St. Clair Branch Community Garden to Open in March

The St. Clair branch’s Community Garden is set to officially open on March 21. The garden, which is located behind the branch, features fourteen 4’ by 8’ raised beds for vegetables and eight smaller beds for flowers and herbs. Individuals, organizations, and classrooms can “check out” a raised bed with a library card for a growing season.

In the spring of 2016, the St. Clair Farmer’s Market expressed interest in the creation of a community garden. The library was in search of ideas for creating unique public spaces at their new facilities and thought that the community garden was a great fit for the branch.

In the summer of 2016, the First Baptist Church and United Methodist Church in St. Clair each donated a small tract of land (one-tenth of an acre) to the library for the purpose of constructing a community garden. The new St. Clair branch, which was renovated and expanded, opened in August 2018.

In 2019, the St. Clair branch Friends of the Library agreed to take on the project. Paula Dace, a member of the St. Clair branch Friends of the Library’s governing committee and a Master Gardener, directed construction of the garden and provided many hours of volunteer labor. Local landscaper Cozy Bailey, who owns Cozy by Nature, and her mother, Master Gardener Carolyn Cikovic, also volunteered their time to help create the garden. Bill Snow, the library’s Facilities Manager, constructed the beds, installed the fencing, and is in the process of building a pergola and bench in the garden. In addition to paying for the lumber, the Friends group covered the cost of the mulch, liners, topsoil, and a motion-activated spotlight.

People interested in “checking out” a raised bed in 2020 must attend an informational meeting at the St. Clair branch on Saturday, February 22, at 2:00 PM.

There will be a dedication event on Saturday, March 21, from 10:00 to 10:30 AM. The public is welcome to attend. Speakers at the event will include St. Clair Mayor Ron Blum and Sharon Mackay, president of the St. Clair Branch Friends of the Library.
Library Now Offers 3,500 Digital Magazine Titles

The library has offered digital magazines (e-magazines) for about five years. During that time, it has offered between 85 and 100 popular titles through the subscription. However, beginning January 1, RB Digital began including every title they offer for a flat fee which is less than the library’s previous subscription. As a result, patrons can access all 3,500 Zinio digital e-magazines (domestic and foreign titles).

The e-magazines are full-color digital versions of the same exact content people would find in the print magazines in the store, and they’re released at the same time as the print issue. Once a patron downloads an issue, they can keep it forever. Patrons can access the e-magazines using a desktop on the library’s website, or with the free RB Digital app.

This is a list of just a few of the 3,500 magazines available through the library’s RB Digital subscription:

- Newsweek
- Outdoor Life
- Hot Rod
- Kiplinger’s Personal Finance
- Family Handyman
- Rolling Stone
- Runner’s World
- Outdoor Photographer
- Star Magazine
- US Weekly
- Popular Science
- Cosmopolitan
- Popular Woodworking
- National Enquirer
- National Geographic Kids
- Women’s Health
- Poets & Writers Magazine
- Guns & Ammo

Staff Spotlight: Alesia
Children’s Programmer, St. Clair

How long have you worked for Scenic? Five years this month.
Have you held any other positions at Scenic? If yes, what were those, and how long did you work at that position? I started out as a circulation clerk for 3 ½ years before accepting the children’s programming position.

What made you want to work in a library? I have always felt that the wealth of knowledge and entertainment that a library stores is marvelous, so working in that environment was a no-brainer for me.

What is your favorite part of the job? Storytime.

What do you wish more people knew about the library? That almost all of our services are free.

What upcoming program (February) at your branch are you excited about and why? On Leap Day we are going to have various robotics available to try. We’ll have Ozobots, Cubelets, and more.

What are you currently reading or what are you reading next? Since Opening Day is right around the corner, I think my next book is going to be 100 Things Cardinals Fans Should Know & Do Before They Die.

What is your favorite book? This might be cheating since it’s a series... I read the Harry Potter series to my step-kids at bedtime over the course of about 15 months. I experienced the books for the first time with my kids and it was probably the first real bond we developed, so HP will forever be very special to me.

Is there anything else you would like people to know about you, your job, or your library branch? I love working at the library so much that I wrote a cheesy song about how awesome the library is.
Central Elementary Classes Visit Union Branch

In January, students from Central Elementary School in Union visited the new branch for the first time. Thirty-five classes (over 700 students) from kindergarten to third grade planned to visit the branch on January 14, 16, 23, and 30. Due to a snow day on January 23, 1st grade will visit in March.

The visits included a thirty-minute tour of the branch, followed by thirty minutes in the library’s mobile STEM lab, which was set up in the branch’s public meeting rooms. The STEM lab contains a wide variety of robotics, as well as a recently-added augmented reality feature. Most of the STEM lab equipment was purchased in 2018 through a grant awarded by the Missouri State Library.

The visits were coordinated by Central Elementary Principal Leslie Lause and the library’s Youth Services Librarian Christy Schink. The school district provided transportation from the school to the library.

Sullivan Branch Nominated for Chamber Awards

Sullivan branch manager Kecia Philpot was nominated for the Sullivan Chamber of Commerce’s Woman of the Year Award for 2019. She was also nominated for the Woman of the Year Award in 2018 and Public Service Award in 2017.

The Sullivan branch was nominated for their Chamber’s Public Service Award. The branch was also nominated for the award in 2018.

The banquet at which they announce the winners will be held on Saturday, February 15.

The Sullivan branch staff (pictured left to right): Jerianne Kelts, Cynthia Sullivan, Doug Wilson, Elizabeth Byrd, Melissa Nave, Corrine Johnson, Sheryl Puryear, and Branch Manager Kecia Philpot.
Wright City Branch Friends of the Library Group Forms

The Wright City Branch Friends of the Library group formed officially at a meeting on January 7. While there have been Friends of the Library members in the community since the new branch opened in May 2019, the group had not previously formed a governing committee and elected officers. All nine of the library’s branches now have an active Friends of the Library Committee.

The Friends of the Library Committees organize annual membership drives, operate the branch’s book sales, hold fundraising events, and decide how to donate their funds to their local branch.

Michael Baryo was elected president; Destiny Winfrey, secretary; and Debbie Lotspeich, treasurer. The Committee is still seeking more members-at-large to volunteer.

Currently, the Wright City Branch’s Friends’ group has $2,200 in their account and 15 dues-paying members.

The next Friends of the Library meeting will be held at the branch on Tuesday, March 3, at 5:30 PM. All Friends members are welcome to attend the meeting and discuss the new group’s upcoming plans. Library supporters can join the Wright City Branch Friends of the Library group for as little as $10 a month. All funds raised by a Friends group are designated solely for their local branch.

A Friends of the Library membership application can be obtained at the service desk of any library branch, on the last page of the library’s monthly e-newsletter, or completed online by visiting www.scenicregionalfoundation.org.

Union Branch Assistant Manager Nominated for Chamber Award

Macee Jarvis, the Union branch assistant manager, has been nominated for the Union Area Chamber of Commerce’s Outstanding Young Person Award. The award ceremony will be on February 1.

Ms. Jarvis has worked at the library since August 2012 and has been the Union branch assistant manager since December 2017. She graduated with a degree in education from Central Methodist University in 2019.
Our Hogwarts students at the St. Clair branch had some burning questions to ask Professor Trelawney at our Return to Hogwarts this year, but she had her tea leaves ready with their answers!

Scenic Regional Library had a booth at Family Fun Night hosted by the Sullivan Primary School.

The Union Area Chamber of Commerce met in one of our meeting rooms on January 21, 2020. Schedule your next meeting with us!

The East Central Area Literacy Council in partnership with East Central College is seeking volunteers to become tutors in Adult Education and Literacy classrooms. Tutors may help students improve basic education and/or improve English skills.

The training dates are set for:

February 25th and 27th in Union
We need volunteers in all of our classes.
Call 636-584-6915 to register

Please call 636-584-6915 or email volunteer@ecalliteracy.org for more details and registration.
**Staff Picks**

**“Seinfeldia: How a Show About Nothing Changed Everything,” by Jennifer Keishin Armstrong**

Armstrong teaches the reader how a T.V. sitcom is made start to finish, and everything in between. Have you ever repeated the lines “No Soup for You,” “Festivus for the rest of us,” or “Serenity now?” If so reading this book is a must. There are so many interesting facts and trivia woven into the story including how comedians Larry David and Jerry Seinfeld dreamt up their show about a group of friends living their lives in New York City. I have always loved the show and when I really love something I like to learn the thought and story behind the scenes. You will learn about how many of the episodes were based on real events, the planning behind each episode, the rewriting over and over to get it just right, and the tons of thought that went into every episode. I especially loved the chapter about “Festivus.” Armstrong’s writing style is an easy, fun, quick read.

-Review by Melissa, Union branch

**“Kingdom of the Blind,” by Louise Penny**

Frankly, I love Chief Inspector Armand Gamache and I’ve talked to other readers who feel the same. He is the main character in Louise Penny’s series of mysteries set in Quebec. Kingdom of the Blind is the first book Penny has written since the death of her husband who was the real-life model for Gamache. After his death, she thought that she would never write again. But slowly, Kingdom of the Blind came to life on her computer and was published in 2018.

Gamache responds to a mysterious invitation to a deserted farmhouse. He arrives during a snowstorm and learns that he and two others were named executors of the will of an eccentric cleaning woman.

Books in the Inspector Gamache series usually have two cases running concurrently to imitate life, where there is never only one thing happening at a time. The second story in Kingdom of the Blind takes place on the streets of Montreal where a new, deadly, illicit drug is about to make an appearance.

The reader follows Gamache as he and his team work out the white-collar crime behind one case and the backstreet dealing behind the other. Always in the background, and sometimes on the page, are the residents of the small village of Three Pines where there are warm fires, good food, and non-judgmental friendships. Armand and Reine-Marie, his wife, live there. If winters in Three Pines weren’t so brutal, I’d like to live there, too.

-Review by Diane, Union branch

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Thank you Mr. Baryo for coming to the Wright City branch to teach our patrons the basics of Chess.

Hermann had a great group of teens come make snow cone sugar scrub!

Owensville outreach included a visit with these awesome 3rd Graders at Owensville Elementary School!
**HERMANN BRANCH**  
Call: 573-486-2024

Please register for adult programs.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

- **Natural Dyeing Class (Limit 12)**  
  Saturday, February 15 from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm  
  Held at City Hall’s Community Center. Funded by the Hermann Arts Council.

- **Wheel of Riches**  
  Tuesday, February 25 at 1:30 pm  
  Spin the wheel, pick a letter and solve it if you can. Prizes!

**KID & TEEN PROGRAMS**

- **Storytime**  
  Every Thursday at 10:00 am

- **S.T.E.A.M. Time Storytime:** Science-Technology-Engineering-Art-Math!  
  Tuesday, February 4 at 10:00 am

- **Mommy and Me Manicures**  
  Tuesday, February 4 at 3:30 pm  
  Bring your favorite grown up for manicures and fun!

- **Family Movie Night at the Hermann Show Boat Theater**  
  Friday, February 7, 7:00 pm  
  “Toy Story 4”  
  Saturday, February 8, 7:00 pm  
  “Isn’t It Romantic”

- **Paper Quilling**  
  Tuesday, February 11 at 3:30 pm  
  Make some unique valentines!

- **Love Aliens**  
  Saturday, February 15 at 10:00 am  
  Build an alien, give it a heart, and share it with a friend! RSVP required.

- **Homeschool Starts Here**  
  Friday, February 28 at 10:00 am  
  Homeschool families meet here to share ideas and learn together. February: catapults.

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**NEW HAVEN BRANCH**  
Call: 573-237-2189

Please register for adult programs.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

- **Black History in New Haven**  
  Thursday, February 6 at 6:00 pm  
  Reflections on the black history of New Haven as told by David Smith, long-time resident. Join us for a discussion of memories.

- **Eating for Heart Health**  
  Thursday, February 20 at 6:00 pm  
  Join Kara Bell who will explain how a plant-based diet can improve your heart health and your life.

- **Book Club**  
  Wednesday, February 26 at 5:00 pm  
  Join us for a discussion of City of Thieves by David Benioff.

**KID & TEEN PROGRAMS**

- **Pre-School Storytime**  
  Every Tuesday at 10:00 am  
  Saturday, February 8 at 10:30 am  
  Spend time playing with mini-robots, developing codes and watch them in action.

- **Kids Club - Paint Like Van Gogh**  
  Saturday, February 15 at 1:00 pm  
  Learn how to paint like Van Gogh using forks. Create and take home your very own original art in the style of Van Gogh. Please RSVP. For ages Kdg-5th grades. Limit 10.

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**OWENSVILLE BRANCH**  
Call: 573-437-2188

Please register for adult programs.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

- **Seed Saver’s Basics**  
  Tuesday, February 4 at 6:00 pm  
  Introduction to seed saving wand the new seed library.

- **Tea Time Travelers’ Book Club**  
  Tuesday, February 18 at 6:30 pm  
  We will discuss Ox-Bow Incident by Walter Van Tilburg Clark.

- **Unplugged**  
  Thursday, February 20 from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
  Family and friends game night.

- **Wren House Painting**  
  Thursday, February 27 at 6:00 pm  
  Create your own design on a wren house for your yard.

**KID & TEEN PROGRAMS**

- **Lil’ OWLs Storytime**  
  Every Wednesday at 10:00 am

- **Read, Build, & Play (Grades K-5th)**  
  Saturday, February 8 at 10:30 am  
  Spend time playing with mini-robots, developing codes and watch them in action.
February 2020 Upcoming Events

**PACIFIC BRANCH**
**Call: 636-257-2712**

Please register for adult programs.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Mahjong and More!**

Every Monday at 10:00 am

**Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate!**

Thursday, February 6 at 6:00 pm

An evening of chocolate deliciousness with Barb Dougherty.

**Book Club: The First Chapter**

Tuesday, February 11 at 6:00 pm

Sold On A Monday by Kristina McMorris.

**Book Club: The Next Chapter: NEW!**

Wednesday, February 12 at 10:00 am

Someone Knows by Lisa Scottoline.

**Melissa Potter**

Thursday, February 13 at 6:00 pm

A evening of Big Band music.

**Shrinky Dink Earrings**

Thursday, February 27 at 6:00 pm

Limit 20.

**KID & TEEN PROGRAMS**

**Storytime (Toddlers-Kindergarten)**

Thursdays at 10:00 am

February 13: Valentine Party

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**ST. CLAIR BRANCH**
**Call: 636-629-2546**

Please register for adult programs.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Book Bingo**

Monday, February 10 at 11:00 am

Join us for a fun-filled morning of bingo. All winners will receive book prizes.

**DIY: Candle Making**

Tuesday, February 11 at 6:00 pm

Join us as we learn how to make scented candles using wax and essential oils. Limit 25.

**Top Reads Book Club**

Thursday, February 20 at 6:00 pm

We will be discussing and reading After Anna by Lisa Scottoline.

**Between the Covers Book Club**

Thursday, February 27 at 2:00 pm

We will be discussing After Anna by Lisa Scottoline.

**KID & TEEN PROGRAMS**

**Storytime (preschool-age children)**

Every Tuesday at 10:00 am

**Kid’s Club: Cupcake Wars**

Monday, February 10 at 4:00 pm

**Teen Event: Chihuly Art Craft**

Monday, February 24 at 5:00 pm

**Homeschool Event: Chihuly Art Craft**

Thursday, February 27 at 10:00 am

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**SULLIVAN BRANCH**
**Call: 573-468-4372**

Please register for adult programs.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**As the Page Turns Book Club**

Thursday, February 6 at 6:00 pm

His Bloody Project by Graeme McRae Burnet.

**Random Fandom Night: Outlander Night**

Thursday, February 13 at 6:00 pm

Create your very own “Craigh Na Dun” to celebrate the premier of the 5th season!

**Invest Like a Woman**

Tuesday, February 18 at 6:00 pm

Mary Ann Tayloe will be here to discuss the importance of women handling their own financial planning.

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**KID & TEEN PROGRAMS**

**Storytime (Toddlers-Kindergarten)**

Thursdays at 10:00 am

**Read, Build, & Play**

1st Saturday each month at 11:00 am

February 1: Legos/Duplos

February 5: Valentine’s Day Craft

February 19: Ozobots

**Homeschool**

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 11:00 am

February 5: Valentine’s Day Craft

February 19: Ozobots

**Preschool Storytime**

Every Thursday at 11:00 am

**Robotics Playland**

Saturday, February 29 at 1:00 pm

Create, code, and collaborate with others as you try your hand at a variety of robotics.

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During Read, Build, and Play children experimented with sensory activities in Owensville.

Thanks to all who participated in “Kindness is Cool” at the Union branch of Scenic Regional Library! The handmade scarves and hats are now available to anyone in need during the cold weather this winter.

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**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**African-American Contributions in Eastern Missouri**
Thursday, February 6 at 6:00 pm
Presentation of 250 years of regional African-American history.

**Paper Quilling for Beginners 2**
Thursday, February 13 at 6:00 pm

**Hooked on Books Book Club**
Thursday, February 20, at 6:00 pm
White Chrysanthemum by Mary Lynn Bracht.

**Book BINGO**
Thursday, February 27 at 11:00 am

Please register for computer programs.

**COMPUTER PROGRAMS**

**MS PowerPoint 2019 - A Tour** (18+ yrs.)
Thursday, February 13 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am

**MS Excel 2019 - Customizing Columns, Rows, and Cells** (18+ yrs.)
Wednesday, February 19 from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**Movies, Music, and More, Oh My!** (18+ yrs.)
Tuesday, February 25 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am
An overview of available digital services.

Please register for adult programs.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Chicks with Sticks (Crochet/Knitting)**
Tuesdays at 1:00 pm

**Mat Pilates**
Wednesdays at 5:00 pm

**The Block Manager: A True Story of Love**
Tuesday, February 4 at 6:00 pm
A Japanese American woman's life & love in the U.S. internment camps.

**Chick Flick & Chocolate Bar** (Limit 60)
Tuesday, February 11 at 5:30 pm

**Chick Flick Trivia Night** (Limit 70)
Tuesday, February 18 at 6:00 pm

**Hospice 101**
Thursday, February 20 at 6:00 pm
The history, stages, needs, & benefits of hospice.

**Murder at the Mardi Gras Masquerade** (Limit 75)
Tuesday, February 25 at 6:00 pm
Solve the murder of a New Orleans debutante!

**A Novel Bunch Book Club**
Wednesday, February 26 at 2:00 pm
The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion.

**Reese's Reads Book Club**
Evening book club coming in March!

Please register for adult programs.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Adult Book Bingo**
Thursday, February 6 at 1:00 pm
Win free books while playing bingo!

**Adult Book Club**
Monday, February 10 at 6:00 pm
Discussing For One More Day by Mitch Albom.

**Origami Book Art**
Saturday, February 22 at 12:00 pm
Create a folded book hedgehog.

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**KID & TEEN PROGRAMS**

**Preschool Storytime**
Wednesday and Saturday at 10:00 am

**Dungeons and Dragons** (All ages)
First and Third Tuesday from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Children under 10 must be with adult.

**Lincoln’s B-day Party** (Please RSVP)
Tuesday, February 4 at 6:00 pm
Activities will be based on Lincoln's life.

**Kids Craft Time** (Please RSVP)
Tuesday, February 25 at 4:00 pm

**Reading to Rover: Therapy Dog**
Thursday, February 27 at 5:00 pm

**Sensory Storytime**
Saturday, February 15 at 3:00 pm
Join us for songs, stories, and sensory play. Designed for those on the spectrum or with sensory needs. Limited to 10 children. Registration required.

**Life-Size Candy Land**
Thursday, February 20 at 6:30 pm
Take a walk through a life size Candy Land! Stay for some sweet treats after you play the game!

Thank you John Nagle JTN Aerial Photography for the Drone Safety event held in Sullivan.

St. Clair hosted an escape room where our participants had to escape the Room of Requirement from the Harry Potter series. Thank goodness everyone escaped!
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

Mail this form (or drop it off at your local branch) with your personal check or money order to:

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251 Union Plaza Dr.
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Friends of the New Haven Branch □ Silver – $25 □
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Friends of the Pacific Branch □ Gold – $100 □
Friends of the St. Clair Branch □ Platinum – $250 □
Friends of the Sullivan Branch □ Diamond* – $500 □
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Friends of the Warrenton Branch □
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