



THE Scenic Regional Library NEWSLETTER

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A monthly publication from your local library!

Community Read Returns with *Give 'Em Hell, Harry!*

The third annual Community Read is fast approaching, and Scenic Regional Library and its partners, Washington Public Library and East Central College, are busy preparing! 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.

This year, we will be reading *Harry Truman's Excellent Adventure: The True Story of a Great American Road Trip* by Matthew Algeo.

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, and regional food.

The 2024 Community Read Selection Committee chose the book after narrowing the selection down to four books and conducting a community survey. In addition, to involve all ages in the event, two other books will be handed out for middle grade students and children; *The Great Turkey Walk* by Kathleen Karr, and *Road Trip* by Claudia Friddell, respectively.

Each branch will receive between 78 and 143 copies of *Harry Truman's Excellent Adventure*, 45 to 95 copies of *The Great Turkey Walk*, and 40 to 100 copies of *Road Trip* to hand out to patrons. The Washington Public Library will receive 200 copies of *Harry Truman's Excellent Adventure*, 40 copies of *The Great Turkey Walk*, and

25 copies of *Road Trip*. The East Central College Library will receive 80 copies of *Harry Truman's Excellent Adventure*.

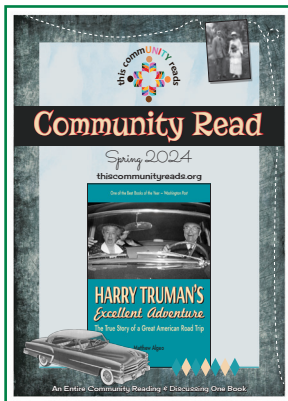
The books will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis while supplies last. E-book and e-audiobook copies will also be available for check-out through the library's digital services.

The Community Read will begin on Saturday, February 24, when patrons may visit any library branch to pick up their free copy.

On Friday, March 1 at 7pm, the Community Read's programming will kick off with a performance of "Give 'Em Hell, Harry!" - a one-person play about Harry S. Truman starring his grandson, Clifton Truman Daniel. The performance will take place at the East Central College Anglin Performing Arts

Center in Union and is free to the public. This event is for adults and young adults. To RSVP, call or stop by any branch or register online at bit.ly/4bnLtXG.

Throughout March, the library and its partners will present 90 free programs and book discussions in the three-county Community Read area (Gasconade, Franklin, and Warren). The programming will conclude with a visit from author and award-winning journalist Matthew Algeo, who will take audiences through his experience researching and writing about Harry S. Truman. A book signing with the author will follow. Algeo will speak at the Union branch on Wednesday, April 3, at 6pm and at the Warrenton branch on Thursday, April 4, at 6pm.



Give 'Em Hell, Harry!

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**Friday, March 1,
7:00pm**

East Central College
Anglin Performing Arts
Center in Union

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 2024 growing season. The meetings will take place Saturday, February 24, at 10 am, and Thursday, February 29, at 6 pm. 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. It will officially be open following the informational meeting on Thursday, February 29.

Attending one informational meeting is mandatory for those interested in checking out a bed. For more information, call the branch at 636-629-2546.



Many young patrons enjoyed the Community Garden during the 2023 growing season.

Staff Spotlight: Bree Administrative Assistant, Administration



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

I have been in customer service for nearly all of my career. I actually worked as an HVAC Admin Assistant before coming to the Library, and before that, I was a CNA at a nursing home for a few years.

What made you want to work in a library?

My mother took my sister and I to the library every week as small children and it is one of my fondest memories. So, being a book lover, it was a perfect fit for me.

What do you wish more people knew about the library?

I wish more people knew that the library offers helpful services like voter registration, notaries, passport services, and so much more.

What is your favorite part of the job? Why?

My favorite part of the job is that I get to work closely with all nine branches rather than just Administration. I like that I get to interact with just about every staff member at some point or another.

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

I just started reading *The Perfect Marriage* by Jeneva Rose. I just finished *Grimoire Girl: A Memoir of Magic and Mischief* by Hilarie Burton Morgan and I LOVED it.

Any hobbies or interests outside the library?

My hobbies outside of the library are reading, movies/games & spending time with my nieces.

Last Month's Most Popular Authors and Book

For the second month in a row, *Verity* by Colleen Hoover was the book with the highest number of circulations. The other most popular books were by author Jojo Moyes (*Someone Else's Shoes* and *The Giver of Stars*), by Kristin Hannah (*The Great Alone* and *The Nightingale*), and *What Alice Forgot* by Liane Moriarty. Patrons may join Hold Groups in order to have holds automatically placed on new books by these authors.



Newspapers.com™ Upgraded to World Collection

On February 1, the library's subscription to Newspapers.com™ was upgraded to the Newspapers.com™ World Collection. The World Collection provides online access to 15,000+ historical newspapers for every U.S. state and some countries, dating from the early 1700s into the 2000s.

Newspapers.com™ is an easy-to-use remote access digital resource with search, browse, save, and share capabilities designed specifically for newspaper research and is valuable for those interested in genealogy and local history research. Newspapers can be quickly searched by viewing available titles grouped by location on a modern



map. Search results can also be narrowed using title counts provided by location, or the scope can be broadened by using traditional search techniques, like keywords, location, period, or newspaper name. The collection covers a variety of interests, including pop culture, societal attitudes, and family history.

To use the Newspapers.com™ World Collection, visit us at scenicregional.org/databases/#genealogy, click "Newspapers.com," and log in with your library card.

Library Now Offers Renewal Passport Photos



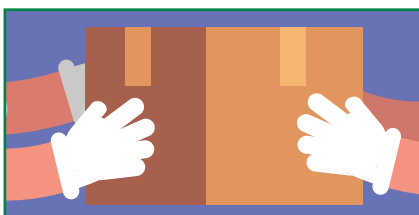
All Scenic Regional Library branches are now offering renewal passport photo services. The library provides passport and passport photo services at all nine branches.

Passport applicants can get their passport photos taken for a fee of \$15 per applicant. The photo fee will be added to the passport acceptance fee of \$35 per applicant, for a total of \$50, which can be paid with cash or a check payable to Scenic Regional Library.

Applicants may still bring their photographs if they choose. An appointment is necessary for passport applications; the photos will be taken at the time of the appointment.

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.



Scenic Regional Library will be closed Monday, February 19, in observance of Presidents' Day!



Crocheting with a Purpose in Owesville was a night filled with fun! From beginner to expert level, patrons created scarves to donate to others in the community.



What a great group of gardeners at our first meeting of the year! "Reap What You Sow Gardening Club" at the Pacific branch meets on the fourth Saturday of each month at 11am.



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Library Offers Books-By-Mail

Do you or someone you know want to check-out 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 individuals who are homebound or 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, CD audiobooks, music CDs, 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 Library-by-Mail Readers' Advisor will select the requested materials, or suggest titles based on the user's 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.



Check out these fun clothes monsters crafted by our amazing Hermann patrons. Who knew laundry day could be this entertaining?

Holds Groups Prove Popular

Six hundred and twenty patrons are now enjoying the benefits of joining Hold Groups. 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. There are Hold Groups for fifty-five authors in three formats: regular print books, large print books, and audiobooks. Staff at all Scenic branches can add patrons to any of the 55 groups in all three formats. "Holds Groups are the best service the library offers," said one excited patron.



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.

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
 Kingsbury, Karen
 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/ 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)		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	
<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			
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, 2023 – September 30, 2024 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	
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BRANCH AFFILIATION (Please select one)		LEVEL OF MEMBERSHIP	
Friends of the Hermann Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Bronze – \$10 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Friends of the New Haven Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Silver – \$25 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Friends of the Owensville Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Ruby – \$50 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Friends of the Pacific Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Gold – \$100 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Friends of the St. Clair Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Platinum – \$250 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Friends of the Sullivan Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Diamond* – \$500 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Friends of the Union Branch <input type="checkbox"/>			
Friends of the Warrenton Branch <input type="checkbox"/>			
Friends of the Wright City Branch <input type="checkbox"/>			
		*Lifetime Membership	
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP? (Select all which apply)		Office Use Only	
Volunteer at the Fall Book Sale <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> New Application	
Volunteer at the Spring Book Sale <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	
Volunteer at other events <input type="checkbox"/>		Date Received:	
Volunteer at my local branch <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cash	
Serve on the local Friends of the Library's <input type="checkbox"/>		Amount Received:	
Governing and Planning Committee <input type="checkbox"/>			

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Membership dues and contributions are tax deductible.