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WHERE STORIES COME TO LIFE

Saturday, September 14 in Downtown Washington
www.missouribookfestival.com

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Missouri Book Festival Happening in September

The Missouri Book Festival is fast approaching and will take place on Saturday, September 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the festival grounds at Washington Public Library.

The family-friendly festival aims to spark passion for reading and inspire future generations of Missourians to become lifelong learners. It will feature authors, illustrators, cooking demonstrations, live music, book characters, and more.

Some examples of programming are: "Wonders of Wildlife Animal EdVenture" presented by Ashley Steed; character meet and greets, including Elephant and Piggy, Winnie the Pooh and Tigger, and Pete the Cat and Clifford; "Crepes with Kids"; Paige Hulse, author of *Let's Go Fishing*; "The Nutcracker and the 1904's World's Fair", presented by Ballet 314; "Sincerely Yours, Laura Ingalls Wilder," presented by Kathleen Boswell, and many more. Scenic Regional Library is a presenting sponsor of the festival. To learn more, visit missouribookfestival.com.



The Warrenton branch had a special guest join them for book club last week. Local author, Colleen Murphy discussed her daughter, Lauren and the book she wrote about her titled Murphys Don't Quit. The club read the book in July and we all very much enjoyed it.

Library Offers Teacher Assistance

Teachers! Have you heard about our Teacher Assistance program? Scenic Regional Library and Washington Public Library have partnered to offer a teacher's assistance service to educators in Franklin, Gasconade, and Warren counties. The service allows teachers to submit a request online for their classroom and have library materials delivered to their school. (Teachers can also pick up the materials at the branch nearest their school.)

Teachers can request up to 50 items at a time, including DVDs, CDs, books, and audiobooks. They can request specific titles or materials about a subject, such as "children's books about planets." Educators can also use the service to request materials to assist with lesson planning. The libraries ask that teachers provide at least two weeks to fill a request. The service is available to educators at preschools, daycares, and private and public schools.

You can find the teacher assistance request form at scenicregional.org/teacherform.

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Our Hermann Storytime patrons took simple pieces of cloth and turned them into superhero capes, magic carpets, and so much more!



Save a Story Grave Cleaning Club met at Liberty Baptist Church in Owensville and worked their way through a few rows of headstones.



The St. Clair branch repurposed old books and flowers into beautiful centerpieces!



"Wonderful Reptiles with Sam" was held at the Union branch. 50+ patrons learned about different reptiles and amphibians!

Friends of the Library Membership Changes



At July's meeting, the Scenic Regional Library Foundation Board made significant changes regarding Friends of the Library membership levels and fees. The past six memberships have been consolidated into four memberships. The new levels will be silver for \$25, Gold for \$50, Platinum for \$100, and Diamond (lifetime membership) for \$500.

Another change made at the meeting allows people to use up to \$10 in book sale vouchers toward any membership. If someone volunteers for two hours at the next book sale in November, they may use their \$10 in vouchers to reduce a \$25 membership to \$15. When submitting their Friends of the Library application, they must attach the two \$5 vouchers and the remaining amount of money.

In addition to these changes, the Foundation Board approved offering membership gifts for the Gold, Platinum, and Diamond membership levels. Those who purchase a \$50 membership will receive a Friends of the Library-branded 21 oz. insulated water bottle, while \$100 memberships will receive a branded 20-can cooler backpack.

The gift for the Diamond level membership is a \$150 voucher for a donor wall book, which is the starting price for the books. Those who receive the voucher can purchase a free \$150 donor wall book or apply the voucher toward a \$250 or \$350 donor wall book.

To purchase a Friends of the Library membership, visit scenicregional.org/foundation.

NEW FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

- Silver - \$25
- Gold - \$50
- Platinum - \$100
- Diamond* - \$500

*Lifetime Membership

MEMBERSHIP GIFTS



Gold:
21oz. metal water bottle



Platinum:
20-can cooler backpack



Diamond:
\$150 donor wall book

Projectors Available for Checkout



Need a professional projector for an upcoming presentation? The library has three projectors available for checkout: one Ricoh PJ WX3340 and two Ricoh PJ WX2240 models. Each projector comes with a power cord, HDMI cable, VGA cable, remote, and a laminated instruction sheet. To request a projector, individuals can contact their local branch or visit bit.ly/3WLAxOo.



Black Light Bingo Fundraiser for New Domestic Violence Safe House in Franklin County



Turning Point Advocacy Services will hold its second annual Black Light Bingo Bash on Saturday, August 24, at Immaculate Conception School's gym in Union. The event is a fundraiser for the new domestic violence safe house opening in Union for Franklin County. All proceeds will go toward the safe house's operating expenses.

The event will include a silent auction, a \$100 cash prize for each round of bingo, a 50/50 raffle, a cash bar, other bingo games with cash prizes, and music. All ages are welcome, but only people 16 or older can play. The tickets include six bingo cards per round, a dauber, and two glow-in-the-dark items. Tickets are \$30 in advance (\$240 for a table of 8) and can be purchased at www.blacklightticket.com. Contact Steve Campbell at 636-266-1621 for more information.

The new safe house is currently under construction and will have eighteen beds for women and their children. It will provide clients with counseling, court advocacy, and other transitional services to help break the cycle of abuse. The safe house will open in the spring of 2025. Turning Point is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that has operated a domestic violence safe house in Warren County since 1994.

BINGO
BLACK LIGHT BASH
Saturday, August 24, 7pm
Immaculate Conception School Gym
6 W. State Street
Union, MO
www.blacklightticket.com

ECC to Host Free Outdoor Music Festival

East Central College will host an evening of diverse live music at the free ECC Season Kickoff Music Festival on Friday, Aug. 23, from 5–9 p.m., outside in the college's Quad.

The ECC Music Festival will feature performances by the Funky Butt Brass Band, Woodshine, and the Pamwe Marimba Band. This event marks the beginning of the Music Department's 2024-25 season.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets. Coolers are not permitted. The festival is supported by ECC's Music Department and ECC Patrons of the Arts.

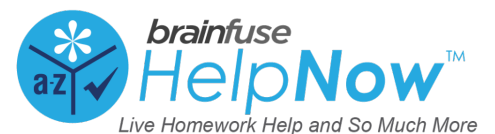
Proceeds will benefit the Metallica Scholars Initiative, which provides scholarships for students pursuing careers in advanced manufacturing. The college is seeking donations and sponsors for the benefit concert.

The Dive will serve food options, including hot dogs, wraps, chips, beverages, and more. There will also be opportunities to donate to the cause. For more information about ECC, the concert, the Music Department, and the Metallica Scholars Initiative, visit www.eastcentral.edu.



The Pacific branch had a great turnout for Book Bingo! Winners had the opportunity to go home with a book.

Brainfuse HelpNow Provides Online Tutoring



With school right around the corner, remember the library's free online tutoring platform, Brainfuse HelpNow. Brainfuse HelpNow has a user-friendly interface and offers many online learning assistance options, such as live tutoring, a writing lab, the ability to send a question and receive an answer within 24 hours, and much more! Live tutoring is available every day from 2 to 11 p.m.

To use or learn more about Brainfuse HelpNow, visit us online at bit.ly/3StrAqz, click "Brainfuse Help Now," and sign in with your library card!



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SCENIC SAYS!

School is almost back in session! What was your favorite school subject?

What was your favorite summer read this year?

What's the best library program you've attended?

Sarah
Marketing Specialist,
Administration



"In high school, English was always my favorite. In college, that translated into any writing class. My journalism and creative writing classes were always the highlights of my day."

"*One Big Happy Family* by Jamie Day. A classic type of mystery that had everything I love. A quirky cast of characters, an eccentric hotel in the middle of a hurricane, and murder!"

"I recently attended a Sourdough for Beginners class in St. Clair, I've been experimenting with sourdough since! My favorite thing to make so far is discard pancakes."

Genevieve
Adult Programmer,
Sullivan



"In high school, I always loved history! In college, it's accounting for me. I like how both are very straightforward and easy to grasp."

"*Wildfire* by Hannah Grace! It was such a fluffy summer-romance, and so so good. I can't resist a feel-good romance haha!"

"One of my favorite programs that I've attended was back when I was in grade school! The Sullivan library had a minute-to-win-it event, and my friends and I had a blast."

Amy
Library Assistant,
Union



"English (I became an English teacher!)"

"*The Ultimate Sashiko Sourcebook* by Susan Briscoe. Sashiko is a traditional Japanese hand-sewing technique."

"There have been so many I've enjoyed! Two that stand out are a chocolate program by Wanderlust Chocolate and a program on how to sew a cell phone stand. Melissa at the Union branch does a great job creating these events."

Sydney
Branch Manager,
Sullivan



"My favorite subject within core classes has been history and for electives definitely Choir."

"My favorite summer read has been *Camp Damascus* by Chuck Tingle."

"My favorite library program I have ever attended would be at St. Charles County Library, when author TJ Klune was there for a book signing."



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Grave Cleaning Clubs Run Through October

There is still time for those who would like to participate in the library's grave cleaning clubs in Franklin, Warren, and Gasconade County, which will continue to run through October. For the Franklin County Club, the Union branch will host a session on September 28 at the Union City Cemetery from 10 a.m. to noon. The grave cleaning club will no longer take place in New Haven.

Grave cleaning has grown in popularity over the past few years and has even become a social media trend. 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 utilizes an environmentally friendly biological chemical called D/2 and non-metal tools to clean gravestones in the gentlest manner possible to avoid damage. These methods have been tested and used by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the National Park Service. 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).

Visit scenicregional.org/gravecleaning to learn more about the grave cleaning clubs and view a full list of dates and times.

Last Month's Most Popular Titles

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens claimed the top spot for the most circulations last month. It was followed by *The Exchange: After The Firm* by John Grisham and *Verity* by Colleen Hoover, which tied for second. Four books tied for the third most circulations: *The Duke and I* and *The Viscount Who Loved Me* by Julia Quinn, *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah, and *The Secret* by Lee Child.



YOUNG ADULT/ADULT

Save a Story

GRAVE CLEANING CLUB
September 7, 10am-12pm
 Saint John/Stolpe UCC Cemetery, Hermann
October 5, 10am-12pm
 New Salem Cemetery, Owensville

Sponsored by:
 Theresa Black, Victorian Place of Hermann,
 Victorian Place of Owensville, St. Peters UCC

GRAVE CLEANING CLUB **PRESERVING the PAST**

Sponsored by: Goin' Postal, Continental Pump, Missouri Bank

YOUNG ADULT/ADULT **August 17, 10am-12pm**
 Kennedy Cemetery, Wright City
September 21, 10am-12pm
 Warrenton City Cemetery

YOUNG ADULT/ADULT

RESTORATION GUARDIANS

-GRAVE CLEANING CLUB-

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AUGUST 17, 10AM-12PM:
 SULLIVAN BUFFALO CEMETERY
SEPTEMBER 28, 10AM-12PM:
 UNION CITY CEMETERY

Sponsored by: Tim and Nettie Peterson,
 and Eaton Funeral Home

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.



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






SCENIC REGIONAL LIBRARY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025 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	
STATE		ZIP CODE	
PHONE NUMBER		EMAIL ADDRESS	
If this membership is a gift for someone else, please provide your information:			
FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	LAST NAME	
STREET ADDRESS		EMAIL ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
BRANCH AFFILIATION (Please select one)	LEVEL OF MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP GIFTS	
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 <input type="checkbox"/>	Silver - \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> Gold - \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Platinum - \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> Diamond* - \$500 <input type="checkbox"/> *Lifetime Membership Up to \$10 in book sale volunteer vouchers can be applied toward any level of membership dues.	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <u>Gold:</u> 21oz. metal water bottle </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <u>Platinum:</u> 20-can cooler backpack </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <u>Diamond:</u> \$150 donor wall book </div> </div>	
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP? (Select all which apply)		OFFICE USE ONLY	
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"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> New Application <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Date Received: <input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Amount Received:	

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 Dr., Union, MO 63084
Membership dues and contributions are tax deductible.