Scenic Regional Library is excited to announce its partnership with Washington Public Library and East Central College in launching an annual Community Read event, beginning this March. The goal of the Community Read is to build a bond within our communities and encourage discussion by having as many people as possible read the same book at the same time.

The book chosen to kick off our first annual Community Read is *Frankenstein*, by Mary Shelley. The classic novel was published in 1818 and tells the story of Victor Frankenstein, a young scientist who conducts an unorthodox experiment and creates life in the form of a sentient being. Unfortunately, the specimen is deemed a monster and rejected by Frankenstein and society.

Beginning March 12, patrons can walk into any Scenic Regional Library branch or the Washington Public Library and pick up a free paperback copy of *Frankenstein* to keep. Each branch will receive 60 to 85 copies; the Washington Public Library will receive 125 copies. The books will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis while supplies last. E-book and e-audiobook copies will also be available for check-out through the library’s digital services.

To involve all ages in the Community Read, two additional books have been chosen to allow children and teens to partake in the festivities. 15 copies of *Mary Who Wrote Frankenstein*, by Linda Bailey, and 18 copies of *Gris Grimly’s Frankenstein*, a graphic novel, will be added to the library’s collection available for check-out.

The Community Read will begin with a kick-off event Saturday, March 12, at each branch location. Beginning Saturday, March 21, and continuing through the following six weeks, the library and its partners will present 104 free programs and book discussions throughout the three-county area (Gasconade, Franklin, and Warren). The programming will culminate with “Meet Mary Shelley”, a performance by living history storyteller, Susan Marie Frontczak, at the John Edson Anglin Performing Arts Center at East Central College on Saturday, April 30.

351 copies of *Frankenstein* will be distributed to 10 area high schools that have chosen to participate in the Community Read by incorporating the novel into their curriculum. The participating schools are St. Francis Borgia Regional High School, Hermann High School, Owensville High School, Pacific High School, St. Clair High School, Union High School, Warrenton High School, Washington Middle School, Washington High School, and Wright City High School. East Central College Library will also have 120 copies to distribute to their students.

In addition, the library is donating 90 copies of *Mary Who Wrote Frankenstein*, by Bailey and 120 *Gris Grimly’s Frankenstein* to 20 area elementary and middle schools.

For more information regarding the Community Read, visit [thiscommunityreads.org](http://thiscommunityreads.org).
St. Clair to Host Harry Potter-Themed Mini-Golf

The St. Clair branch will host “Harry Putter,” a Harry Potter-themed indoor mini-golf event for all ages, Saturday, February 26, 12-4 pm. Become immersed in the wizarding world, with seven magically-themed holes and interactive characters. Tee time reservations can be made for groups of up to 4 people. However, larger groups can sign up for consecutive times or call the branch.

Costumes are encouraged for this fun, family-friendly event! To register, call 636-629-2546, stop by the branch, or register online at scenicregional.org.

Library Offers Chilton Library

In the past, Chilton Auto Manuals were an excellent reference source for owners to understand their vehicle better – and they still are! However, now, instead of the heavy, bulky manual about one specific make and model of vehicle, you can have all the information you need regarding any automobile at your fingertips by using Chilton Library!

Chilton Library (available 24/7) provides everything you can find in a Chilton manual, including repair, maintenance, and service information for thousands of car, truck, van, and SUV makes and models. In addition, you can also find step-by-step repair procedures, troubleshooting guides, diagnostic trouble codes, photographs, illustrations, wiring diagrams, and videos and animations to simplify even the most complicated tasks.

To access Chilton Library, visit https://scenicregional.org/databases/#diy, click on “Chilton Library”, and log in with your library card number.

Library Offers Books-by-Mail

Do you or someone you know want to utilize library materials, but can’t leave the house? Check out our Books-by-Mail program! Books-by-Mail is a free program offered by Scenic Regional Library that provides books to homebound individuals or those unable to visit the library in person. Qualifying individuals can sign up to receive five items at a time by mail. Requestable items include books, audiobooks on CD, music on CD, and DVDs.

To register for the service, print and fill out the Books-by-Mail Application Packet available on the library’s website, or call Books-by-Mail at 636-583-0652, ext. 114, to request the forms by mail. Please leave an after-hours request on the voicemail.

Once registered, you may request materials by title, subject, author, or type of material. The Books-by-Mail Readers Advisor will select the requested materials, or suggest titles based on your expressed interest, such as mysteries, romance, westerns, etc., and then mail the items directly to your home.

For more information, visit scenicregional.org/request-materials/booksbymail. Qualifying residents must live within the library’s three-county service area.

Sara Springer, RN/MSN and co-founder of Love Will Foundation, presented “Words Hurt and their Impact” to a group of teens at the Wright City branch Thursday, January 13, as part of a week-long “Bullying Prevention” series.
What made you want to work in a library? As a retired educator, working in a building full of books seemed to be a natural transition.

Can you share a little about your career in education? I began college with the plan to be a music teacher, but pausing to marry and have children made that difficult to complete, so I switched to Elementary Education. My first year of teaching was at St. Patrick’s Catholic School in Rolla. I loved the atmosphere but took a position in my home district the next year. I went back and forth between first and second grade for most of my career, although I did teach two years of reading in the eighth grade.

I retired in 2018. Education is a passion and I continue to be a lifelong learner, primarily because my family valued learning. I was born asking why and what things are for and how they worked, to the point of annoying my poor mother. Mom and Dad were only able to finish eighth grade, due to the Great Depression, but I watched them extend their education throughout their lives. I am forever thankful for the framework they laid for me.

How has that experience shaped your work at the library? Upon my retirement from education, the opening at the library seemed like as perfect of a fit as could be found in Owensville. The importance of learning, even when it comes through the enjoyment of reading a novel, was deeply rooted in my soul. My mother was an insatiable reader and used the library all her life and made it a point to take her children to this magical place. I knew how smart she was and realized it wasn’t all from her formal education... That lady educated herself at the local library.

That was my launching pad into appreciating the library. Now I want to help people find that “just right” book that may inspire them to learn or explore topics that are dear to their heart, or simply to entertain. The library is a hub of resources. Hopefully these experiences have made me into a good librarian.

What upcoming program are you most excited about and why? Not a program per se, but I am very excited about the mobile kitchen and sewing lab. These two new components to the library are going to offer programs in areas that I feel are wanted.

Any hobbies or interests outside the library? Travel, gardening, canning and preserving food, playing the piano, sewing, needlework, making comforters out of old denim, and making jewelry. My favorite would depend upon the time of year, for it changes with the seasons. Right now I’m tangled up in thread, or needlework. I’m getting the itch to plant some seeds and go somewhere! 45 states and 14 foreign countries under my belt!

What are you currently reading or what are you reading next? How about one I just finished? Cutting For Stone, by Abraham Verghese. Verghese is an Indian-American medical doctor who was raised in Ethiopia. Although he works at Stanford today, the book is set in an Ethiopian hospital, which had very primitive conditions. The book follows the lives of twins born into a series of misfortunes. The author said that it is not autobiographical, but he has to be pulling from many things he was exposed to in his lifetime. It is one of the best books I’ve read in years.
Library Partners with FCYS for Sports Equipment Drive

Throughout February, all Franklin County branches of Scenic Regional Library and Franklin County Youth Sports (FCYS) will be collecting used sports equipment to support local youth sports programs. Acceptable donations include used youth sports equipment, shoes, and activewear. All donations will remain local and be redistributed to participants and teams for reuse. Boxes for donations will be available in the entryway of each branch.

The redistribution of equipment will be held at the Union branch Saturday, March 12, from 12-3 p.m. For more information, contact FCYSports@gmail.com, or visit Franklin County Youth Sports on Facebook.

Hermann Branch Receives Donation

The Hermann Branch received a $500 donation on behalf of Concert Hall and Barrel Tavern. To recognize the generous donation, a “Diamond Level” lifetime membership certificate to the Hermann Branch Friends of the Library was presented to Christin Ruediger, a representative of Concert Hall and Barrel Tavern.

Informational Meeting Scheduled for St. Clair Branch Community Garden

The Community Garden at the St. Clair branch will host two informational meetings for those interested in checking out a community garden bed for the 2022 growing season. The meetings will take place Thursday, February 10, at 6 p.m., and Saturday, February 19, at 11 a.m. Those eligible to check out garden beds include individuals, as well as organizations such as Scouts and 4-H groups, school classes, and church groups.

The garden, located behind the branch, features fourteen 4’ by 8’ raised beds for vegetables and eight smaller beds for flowers and herbs. The garden will officially be open following the informational meeting on Saturday, February 19. Attendance to one informational meeting is mandatory for those interested in checking out a bed. Registration is limited to 20 attendants. To RSVP, call the branch at 636-629-2546, stop by the St. Clair branch, or register online at scenicregional.org.

Progress on the Hermann construction project is well underway. Framing has started on the front of the building, and the inside of the building is beginning to take shape.

Life flourished in the Community Garden last summer during the 2021 growing season.
Staff Picks

“Race” (DVD) Directed by Stephen Hopkins

I’ve always been fascinated with the Olympics, and some of my particular favorite events are the Track and Field ones. I knew a little about the famous American track star Jesse Owens and have seen some footage of his amazing athletic abilities, so when I discovered the DVD called “Race”, I was definitely interested. It didn’t let me down. “Race” takes the viewer through Jesse’s life, at first focusing on his college athletic career and how his interaction with his coach changed both of their lives. There are several dramatic plot twists that occur which throw into doubt Jesse’s ability to take place in the Olympics held in Berlin, Germany, in 1936. These games were known as the “Nazi Olympics”, and Jesse is very torn whether or not he should attend them.

The actor portraying Jesse does an excellent job showing the difficulties Jesse had to overcome both in his personal life and in his athletic career. One of my favorite parts of the movie dealt with an unexpected friendship that develops between Jesse and a star German athlete named Luz Long. Make sure to watch to the very end, where they show photos of the real record-setting Olympian himself!

-Review by Amy, Union

“Nowhere Girl: a Memoir of a Fugitive Childhood” by Cheryl Diamond

This beautifully written memoir is one of the best I have ever read. Cheryl Diamond is an amazingly strong, yet flexible young lady who has held onto her core beliefs despite all the ups and downs of her life. Being born into a fugitive family has its freedoms and its constraints. She talks about always being careful not to get too close to people emotionally because she had to leave them in the end. Each time she had to leave people or possessions behind, she left a little bit of herself behind as well. When you are on the run, you never stay in one place for very long.

She quickly found out that not all families are bound by love but sometimes by necessity. Her struggles dealing with the extremely dysfunctional members of her family will leave you aching for her and cheering for her.

This breath-taking novel will make you laugh, cry and cheer for a very unique and brave young lady who has finally found her place in a very crazy and mixed-up world.

-Review by Lori Jane, Pacific
## HERMANN BRANCH
Call: 573-486-2024

- **ADULT PROGRAMS**
  - Lunar New Year Celebration (Limit 16)
    - Tuesday, February 1 from 2:00 pm-6:00 pm
    - Celebrate the new year with tea and painting.

- **BOOK CLUBS**
  - Book Discussion Group
    - Wednesday, February 16 at 4:30 pm
    - Ordinary Hazards by Nikki Grimes and also Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds.

- **KID & TEEN PROGRAMS**
  - Preschool Storytime
    - Every Thursday at 10:00 am
  - Geek Guild (Teen Club)
    - Saturday, February 5 from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
    - Teens can come hang out and play interactive games.
  - First Chapter Saturday (Ages 10-13)
    - Saturday, February 19 from 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
    - Join Mrs. Maribeth as she shares the first chapter of City Spies by James Ponti. STEAM activity to follow.
  - Pom-pom Penguins (Limit 8, Ages 8-13)
    - Tuesday, February 22 at 3:30 pm
    - Kids, come join us as we craft these adorable, cuddly pom-pom penguins!

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

- **ADULT PROGRAMS**
  - Edible Bird Houses (Limit 16)
    - Thursday, February 24 at 5:00 pm
    - Ready for spring? Let’s make bird houses for our feathered friends!

- **BOOK CLUBS**
  - New Haven branch (Limit 16)
    - Wednesday, February 23 at 5:00 pm
    - Confessions on the 7:45 by Lisa Unger. Pick up a copy at the library.

- **KID & TEEN PROGRAMS**
  - Preschool Storytime (Limit 16)
    - Every Tuesday at 10:00 am
    - 3rd Saturday of month at 10:00 am
    - Up to kindergarten age.
  - Kids Club: “I Love How I Look” Photo Prop Fun (Limit 16)
    - Tuesday, February 15 at 4:00 pm

## OWENSVILLE BRANCH
Call: 573-437-2188

- **ADULT PROGRAMS**
  - MOCA (Missouri Ozarks Community Action)
    - 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month, 10:00 am-12:00 pm or 12:30 pm-4:00 pm
    - Visit the mobile services van at the branch. MOCA staff will be able to answer questions and assist with service applications.

- **BOOK CLUBS**
  - Tea Time Travelers’ Book Club (Limit 16)
    - Tuesday, February 15 at 6:00 pm
    - The Gown by Jennifer Robson.

- **KID & TEEN PROGRAMS**
  - Li’l OWLs Storytime (Limit 16)
    - Every Wednesday at 10:00 am
  - Read, Build, & Play (Limit 16)
    - Saturday, February 12 at 10:30 am
  - Teens-Let’s Talk Books! (Limit 16)
    - Wednesday, February 16 at 4:00 pm
    - Bring a book(s), share thoughts, and have a light snack.

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January’s Storytime theme: nursery rhymes!
We read stories about spiders and made a spider craft to take home. A young Wright City patron poses with her spider.

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PACIFIC BRANCH
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Register for all in-person programs!

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

Take-a-Ticket Technology Tutor
Tuesday, February 1 from 10:00 am - 3:30 pm
30-minute one-on-one help with your device.

Family Game Night (Limit 16)
Tuesday, February 1 at 6:00 pm

Movie Night: Hidden Figures (Limit 16)
Thursday, February 10 at 6:00 pm

Painted Wooden Earrings (Limit 12)
Tuesday, February 15 at 1:00 pm

Virtual Dreams Deferred:
The Poetry and Prose of Harlem
Thursday, February 24 at 6:00 pm
Presented by Bobby Norfolk.

BOOK CLUBS
The First Chapter Book Club (Limit 16)
Tuesday, February 8 at 6:00 pm
We’ll gather to discuss our first read of 2022.

The Next Chapter Book Club (Limit 16)
Wednesday, February 9 at 10:00 am
Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson.

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

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS
Preschool Storytime (Limit 16)
Every Thursday at 10:00 am

Teens: No-Sew Fleece Pillow (Limit 16)
Saturday, February 12 at 2:00 pm
Create your own pillow with no sewing.

Kids Club: Happy Valen-Slime! (Limit 16)
Tuesday, February 15 at 6:00 pm
Join us as we make colorful slime.

ST. CLAIR BRANCH
Call: 636-629-2546

Register for all in-person programs!

ADULT PROGRAMS
Card Club with Pat (Limit 15)
Tuesday, February 1 from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Crafternoon at the Library (Limit 15)
Saturday, February 12 from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Epicurean Adventures (Limit 15)
Tuesday, February 22 at 6:00 pm
We will celebrate national pie month.

Take-a-Ticket Technology Tutor
Thursday, February 24 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
30-minute one-on-one help with your device.

BOOK CLUBS
Third Thursdays Book Club (Limit 20)
Thursday, February 17 at 2:00 pm
All The Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr.

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

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS
Preschool Storytime (Limit 20)
Every Thursday at 10:00 am

Slime Time (Limit 20)
Saturday, February 19 at 2:00 pm
Make various kinds of slime, including edible and galaxy slime, to take home.

FAMILY PROGRAMS
Community Garden
Informational Meeting (Limit 20)
Thursday, February 10 at 6:00 pm or Saturday, February 19 at 11:00 am
Attendance to one meeting is required to check out a garden bed.

Return to Hogwarts:
Harry Putter Mini-Golf
Saturday, February 26 from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Register for a tee time.

SULLIVAN BRANCH
Call: 573-468-4372

Register for all in-person programs!

ADULT PROGRAMS
Valentine’s/Galentine’s Cozy Coloring Night (Limit 16)
Monday, February 14 at 6:00 pm
Bring a friend and join us for a calming night of coloring.

Get Hooked! Learn to Crochet #4 (Limit 16)
Thursday, February 17 at 6:00 pm

Take-a-Ticket Technology Tutor
Tuesday, February 22 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
30-minute one-on-one help with your device.

Love Letters of the Presidents (Limit 16)
Tuesday, February 22 at 5:00 pm

BOOK CLUBS
As The Page Turns Book Club (Limit 16)
Tuesday, February 15 at 6:00 pm
The Lost Apothecary by Sarah Penner.

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

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS
Preschool Storytime (Limit 16)
Every Tuesday at 10:00 am

Home School Group: Snowy Day! (Limit 16)
Thursday, February 10 at 10:00 am

Kids Club: Altered Books (Limit 16)
Monday, February 14 at 4:00 pm

Teens: Dragon Eyes (Limit 16)
Thursday, February 24 at 5:00 pm
## February 2022 Upcoming Events

### Union Branch

**Call:** 636-583-3224

### Adult Programs
- **Murder at the Mardi Gras (Limit 16)**
  - Tuesday, February 3 at 6:00 pm
  - Murder mystery program.

- **Recycled Book Handbags (Limit 16)**
  - Thursday, February 10 at 6:00 pm
  - Make a handbag out of a recycled book.

### Book Clubs
- **Hooked on Books (Limit 16)**
  - Thursday, February 17 at 6:00 pm
  - Catch Me if You Can by Frank Abagnale.

### Kid & Teen Programs
- **Preschool Storytime (Limit 29)**
  - Every Wednesday at 10:00 am
  - 3rd Saturday Each Month at 11:00 am

- **Virtual Good Night Storytime**
  - 2nd Thursday Each Month at 7:00 pm

- **Kid’s Club: Tutus (Limit 16)**
  - Monday, February 21 at 5:00 pm

- **Teens: Glass Etching (Limit 16)**
  - Friday, February 25 at 4:00 pm

### Computer Classes (18+ yrs.)
- **Getting to Know Windows 10 (Limit 5)**
  - Tuesday, February 8 at 10:00 am

- **MS PowerPoint 2019: Presenting Slide Shows (Limit 5)**
  - Thursday, February 17 at 1:00 pm

- **MS Publisher 2019: Working with Templates (Limit 5)**
  - Wednesday, February 23 at 6:00 pm

### Warrenton Branch

**Call:** 636-456-3321

### Adult Programs
- **Chicks with Sticks (Limit 29)**
  - Every Tuesday at 1:00 pm
  - Enjoy crocheting with a fun group!

- **Farmhouse Heart Garland (Limit 29)**
  - Tuesday, February 1 at 6:00 pm

- **Rom-Com Trivia Night (Limit 29)**
  - Tuesday, February 8 at 5:30 pm

- **Chick Flick & Chocolate Bar (Limit 29)**
  - Tuesday, February 15 at 5:30 pm

### Book Clubs
- **Reese’s Reads Book Club (Limit 29)**
  - Thursday, February 3 at 5:30 pm
  - House of Gucci by Sara Gay Forden.

### Kid & Teen Programs
- **Preschool Storytime (Limit 29)**
  - Every Tuesday at 10:00 am
  - 1st Saturday of Month at 10:00 am

### Wright City Branch

**Call:** 636-944-6100

### Adult Programs
- **Murder at the Mardi Gras (Limit 16)**
  - Tuesday, February 3 at 6:00 pm
  - Murder mystery program.

- **Farmhouse Heart Garland (Limit 29)**
  - Tuesday, February 1 at 6:00 pm

- **Last Wednesday Book Club**
  - Wednesday, February 23 at 5:00 pm
  - Stones From the River by Ursula Hegi.

### Book Clubs
- **PJ’s Pemberley Circle Book Club**
  - Tuesday, February 8 from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
  - Mansfield Park by Jane Austen.

- **Whodunit? Book Club (Limit 15)**
  - Tuesday, February 22 at 6:00 pm
  - A is for Alibi by Sue Grafton.

- **Last Wednesday Book Club**
  - Wednesday, February 23 at 5:00 pm
  - Stones From the River by Ursula Hegi.

Visit here for all Book Clubs:

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Warrenton patrons learned how to add coziness and contentment to their daily routines with the practice of Hygge and crafting.
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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/ 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.

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