New Library Board Member Appointed

On July 8, the Gasconade County Commission appointed Laura Hengstenberg to the Scenic Regional Library Board of Trustees. She will fill the unexpired term of Diann Wacker, who resigned in May 2021 after serving 34 years on the Library Board of Trustees. Ms. Hengstenberg is a resident of Owensville, where she resides with her husband. She has a degree in journalism from the University of Missouri and has worked for Crawford Electric Cooperative for the past twenty-six years. Previously, she was a Title I aid at Gerald Elementary School. Ms. Hengstenberg is also vice-president of the St. Peter’s United Church of Christ Church Council.

St. Clair Branch Honored with Chamber Award

The library’s St. Clair branch was selected as the St. Clair Area Chamber of Commerce’s 2020 Organization of the Year. The Celebrate St. Clair Banquet was held on June 26. St. Clair branch manager Alesia Cullen and adult programmer Jacquie Oermann accepted the honor on behalf of the library.
Library Receives Grant for Mobile Kitchen

In late June, the library was awarded a $12,860 grant from the Foundations of Franklin County for a “Kitchen a la Cart” mobile kitchen. The system includes an induction burner, quarter-size convection oven, sink with hot and cold running water, blender, and an entire collection of kitchenware. The library will use the mobile kitchen for cooking programs at all nine branches and hopes the system will help develop partnerships with food pantries, farmer’s markets, and other organizations.

In the past, the library’s popular cooking programs have been primarily demonstrations. The new mobile kitchen will allow the programs to be “hands-on” and participatory. The mobile kitchen has work space for ten people, including the presenter.

The mobile kitchen is manufactured by a company called Edible Education, which is located in Cape Girardeau. The system is compact enough to be transported between branches in the library’s maintenance van.

Warrenton Friends Donate Movie Screen

The Warrenton branch’s Friends of the Library group has donated a 22-foot inflatable projector screen to the library. The screen, which cost $230, will used for the branch’s movie events. In the past, the library has projected movies onto the side of the building.

The next movie event at the Warrenton branch will be on August 10 at 7:30 PM and feature the movie “Onward”.

Deputy Tyson Jones, with the Franklin County Sheriff’s Department, presented active shooter training to the library’s administrative staff on July 2.

Warrenton Branch Friends’ member Madge Flake (right) and Adult Programmer Kerry Christian (left) with the new inflatable projector screen.

We took a virtual field trip to Midwest Aquarium and interviewed Ms. Sherry about fresh and saltwater fish and how to care for them.
Library Awarded E-Content and Self-Check Grants

The Missouri State Library offered public libraries special grant opportunities this summer through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). Scenic Regional Library has been awarded over $50,000 in grants through the program. The first grant will provide $30,000 for e-books and e-audiobooks. The funds will be added to the library’s current e-book and e-audiobook budget, which is $100,000. The library offers e-content through Overdrive, CloudLibrary, and other platforms. The library shares its electronic resources with the Washington Public Library.

The second grant will provide $20,000 for the purchase of self-check systems for the Hermann and New Haven branches. Currently, the library has self-check systems at its other seven service locations. The new systems will be purchased through Tech Logic, the company the library has contracted with for its RFID project, and will be installed this fall. The library’s other seven systems are through a company called Bibliotheca.

Unlike most grants through the State Library, which require matching funds, the ARPA grants will provide 100% funding.

St. Clair Branch Receives Donation

The St. Clair branch received a $500 donation in July from long-time patron Bill Goforth. The donation will be transferred to the Friends of the Library group and designated for use at the branch. Mr. Goforth was recognized for the generous donations with a “Diamond Level” lifetime membership certificate to the St. Clair Branch Friends of the Library. He has been a patron of the St. Clair branch since the library began in 1959.
Staff Spotlight: Ali • Adult Programmer, Pacific

How long have you worked for Scenic?
I have worked for Scenic Regional Library at the Pacific branch for a little over 4 years. (Of course, I’ve been a fan and patron for much longer...).

What made you want to work in a library?
So many reasons... I am a lifelong lover of libraries, having many fond childhood memories there. Art, literature, and storytelling form the heart of humanity around the world, in addition to community and service; public libraries contain all of these things at their cores. And, I already knew all of the lovely ladies who worked at the Pacific branch when I applied, so that was also a super plus.

You were promoted to Adult Programmer at the Pacific branch earlier this year. Congratulations! Has that change been challenging and/or rewarding in any particular way?
I absolutely love being the Adult Programmer! Every aspect has been rewarding. Not only do I have the opportunity of serving and appreciating the myriad of library visitors, I also have the pleasure of creating art through displays as well as craft programs, meeting fabulously wonderful and interesting performers and presenters, sharing books on a deeper level with patrons in book clubs, and more!

What upcoming program are you most excited about and why?
I am super excited about our new sewing makerspace, which will be at the Pacific branch in September, and will include programs as well as open labs.

What is your favorite project you’ve worked on for the library and why?
How can I pick one? I’ll get philosophical... the one I’m working on at the time.

Any hobbies or interests outside of the library?
Among my favorite things to do are... walking and hiking, appreciating nature, and visiting the vast and numerous parks around the St. Louis area. And I love art, especially live performance art in the forms of dance, theater, and music... St. Louis Shakespeare Festival is definitely a favorite!

What do you wish more people knew about the library?
Many times people are surprised at the variety of activities and available offerings in-house and through their own library cards, from educational databases to movie streaming and craft apps, from books to notary services... and the list goes on. We’re always trying to get this message out. Most of all, I truly hope that each patron or visitor that comes in feels appreciated and cared for; that’s always the biggest goal.

You can only take one book to a desert island. What book, and why?
Since I would be on a sparse and remote desert island, I would choose The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern, which is lush and vivid, full of magic, romance, and love.
Library’s In-Person Storytimes Return

In July, the library re-launched its weekly in-person storytimes at every branch. The library had been only offering virtual storytimes over the past year due to COVID. As the library transitions back to in-person programming, the storytimes were held outdoors throughout the month. The library’s storytimes will move back indoors in August.

Head Start Enrollment Open

Head Start is now enrolling children ages birth to five-years-old for the 2021-2022 school year in Warren, Gasconade, and Franklin Counties.

Head Start is a free, government funded, full- or half-day early learning program for any child whose family’s income is at or below the federal poverty line. In addition to preschool education, health screenings for children and support services for parents are offered. For more information, contact the county Head Start headquarters:

Franklin County:
636-789-2686
www.jfcac.org

Warren County:
636-946-5600
www.youthinneed.org

Gasconade County
573-437-3332
http://mocaonline.org

Our friends at Page Turner taught young patrons how to make a fun snake craft.

We virtually taught patrons how to make cork trivets. Kits were available at all branches.

Teens had the opportunity to join us virtually and learn about conservation and how we can help make the world a better place.
august 2021 upcoming events

HERMANN BRANCH
Call: 573-486-2024

Summer Reading Program
June 1 to Aug 14 - Don't forget to sign up!
Register for all in-person programs!

ADULT PROGRAMS
Welcome Back with Watermelon
Wednesday, August 25 from 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Location: Hermann Community Center.
Join us and sign up or renew your library card.

Bicentennial Photography Project
Ask at the front desk for details.

Time Capsule Writing Contest
Ask at the front desk for details.

BOOK CLUBS
Book Discussion Group (Limit 8)
Wednesday, August 18 at 4:30 pm
Hidden Valley Road by Robert Kolker.
Visit here for all Book Clubs:
scenicregional.org/how-do-i/find-a-book-club/

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS
Take & Make supplies at the library
Preschool Storytime
Every Tuesday at 10:00 am

Sleepy Storytime
Last Thursday each month at 5:00 pm

Teen Program
2nd Saturday from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
8/14: Geek Guild

FAMILY PROGRAMS
Family Movie Night at the
Hermann Show Boat Theater
Friday, August 6 at 7:00 pm
"Raya and the Last Dragon"

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS
Virtual Show-Me State Parks
& Historic Sites
3rd Friday each month at 1:00 pm

Virtual Kids Club (8/30: No Kids Club)
Every Monday at 4:00 pm (Facebook & YouTube)

Virtual Teen Programs
1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 4:00 pm

NEW HAVEN BRANCH
Call: 573-237-2189

Summer Reading Program
June 1 to Aug 14 - Don't forget to sign up!
Register for all in-person programs!

FAMILY PROGRAMS
Welcome Back with Watermelon
Friday, August 20 from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Join us and sign up or renew your library card.

Bicentennial Photography Project
Ask at the front desk for details.

Time Capsule Writing Contest
Ask at the front desk for details.

BOOK CLUBS
New Haven branch (Limit 15)
Wednesday, August 25 at 5:00 pm
Leave the World Behind
by Rumaan Alam.
Visit here for all Book Clubs:
scenicregional.org/how-do-i/find-a-book-club/

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS
Take & Make supplies at the library
Preschool Storytime
Every Tuesday at 10:00 am

3rd Saturday of month at 10:00 am

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS
Virtual Show-Me State Parks
& Historic Sites
3rd Friday each month at 1:00 pm

Virtual Kids Club (8/30: No Kids Club)
Every Monday at 4:00 pm (Facebook & YouTube)

Virtual Teen Programs
1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 4:00 pm

OWENSVILLE BRANCH
Call: 573-437-2188

Summer Reading Program
June 1 to Aug 14 - Don't forget to sign up!
Register for all in-person programs!

ADULT PROGRAMS
Seeds of the Month Club
Every first Tuesday-ask for details!

Waffle Cone Demo (Limit 12)
Thursday, August 5 at 6:00 pm
Bicentennial program. Also join us live virtually on social media.

Bicentennial Photography Project
Ask at the front desk for details.

Time Capsule Writing Contest
Ask at the front desk for details.

BOOK CLUBS
Tea Time Travelers' Book Club (Limit 16)
Tuesday, August 17 at 6:00 pm
Monk of Mokha, by Dave Eggers.
Visit here for all Book Clubs:
scenicregional.org/how-do-i/find-a-book-club/

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS
Take & Make supplies at the library
Preschool Storytime
Every Wednesday at 10:00 am

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS
Virtual Show-Me State Parks
& Historic Sites
3rd Friday each month at 1:00 pm

Virtual Kids Club (8/30: No Kids Club)
Every Monday at 4:00 pm (Facebook & YouTube)

Virtual Teen Programs
1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 4:00 pm

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PACIFIC BRANCH
Call: 636-257-2712

Summer Reading Program
June 1 to Aug 14 - Don’t forget to sign up!

Register for all in-person programs!

ADULT PROGRAMS
Mahjong Club (Limit 12)
Every Monday from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Bicentennial Photography Project
Ask at the front desk for details.

Time Capsule Writing Contest
Ask at the front desk for details.

BOOK CLUBS
The First Chapter Book Club (Limit 16)
Tuesday, August 10 at 6pm
Molly Brown from Hannibal, Missouri by Ken and Lisa Marks.

A Novel Bunch Book Club (Limit 16)
Wednesday, August 11 at 10 am

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

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS
Take & Make supplies at the library
Preschool Storytime
Every Thursday at 10:00 am

FAMILY PROGRAMS
Family BINGO Night (Limit 12 per hour)
Tuesday, August 31 from 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm & 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS
Virtual Buffalo Soldiers:
From Slave to Soldier
Thursday, August 19 at 6:00 pm
Presented in partnership with
Scenic Regional Library and
Missouri Humanities.

Virtual Show-Me State Parks & Historic Sites
3rd Friday each month at 1:00 pm

Virtual Kids Club (8/30: No Kids Club)
Every Monday at 4:00 pm (Facebook & YouTube)

Virtual Teen Programs
1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 4:00 pm

ST. CLAIR BRANCH
Call: 636-629-2546

Summer Reading Program
June 1 to Aug 14 - Don’t forget to sign up!

Register for all in-person programs!

ADULT PROGRAMS
Paint Your Pet (Limit 15)
Tuesday, August 3 at 6:00 pm

“Picture Missouri” Collage Unveiling
Tuesday, August 10 at 5:00 pm
Unveiling the Scenic-wide photo project depicting the beauty of MO.

Take-a-Ticket Technology Tutor
Wednesday, August 25 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sign up for a 30-min. appointment.

Time Capsule Writing Contest
Ask at the front desk for details.

BOOK CLUBS
Third Thursdays Book Club
Thursday, August 19 at 6:00 pm
Horse Heaven by Jane Smiley.

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

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS
Take & Make supplies at the library
Preschool Storytime
Every Thursday at 10:00 am

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS
Virtual Show-Me State Parks & Historic Sites
3rd Friday each month at 1:00 pm

Virtual Kids Club (8/30: No Kids Club)
Every Monday at 4:00 pm (Facebook & YouTube)

Virtual Teen Programs
1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 4:00 pm

SULLIVAN BRANCH
Call: 573-468-4372

Summer Reading Program
June 1 to Aug 14 - Don’t forget to sign up!

Register for all in-person programs!

ADULT PROGRAMS
Learn Sewing Machine Basics
(Limit 8 sewers)
Tuesday, August 3 at 6:00 pm
Learn how to use a sewing machine and sew a reusable snack pouch!
Ages 12+ (anyone under 16 must have an adult with them).

Bicentennial Photography Project
Ask at the front desk for details.

BOOK CLUBS
As The Page Turns Book Club (Limit 16)
Tuesday, August 17 at 6:00 pm
White Chrysanthemum by Mary Lynn Bracht.

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

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS
Take & Make supplies at the library
Preschool Storytime
Every Tuesday at 10:00 am

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS
Virtual Show-Me State Parks & Historic Sites
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ADULT PROGRAMS
Book Bingo at Night (Limit 16)
Thursday, August 5 at 6:00 pm
Meeting rooms B&C.
Handmade Bluebird Bookmark (Limit 16)
Thursday, August 26 at 6:00 pm
Bicentennial program.
Meeting rooms B&C.
Bicentennial Photography Project
Ask at the front desk for details.
Time Capsule Writing Contest
Ask at the front desk for details.

BOOK CLUBS
Hooked on Books (Limit 16)
Thursday, August 19 at 6:00 pm
The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas.
Visit here for all Book Clubs:
scenicregional.org/how-do-i/find-a-book-club/

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS
Take & Make supplies at the library
Preschool Storytime (Limit 16)
Every Wednesday at 10:00 am

COMPUTER CLASSES
Take-a-Ticket Technology Tutor
Thursday, August 26 from 10:00 am - 3:30 pm
Sign up for a 30-min. appointment.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS
Virtual Show-Me State Parks & Historic Sites
3rd Friday each month at 1:00 pm
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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.scenicregional.org/foundation](http://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

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
SCENIC REGIONAL LIBRARY
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022 Membership Year

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*Lifetime Membership

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP? (Select all which apply)

| Volunteer at the Fall Book Sale |  
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