



THE Scenic Regional Library NEWSLETTER

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Fehlings Appointed to Library Board



The Gasconade County Commission has appointed Hermann resident Michele Fehlings to serve on the Scenic Regional Library Board of Trustees. Ms. Fehlings will fill the remainder of the term vacated by Carol Leech, who resigned on July 4 to relocate out of state. The term expires on June 30, 2023.

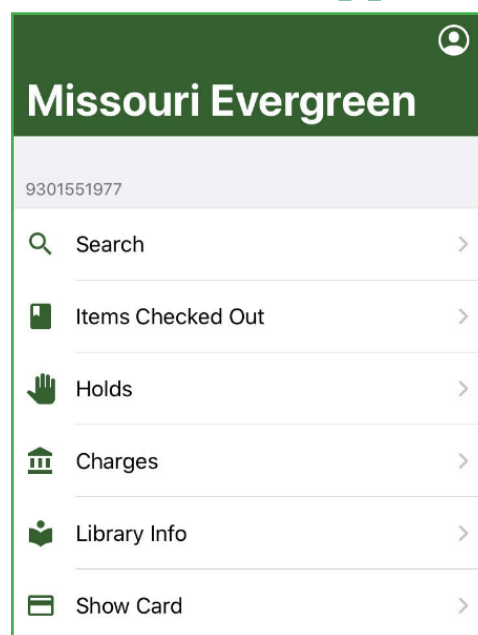
Ms. Fehlings was born and raised in the Hermann area. She earned an undergraduate degree from Lindenwood University and MBA from Columbia College. She lived in Alaska for two decades before moving back to Hermann in 2008 with her late husband.

Most recently, Ms. Fehlings worked as a pension analyst with the Missouri State Senate. Currently, she is working as a part-time controller for a lawn care company based in Wildwood and studying for the CPA exam. For the past two years, she has served on the Scenic Regional Library Foundation Board of Directors. She also serves on the Hermann Area District Hospital Board of Directors. She enjoys reading, cooking, and travel.

Library Launches Free Mobile App

Scenic Regional patrons will now have access to a mobile app for the library's online catalog. It allows patrons to search the online catalog, place holds, view their account information, and renew items on their mobile devices. The free mobile app has both an iOS and Android version. It is available now and can be downloaded at www.scenicregional.org or wherever else apps are available.

Scenic Regional spearheaded the effort to have the app developed for the Missouri Evergreen member-libraries. It was already being used by Georgia PINES, NC Cardinal (North Carolina), and other statewide Evergreen library consortia. Developer Ken Cox was hired by Scenic Regional and some other Missouri Evergreen member-libraries to customize the open source app for the consortia. The app can also be downloaded by clicking on these links: iOS version at <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/id1522068206> or Android version at <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=net.kenstir.apps.mo>.



Passport Service Resumes

On August 1, the library will resume passport service for the public. The service was suspended due to the coronavirus pandemic. The public will be required to wear masks. If they don't have one, the library will provide a disposable mask. Children under two years old will not have to wear a mask if accompanying their parent(s) for a passport appointment.

The Department of State has also said that people should expect long delays in passport processing due to a backlog. Passport applications are by appointment only; please call your local branch to schedule an appointment.





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Counties Reimburse Library with CARES Act Funds

The library received \$7,266 from Franklin County from the CARES Act as reimbursement for protective equipment, such as shields, masks, and hand sanitizer dispensers. The items were purchased in May as the library prepared to reopen to the public. It was the full amount the library requested. The library also received \$2,900 from Gasconade County; also, the full amount requested. The committee in Warren County which is responsible for dispersing CARES Act funds does not meet again until August; \$2,900 has been requested from Warren County.

RB Digital E-audiobook Platform Eliminated

In June, RB Digital was purchased by Overdrive, which has decided to eliminate the product. The library has offered e-audiobooks through RB Digital for several years. The collection featured more than 5,000 adult e-audiobooks titles and 1,500 children and young adult e-audiobook titles. The product was unique because patrons could access the same titles simultaneously. As a result, patrons never had to place a request and wait for a title to be available.

Some of the content that was available through RB Digital will be moved over to Overdrive. The library continues to offer thousands of e-audiobooks through CloudLibrary, Hoopla, and Overdrive.



Foundation Creates Legacy Donation Brochure

The Scenic Regional Library Foundation unveiled a brochure in July to provide information to individuals who are interested in including the library in their planned giving. The brochure was approved by the Foundation Board at their July 15 meeting. Copies will be available at the library's nine branches, as well as distributed to local financial planners, funeral homes, investment firms, attorneys' offices, and similar entities. The information can also be found on the Foundation's website at www.scenicregionalfoundation.org.

The library provides an excellent opportunity for individuals to have a positive impact on their communities in a meaningful and long-lasting way. A specific branch can be designated for planned giving. Real estate, retirement funds, insurance policies, and personal property can be the sources of charitable gift planning.

Scenic Regional Library has benefitted from several major contributions by individuals who value literacy, education, and public libraries. Oliver (1908-1998) and Corrine (1909-1987) Taetz donated property for the former Union branch in 1988. Meta Vossbrink (1901-1986) bequeathed \$490,000 to Scenic Regional Library in 1986, and funds were applied to the construction costs of the former Union Branch which opened in 1991. Augusta Louise (Johnson) Smith's (1897-1968) estate bequeathed the library \$241,000 in 2016, and it was applied to the library's building projects in Warrenton and Wright City. In 2015, Agnes Meyer (1922-2019) donated 1.53 acres of land in New Haven for the construction of the new branch.

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Planned Giving

With a gift to your Scenic Regional Library Foundation, you will be making a meaningful difference.

The Friends of the Library provide additional services and programs for the community, such as:

- Visiting authors and artists
- Furniture and equipment
- Traveling Exhibits
- Community Education
- Adult and Youth Programs
- Outdoor Spaces



Glen Foster performed a magic show for all our young patrons, even calling on virtual volunteers!



Teens learned how to make a weaving using a CD as the loom. We provide the supplies and you can watch and learn online.

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Staff Spotlight: Katharine, Children's Programmer, Warrenton



How long have you worked for Scenic?

I have worked for SRL for almost nine months.

What made you want to work in a library?

I have always loved being in the library. Whether it was the one at school or the public library where I previously lived, I would spend as much time there as possible. My fellow library lovers will know what I mean when I say there is something about the smell and comfort of the library. When I saw the position for a Children's Programmer was open at the Warrenton branch, I was confident that with my degree in elementary education I would be of great value to the library and my community.

What do you wish more people knew about the library?

I wish more people knew about the other resources we offer besides books. There's so much we offer like checking out telescopes, binoculars, fishing poles, and cake pans.

What is your favorite part of the job? Why? My favorite part of my position is interacting with the kids. I love watching their faces when I am reading to them. Their expressions will let you know if they are liking, disliking, loving, or absolutely hating what you are reading. They are little open books.

What upcoming virtual program are you excited about and why? I am going to be featuring a virtual program for Kid's Club about rockets on August 31. I will be doing a quick lesson on how rockets work and an easy, but fun experiment to go with it. Tune in for rocket science!

What are you currently reading or what are you reading next? I am currently reading "Providence" by Caroline Kepnes.

Is there anything else you would like people to know about you, your job, or your library branch? I have five beautiful and awesome kids, a wonderful husband who has put up with me for 16 years, I have six hens that I adore, I like to read (of course!), study photography and I have the best bunch of coworkers and patrons anyone could ask for.

Library Receives Grant for Wireless Hotspots

The library was awarded a grant through the Missouri State Library for 42 mobile hotspots. These will be available to patrons for checkout in the near future. The devices are free to the library; the only cost is the monthly data fees. The grant will pay for the cost of the data on the devices for the first year.

Originally, the grant application provided funds for the data costs for two years—which is the length of the contract with T-Mobile (the service provider). However, due to the high volume of grant applications, the Missouri State Library decided to only fund the first year of data costs. As a result, the library will have to pay for the data costs in the second year—approximately \$15,000.

A second CARES Act grant was opened for additional mobile hotspots. The devices are intended for students and patrons using them for tele-medicine. The second grant also only provides funds for the cost of data expenses for the first year. The library has applied for an additional 12 devices through the second grant.

If the library is awarded the second grant, it will have a total of 54 mobile hotspots for checkout. They will be distributed based on the size of the branch. The Sullivan, Warrenton, and Union branches will each receive 8 devices; St. Clair, Wright City, and Pacific branches, 6 each; and New Haven, Hermann, and Owensville branches, 4 each.



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Storytimes are still being offered virtually at all the branches for your little ones to enjoy!



The Sullivan branch presented a virtual program on how to make your own Fairy Garden for Kids Club.

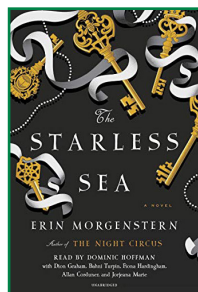


Laurie Osseck talked about "Fairytale Destinations" online, complete with a PowerPoint presentation.



Patrons had the opportunity to watch a virtual concert by the fun cartoon band, The Shake-Ups!

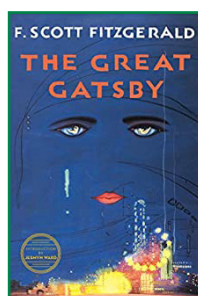
Staff Picks



"The Starless Sea" by Erin Morgenstern

The best type of book, usually, is about books. Erin Morgenstern writes about a fantastic world, hiding under our feet. Far beneath the surface of the earth, upon the shores of the Starless Sea, there is a labyrinthine collection of tunnels and rooms filled with stories. A bee, a key, and a sword emblazoned on the book lead Zachary to two people who will change the course of his life: Mirabel, a fierce, pink-haired painter, and Dorian, a handsome, barefoot man with shifting alliances. These strangers guide Zachary through masquerade party dances and whispered back room stories to the headquarters of a secret society where doorknobs hang from ribbons, and finally through a door conjured from paint to the place he has always yearned for. As Zachary, Mirabel, and Dorian venture deeper into the space and its histories and myths, searching for answers and each other, a timeless love story unspools, casting a spell of pirates, painters, lovers, liars, and ships that sail upon a Starless Sea. Wow. That is the only way to describe this book. It is a literary blend of fantasy and relatability phenomenon. Truly one of those books that you get lost in.

-Review by Grace at the Union branch



"The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald

The Great Gatsby is one of my favorite books. I have read this book several times, first as an assignment in college and then revisited it years later. F. Scott Fitzgerald's writing is beautifully haunting. The story takes place in the glitz and glamour of the '20s. Jay Gatsby is the main character, a man that is in love with Daisy Buchanan; a woman he can't have, but has worked his entire life to become someone he feels would be worthy of her. This consumes him, to the point of destroying his life and the lives of everyone that get in his way. I love the author's use of symbolism throughout the book, particularly the weather and how it portrays the mood of the characters in the story. Give it a try Old Sport, you won't be disappointed.

-Review by Amanda in Administration

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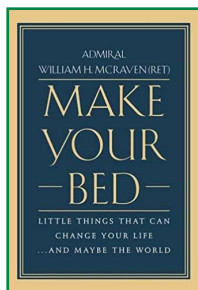
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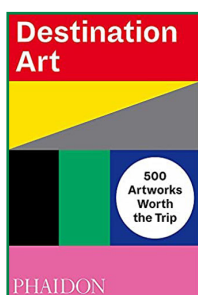
"Make Your Bed: Little Things That Can Change Your Life...and Maybe the World"

by Admiral William H. McRaven (U.S. Navy Retired)

The book I would suggest anyone read that is going through a difficult time in their life is one my sister recommended to me, "Make Your Bed: Little Things That Can Change Your Life...and Maybe the World" by William H. McRaven. We are all living in a different world than we were a few short months ago. This is a difficult time for many. "Make Your Bed" is a book full of encouragement and inspiration. Admiral McRaven gives ten lessons he learned

during Navy SEAL training that have helped him overcome challenges not only in his military career but his civilian life too. His book was inspired by the speech he wrote on May 17, 2014 for the graduating class of the University of Texas at Austin on their commencement day. His speech was so popular he decided to expand upon it and give real life examples of how he used the principles he learned while at SEAL training in his life, starting with making your bed every morning. You will not be disappointed if you choose to read this. It is the only book I have read cover to cover in a single day. I truly loved reading it!

-Review by Melissa at the Union branch



"Destination Art: 500 Artworks Worth the Trip"
by Phaidon Editors

A true gem, this book holds one of many reasons why I love books so much. They give the gift of traveling to so many places, which, in this particular case, are physical locations in reality. Journey the world to a multitude of fabulous works of art, from silly to breathtaking, from whimsical to practical, some indoors and many outdoors. Let your mind and imagination soar while enjoying the creativity of humanity's artists and the beauty of locations far and wide. After the global experience of the COVID-19 shutdown, an extended time at home,

and decreased travel, I'm telling you, this book is especially enjoyable right now. And, if you are so inspired by this book, you don't have to travel too far; head out to Laumeier Sculpture Park, one of St. Louis's own gems.

-Review by Alison at the Pacific branch

LIBRARY HOURS

Hermann • 573-486-2024

M, W & F	9am-6pm
T & Th	9am-8pm
Sat	9am-5pm

New Haven • 573-237-2189

M, W & F	9am-6pm
T & Th	9am-8pm
Sat	9am-5pm

Owensville • 573-437-2188

M, W & F	9am-6pm
T & Th	9am-8pm
Sat	9am-5pm

Pacific • 636-257-2712

M, T & Th	9am-8pm
W & F	9am-6pm
Sat	9am-5pm

St. Clair • 636-629-2546

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Sullivan • 573-468-4372

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Union • 636-583-3224

M-Th	9am-8pm
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Warrenton • 636-456-3321

M-Th	9am-8pm
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Sat	9am-5pm

Wright City • 636-384-1136

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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 1½" book – \$100
- 10" x 2" book – \$200
- 9" x 3" book – \$300

Visit www.scenicregionalfoundation.org 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.

Donor wall "books" can be purchased throughout the construction project and will be unveiled at the grand opening of each new branch library.



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			
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<input type="checkbox"/> New Haven Branch		<input type="checkbox"/> 10" X 2" - \$200	
<input type="checkbox"/> Owensville Branch		<input type="checkbox"/> 9" X 3" - \$300	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____	
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251 Union Plaza Dr.
Union, MO 63084



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