for those in need. They are collecting all types of hygiene items, including deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, feminine products, and more. The collection entry box will be available in the branch's entryway.



Teens in Owensville had a great time stargazing with our telescopes that can be checked out and used at home.



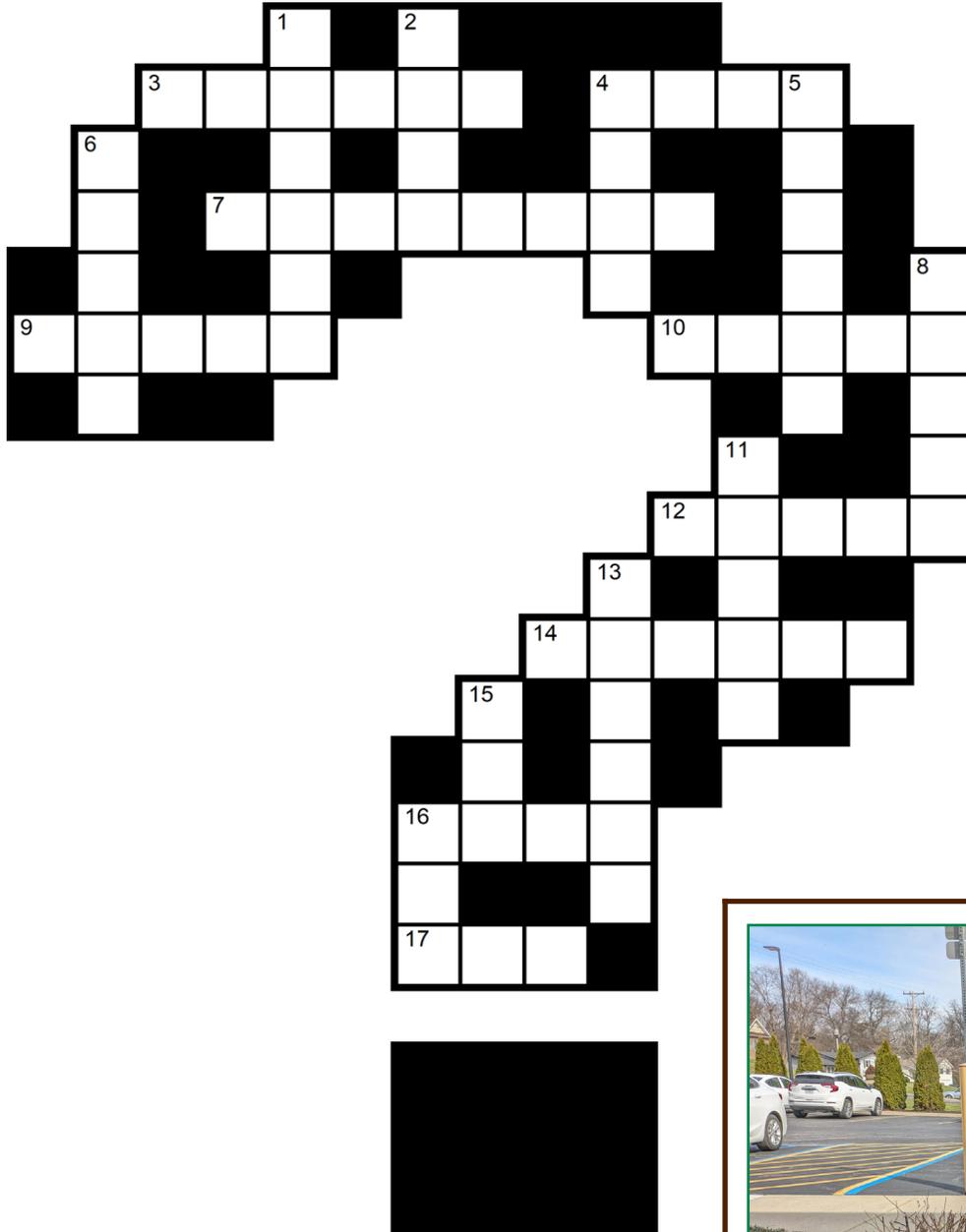
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April Crossword Puzzle



Across:

- 3. Orange root vegetable often eaten by rabbits
- 4. Red root used in borscht
- 7. Knobby root vegetable related to a stalk vegetable
- 9. Peppery green used in sandwiches and salads
- 10. Polecat or its fur
- 12. Corn, to a Brit
- 14. Stalk vegetable often served with dip
- 16. Herb used in stuffing, or one who is wise
- 17. Sweet potato relative

Down:

- 1. Leafy vegetables, collectively
- 2. Cabbage family plant, as in ___ slaw
- 4. Legume that may be kidney-shaped or string-like
- 5. Ketchup base
- 6. Pumpkin or squash, for example
- 8. Onion-family herb used as a garnish
- 11. Pickled bud used in chicken piccata, or a mischievous act
- 13. Anise-flavored herb with feathery fronds
- 15. Small green pod vegetable
- 16. Tofu base, or ___ sauce

Find the answers at:

www.scenicregional.org/crossword.



The Storytime kids in New Haven put on their City Planner hats and designed their own cities.



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

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
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October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026 Membership Year

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		Up to \$10 in book sale volunteer vouchers can be applied toward any level of membership dues.		<p><u>Gold:</u> 12oz. metal tumbler/ Koozie</p> <p><u>Platinum:</u> bluetooth speaker/ wireless phone charger</p> <p><u>Diamond:</u> \$150 donor wall book</p>	
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