

# Scenic Regional Library established in 1959

The Scenic Regional Library was established in 1959 after three counties agreed to consolidate into one Library District.

The governing library board is appointed by the county courts in Franklin, Gasconade and Warren Counties. Miss Lucy Lomax serves as chief librarian for the Scenic Regional Library.

More than 47 thousand books are available to borrowers in the library district through the bookmobile or the community libraries in New Haven, Owensville, Pacific, St. Clair, Union and Warrenton.

The Union library was started in 1936. Total receipts for the first year were only \$464.81. Total circulation for the library was 4,451, with the total number of books being 813.

According to the first annual report put out by the board, "We are operating as economically as possible".

Franklin County voted to levy a tax to support a county library in May of 1958. The state bookmobile began serving the area in March of 1959.

In 1959 the Scenic Regional Library was established. The library now serves an area of 1,880 square miles, and a population of 51,572. The circulation figure released for 1961 on books and materials was 204,804.

## *Library will plan program series*

The Scenic Regional Library offers a service to groups and organizations planning a series of programs. Films, books, pamphlets and other visual aid materials are available for this purpose.

Organizations interested may contact Miss Lucy Lomax at the Regional Office of the library in Union to learn more about this service.

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