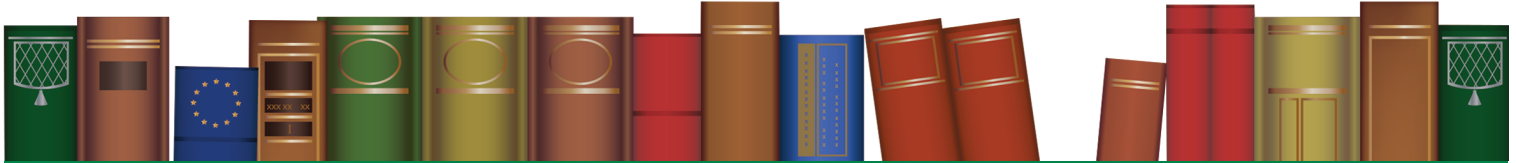




# THE Scenic Regional Library NEWSLETTER



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## Tonieboxes Added to Catalog

Scenic Regional Library has been awarded a grant from the [Missouri Library Association Access and Innovation Fund](#) for the purchase of 26 Tonieboxes, which are now circulating. A Toniebox is a durable audio player designed for small children to play stories and songs. Each Toniebox comes with a charger, an instructional insert, and six Tonie figures that contain the individual stories and songs. To use the Toniebox, simply turn it on and place one of the figures on top of the box.

In addition to the 26 Tonieboxes that have been added to the collection, the grant provided enough funds to purchase one additional Toniebox with two Tonie characters for a giveaway for those who participate in a survey about the Tonieboxes. A QR code to the survey will be included on the insert included with each box.

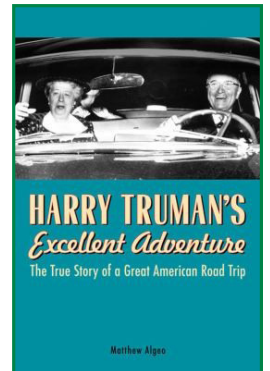
Tonieboxes may be checked out for two weeks, with one renewal. To place a hold on a Toniebox, call your local branch, or visit us at <https://bit.ly/48e4dqz>.



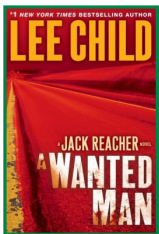
## Grant Awarded for Community Read Performance

Scenic Regional Library was awarded an LSTA Education Presenter Grant award in the amount of \$5000. The grants are awarded through the State Library. The grant will be used to host Clifton Truman Daniel, grandson of former President Harry S. Truman. Daniel will kick off the event's programming by performing the show "Give 'Em Hell Harry." The event will occur at the East Central College Theater on Friday, March 1, 2024.

The library and its partners, East Central College and Washington Public Library, have been hard at work planning for the 2024 Community Read. The goal of the Community Read is to have as many people reading and discussing the same book at the same time. "Harry Truman's Excellent Adventure: The True Story of a Great American Road Trip" by Matthew Algeo is the selected title. Over four weeks, the library and its partners will distribute over 1,300 free copies of the book and present many programs representing the book's themes, including Harry Truman, memoirs, cars, road trips, U.S. presidents, regional food, New York City, and Broadway.



## Last Month's Most Popular Authors and Most Popular Book



The five fiction authors whose books were checked out most often by Scenic Regional Library patrons last month are John Grisham, Elin Hilderbrand, James Patterson, Nicholas Sparks, and Colleen Hoover. The fiction book with the most circulation is A Wanted Man by Lee Child. There are Hold Groups for all six of these authors. Ask library staff to add your name to a Hold Group so that holds will automatically be placed for new books by these authors.

**Scenic Regional Library will be closed:**

**December 25, 26, and January 1, 2, in observance of  
Christmas and the New Year. Happy Holidays!**

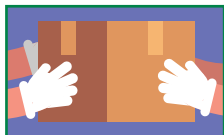




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## Library Seeks Book Sale Donations

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.



## Warners' Warm-Up Drive Successful

The library collected 279 coats from its Franklin County branches for the 2023 annual



Warners' Warm-Up Coat Drive. Former St. Louis Rams quarterback Kurt Warner and his wife Brenda launched the coat drive in 2001 as a one-day drive before a Rams game. It has evolved into a two-week St. Louis metropolitan area-wide effort with hundreds of drop-off locations on both sides of the river. The Warners' Warm-up Coat Drive collects over 15,000 coats each year.



*Need help with your mobile device? Bring your questions to Stacy during Personal Tech Support, held monthly at all branches.*

## Staff Spotlight: Shea Children's Programmer, Union



### How long have you worked for Scenic?

I have worked for Scenic for a little over a year now.

### Can you share a little bit about your background before you came to work at the library?

I have always enjoyed working with kiddos, so I've spent most of my working years in daycares or as a substitute teacher.

### What made you want to work in a library?

When I was little, I'd go to my public library and be completely awestruck by our librarian. She was the sweetest, kindest woman and was so

knowledgeable about her job. I realized that it would be the coolest thing ever to be able to surround myself with the one thing I loved the most and be able to help people like my librarian helped me.

### What is your favorite part of the job? Why?

My favorite part about my job is all of the kiddos that I get to read to. Doing Outreach, going to schools, and reading to the kids absolutely warms my heart. Seeing that spark of recognition in their eyes and their utter joy during our Storytimes makes me happy that I chose this path.

### What upcoming program are you most excited about and why?

I'm extra excited for my teen movie night! I think it will be a great way for the teens to enjoy winter break!

### What are you currently reading, or what are you reading next?

The next book I plan on reading is *The Invisible Hour* by Alice Hoffman.

### Any hobbies or interests outside the library?

I'm an avid reader, and I love to write. Any free time I can get that involves creating fantastical worlds, I take it. I also love spending time with my husband, daughter, and dog. We spend our days going to the park or coloring. Being with my family is one of my favorite pastimes.

### Is there anything else you would like people to know about you, your job, or your library branch?

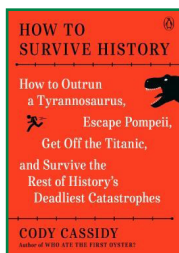
Something that I love about my job and my branch is my coworkers. Having such a warm and inviting group of people makes it easy to forget that I'm working and not just doing something that I love. This is a career path I've always wanted to take, and now that I've gotten the opportunity, I am so thankful that it's with the coolest group of people around!





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## Staff Picks



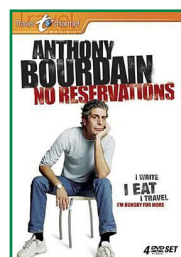
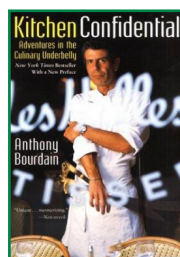
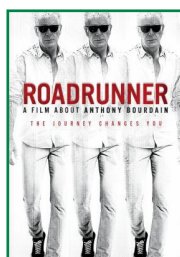
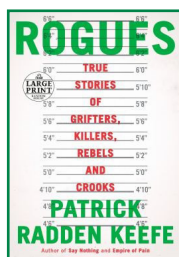
### "How to Survive History: How to Outrun a Tyrannosaurus, Escape Pompeii, Get Off the Titanic, and Survive the Rest of History's Deadliest Catastrophes" by Cody Cassidy

Who can resist that title? Cassidy uses an upbeat style to advise time travelers how to survive fifteen seemingly fatal situations. He was inspired to write after his curiosity was piqued by a study that reported a human could outrun a Tyrannosaurus rex. It is possible. If the human is in reasonably good physical shape and the Tyrannosaurus is too large to turn on a dime, the human could run in a zig-zag pattern to escape. The first chapter explains the science behind this amazing self-rescue.

Social evolution is fascinating and I enjoyed reading about the people who lived during "history's deadliest catastrophes." Approximately half of the people from Europe to China, including northern Africa, died from the Black Plague over a four-year period between 1348 and 1352. The time traveler's best chance to survive the fall of Constantinople in 1453 is by first heading for the city's library building! Two hundred sixty men on five ships set out with Magellan to circumnavigate the globe in 1519. One ship and eighteen men returned home. The Tri-State Tornado ripped through Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana in 1925. "The American Midwest hosts more than 75 percent of the world's tornadoes ..." Real people had real lives that were affected by these events.

*How to Survive History* is similar to a book of short stories with a common theme. Each of the fifteen chapters is self-contained, making it possible to read a chapter, put the book down, and pick it up a couple of weeks later without needing to remember what happened in the previous chapter. I thoroughly enjoyed it.

-Review by Diane, Administration



### "Rogues : True Stories of Grifters, Killers, Rebels, and Crooks" by Patrick Radden Keefe

#### Roadrunner a Film about Anthony Bourdain (DVD)

#### "Kitchen Confidential : Adventures in the Culinary Underbelly" by Anthony Bourdain

#### Anthony Bourdainw: No Reservations (DVD)

One day recently, I had babysitting duty at my daughter's house and forgot to take with me the book I was currently reading. I pulled a book (*Rogues: True Stories of Grifters, Killers, Rebels, and Crooks* by Patrick Radden Keefe) from my daughter's shelf and read the last chapter, which was about Chef Anthony Bourdain. The story of a rootless, hyperactive young college dropout developing a passion for food, yes, but also for the frantic energy of restaurant kitchens was fascinating.

I subsequently watched the film *Roadrunner a Film about Anthony Bourdain*. Conversations with Bourdain's family and friends, as well as with Bourdain himself, present a three-dimensional portrait of a person with talents and flaws, just like everyone else on the planet. And like so many people who attain public notoriety, he wasn't comfortable with it.

In addition to being a genius for keeping a kitchen stocked and presenting meals to diners efficiently, Bourdain discovered he wrote with an engaging style that pulled in readers. In 2000, he wrote the book *Kitchen Confidential: Adventures in the Culinary Underbelly*, which took both the publishing world and the restaurant world by storm. He tells tales about restaurants run by mob bosses and kitchens run by autocrats. Bourdain lived by the rule, "If you aren't fifteen minutes early, you are late," and held his staff and purveyors to that high standard.

When working at Les Halles restaurant in New York City, he was sent to Tokyo to advise the affiliate restaurant in that city and discovered an ardor for travel and eating food in its native environment. Writing and travel propelled him in the new direction of culinary travel documentaries. Being away from home for 200 days every year was exhausting, even for a man who rarely slept, but he hosted four TV series for which he wrote the narration in his own honest style. I am currently enjoying the first season of *Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations*.

-Review by Diane, Administration

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*This young patron in Warrenton was **EXTREMELY** excited to get her very own library card!*



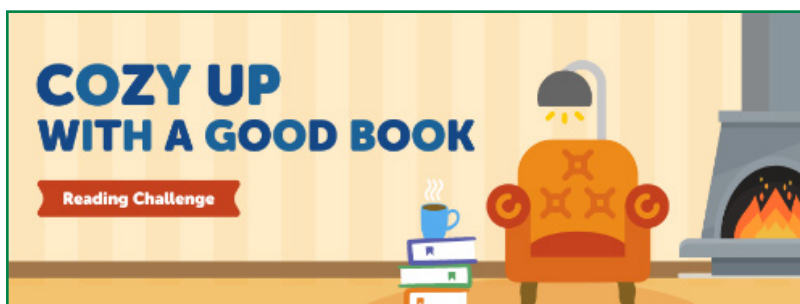
*Pokemon Bingo was a big hit with our young patrons at the St. Clair branch.*



*Families had the opportunity to visit with Santa at all the branches just in time for Christmas.*

## Winter Reading BINGO Begins December 18

Scenic Regional Library's Winter Reading BINGO Program will return this year on December



18, lasting through January 31. All ages are encouraged to participate. To participate in the program, pick up a BINGO card at your local branch or register online. After completing a BINGO on your BINGO card diagonally, vertically, or horizontally, bring your completed card to the library and get a free book for every BINGO, up to a maximum of 5 books.

Examples of BINGO space challenges include reading a book from your to be read pile, using the Libby or Hoopla apps, reading a book set in Missouri, using the self-check machine, attending a library program, and much more. The Winter Reading Program ends on January 31, so be sure to turn in your BINGO card on or before the deadline. Patrons can also log their reading on Beanstack, an online reading tracking system. Contact your local branch or visit us online at [scenicregional.org/winterbingo](http://scenicregional.org/winterbingo) for more information

## Groups Can Schedule Collection Drives at the Library

Scenic Regional Library welcomes the opportunity to partner with organizations on collection drives in our communities. Past examples of drives held at the library include canned food and blankets for the Turning Point Domestic Violence Shelter, new or gently used coats for Warners' Warm-Up, essential hygiene products for Touch of Hope, and used sports equipment for Franklin County Youth Sports.

All collection drives must be approved by the Library Administration and should be scheduled six weeks in advance to allow information to be placed in the library newsletter. Systemwide drives will be given preference over drives limited to one branch. A collection drive should begin on the first day of the month and end on the last day of the month. Only one collection drive can occur at a branch at a time. The organization must provide the collection box with appropriate signage. Signage should be attached to the collection box and not the walls of the branch.

An organization can arrange to have a drive at the library more than once in a calendar year. For more information, visit us at [scenicregional.org/communitycollectiondrives](http://scenicregional.org/communitycollectiondrives).





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## Library Creates Hold Groups for Thirty Additional Authors

In October 2022, the library created Hold Groups for 25 authors. A Hold Group is a group that patrons can ask to be added to so that a hold will automatically be placed for them when the author publishes a new book.

In the first year, 479 patrons joined one or more Hold Groups. The library has expanded the list of 25 authors to 55 and added two formats. Patrons can now join audiobook and large print Hold Groups for the 55 authors as well as the regular print Hold Groups.

Holds will be filled in a different random order for each title published. You may remove yourself from a group at any time. To be added to one or more Holds Groups, contact your local branch.



## Fall Book Sale a Big Success

The library's Fall Book Sale was a big success. The much-anticipated event generated \$15,787 at the library's nine locations. Those who shopped the sale had their choice of books, audiobooks, CDs, and DVDs. The Friends of the Library groups managed the book sale in all nine library locations. The library has an agreement under which the Friends' groups receive their branch's book sale proceeds if they manage the event, including setting up, recruiting and scheduling volunteers, and cleaning up. The next book sale will be in the spring.



## Contact your local branch to be added to the Hold Group for one or more of these authors:

Andrews, Mary Kay  
 Armentrout, Jennifer  
 Austin, Lynn  
 Backman, Fredrick  
 Baldacci, David  
 Box, CJ  
 Brown, Sandra  
 Carr, Jack  
 Carr, Robyn  
 Child, Lee  
 Coben, Harlan  
 Connelly, Michael  
 Crais, Robert  
 Evanovich, Janet  
 Foley, Lucy  
 Gardener, Lisa  
 Gaynor, Hazel  
 Grisham, John  
 Haig, Matt

Hannah, Kristin  
 Henry, Emily  
 Hilderbrand, Elin  
 Hoover, Colleen  
 Jance, JA  
 Jewel, Lisa  
 King, Stephen  
 Kingsbury, Karen  
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 Krueger, William Kent  
 Kubica, Mary  
 Lauren, Christina  
 Maas, Sarah J.  
 Macomber, Debbie  
 Mallery, Susan  
 Michaelides, Alex  
 Moriarty, Lian  
 Morris, Heather  
 Moyes, Jojo

Patterson, James  
 Peterson, Tracie  
 Picoult, Jodi  
 Quinn, Julia  
 Reid, Taylor  
 Robb, JD  
 Roberts, Nora  
 Sandford, John  
 Scottoline, Lisa  
 Serle, Rebecca  
 Slaughter, Karin  
 Sparks, Nicholas  
 Stell, Danielle  
 Sullivan, Mark T.  
 Trout, Nick  
 Turton, Stuart  
 Ware, Ruth  
 Woods, Stuart



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

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

FIRST NAME		DATE	
MIDDLE INITIAL	LAST NAME		
STREET ADDRESS			
CITY			
STATE	ZIP CODE		
PHONE NUMBER			
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NAME OF INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY, BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION TO APPEAR ON BOOK			
BRANCH (Please select one)		SIZE OF BOOK	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermann Branch		<input type="checkbox"/> 8" X 1-1/2" - \$150	
<input type="checkbox"/> New Haven Branch		<input type="checkbox"/> 10" X 2" - \$250	
<input type="checkbox"/> Owensville Branch		<input type="checkbox"/> 9" X 3" - \$350	
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<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			
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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