



THE

Scenic Regional Library NEWSLETTER

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A monthly publication from your local library!

Scenic Regional
Library branches
will be closed
January 1,
in observance of
The New Year and
January 20 for
Martin Luther
King, Jr. Day

Many Notification Options Available

Library patrons have many options available for electronic notifications. When awaiting a hold (requested item), patrons can choose to be notified by phone, email, or text message. They can also choose to receive their check out receipts by email instead of being given a paper receipt.

Patrons can ask library staff to activate or change their account settings, or make the selections themselves in their online account under "Notification Preferences".



Villa Ridge Resident Appointed to Library Board

In December, the Franklin County Commission appointed Linda Andrae to a four-year term on the Scenic Regional Library's Boards of Trustees. The position on the library's thirteen-member governing body had been vacant since July 1, 2019.

Ms. Andrae retired after 23 years with the Meramec Valley R-III School District, where she worked primarily as a language arts teacher. Her tenure included three years as principal at Zitzman Elementary and two years as director of the district's Early Childhood Center. Ms. Andrae has also served as a volunteer minister for the Community of Christ Church in Dittmer for the past 30 years. Currently, she lives in Villa Ridge with her husband; they have two children and five grandchildren. Scenic Regional's Pacific branch is her home library.



Free Services Available for Missourians with Visual and Physical Disabilities

Wolfner Library, also known as Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library, is a free library service for Missourians who are unable to use standard print materials due to a visual or physical disability. Materials are mailed to and from library patrons at their homes for free.

While Scenic Regional Library does offer books-by-mail service for homebound residents, as well as a large collection of audiobooks on CD and large print books, it does not offer Braille materials. It also does not have the enormous audiobook and large print collection found at Wolfner Library.

The Wolfner Library's collection includes over 360,000 fiction and non-fiction audiobooks, braille, and large print books for all ages. The library loans machines to those using their audiobooks. Over seventy magazine subscriptions are also available.

Currently, over 11,000 Missourians actively use Wolfner Library. However, only 8% of residents living in Franklin, Gasconade, and Warren Counties who are eligible to use Wolfner Library's services are doing so.

An individual must complete an application and be certified by a medical professional, social worker, rehabilitation teacher, librarian, or other certifying authority, to receive services from Wolfner Library.

Individuals can contact Wolfner Library toll-free at (800) 392-2614 or by email at wolfner@sos.mo.gov. Visit <https://www.sos.mo.gov/wolfner> to obtain an application or more information.



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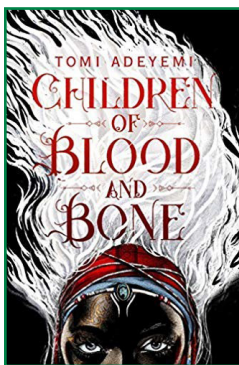
The theme for storytime at Pacific was Santa stories with milk and cookies.



Union celebrated an Old Timey Christmas by making snowflakes, yarn dolls, and a paper chain to decorate our Christmas tree. Santa stopped by to read a story and take lots of pictures with our friends. The St. John "Gildehaus" Choir stopped by and sang Christmas carols!



On Dec 19 New Haven teens came out to the library working together to solve clues as part of the Elf Breakout Box Challenge.



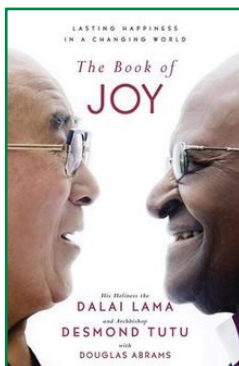
Staff Picks

"Children of Blood and Bone" by Tomi Adeyemi

Nigerian-American writer Tomi Adeyemi published this young adult fantasy in March 2018. It is the first book of a planned trilogy called "The Legacy of Orisha". The second book, "Children of Virtue and Vengeance" was just released this month. This richly imaginative fantasy takes place in a fictional country which is clearly based on the geography and wildlife of Africa. Creatures called lionaires and snow leoparaires roam lush jungles and parched desert terrain. Elaborate temples hide in the mountains. It is a country where powerful elemental magics of fire and earth and life and death once flourished until a ruthless king who feared these powers decided to eliminate them through mass genocide. But as we all should know, magic can never truly be extinguished. Years later, a fiery young magi, her brother, and a rogue princess go on a quest and fight the crown prince to restore magic to their kingdom.

It's always exciting to see new young-adult fiction, but exciting fantasy books featuring people of all colors is especially rare and wonderful. It delves into areas of racism and class injustice and oppression, but without the sense that things will always remain that way. There is always an underlying message of hope and optimism for the future. Using fantasy and magic to explore these subjects makes it not only fascinating, but easier for people of all age groups to read. I understand that a movie is in the works and I look forward to seeing the author's vision manifested on the big screen

-Sara, Owensville Branch



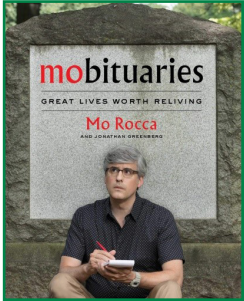
"The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World," by 14th Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu

I thought this book was life changing. I listened to it as an audiobook, and because it was so deep and thought provoking, I would often have to stop the playback after 20 minutes or so just to reflect back on what was said. I really liked that you could hear the ideas from the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu in their own voices, as well as that of the narrator. It is mainly about the challenges involved in living a joyful life. How can you experience lasting joy when there is so much pain and suffering in the world and maybe even in your own life? These kind, intelligent, well-spoken men gave me coping strategies that I still implement today, and their deep and abiding friendship overcomes the miles and political restrictions which rule their lives. I highly recommend it.

-Amy, Union Branch

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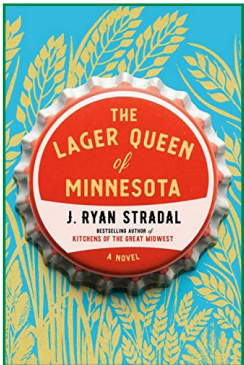
Staff Picks



“Mobitiaries: Great Lives Worth Reliving,” by Mo Rocca

I just finished reading “Mobitiaries: Great Lives Worth Reliving” by Mo Rocca and enjoyed every minute! I have long been a fan of the author’s and enjoy reading about historical figures and history-so I felt like this book was written for me. His writing style is an easy read and had me laughing out loud at times! Each subject he wrote about is an examination of the person, an overview of their life and how they contributed to the world with fun details you normally wouldn’t read about. The obits are not only about famous people, but also about objects no longer in use, places, even dragons-yes dragons! His last obit-a dedication to his father-brought me to tears.

-Amanda, Administration



“The Lager Queen of Minnesota,” by J. Ryan Stradal

I picked up this novel because, well, who can resist a book entitled “The Lager Queen of Minnesota”? I was instantly drawn into the story of a farming family of a mother, father, and two daughters. The older daughter is happy with a plain wedding, a truck driving husband, and baking the best pies in the state. The younger daughter doesn’t just develop a taste for beer; she falls head over heels in love with it after her first sip at the age of thirteen. She convinces her parents to give her the farm, cutting the homemaker sister out altogether, to advance her brewing company. The sisters are estranged after that. They both have pain in their lives that could have been better borne with the support of each other. Decades of heartache don’t go away with reconciliation but the reconciliation that comes at the end of the story surely made the sisters’ lives more sweet than bitter.

The details about beer making in this book are fascinating since all I know about beer is that it goes well with Mexican food. I learned about Gose, a sour, salty beer that originated in Germany. One of my sons gave me Gose brewed in Normal, Illinois, which he swears owes its distinctive flavor to the algae in the pond from which water is drawn for the brewing. It’s delicious!

I recommend reading this sad, poignant, satisfying story with your favorite beverage close at hand. Try the Gose.

-Diane, Union Branch



Young Hermann patrons made gift jars of hot chocolate to take home! Samples were also available to enjoy.



Big thanks to Mr. Robert and Ms. Rachel from Ballet 314 for coming out to our Nutcracker program at the Wright City branch.



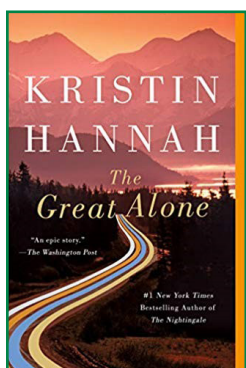
The Owensville Tea Time Traveler’s Book Club celebrated the holidays with a wonderful Christmas Tea. They will be reading “Calypso” by David Sedaris in January.



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What Books Were Checked Out the Most in 2019?

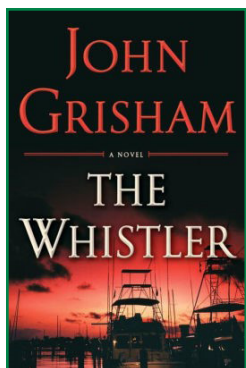
The three books checked out the most times at Scenic Regional Library in 2019:



First place

"The Great Alone,"
by Kristin Hannah

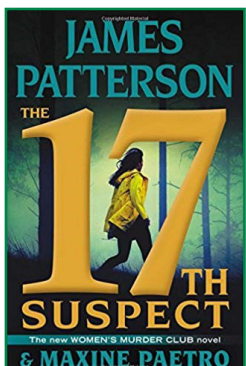
83 times



Second place

"The Whistler," by John Grisham

76 times



Third place

"The 17th Suspect," by James Patterson

70 times

Library Board Approves New Smoking Policy

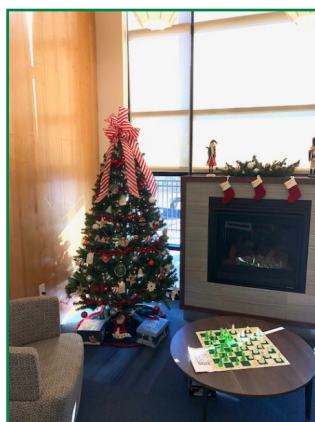
At their November 19 meeting, the Library Board approved a new smoking policy. Under the new policy, no one is permitted to smoke within thirty feet of the main entrance of any library building or on any of the library's patios. The policy was also updated to specifically prohibit the use of e-cigarettes, vaping, and other forms of smoking inside the library's facilities.

Library Christmas Trees Provided by Friends Groups

The library's branches were all decorated beautifully for the holiday season. At most locations, the decorations included a Christmas tree, which along with the ornaments, were provided by their local Friends of the Library group.



Owensville branch



New Haven branch



Sullivan branch



Scenic employees Sarah and Alesia model the fun photo booth props that were used for the St. Clair branch Holiday Open House December 10.



Pete the Cat visited with the community at the Christmas Festival in downtown Sullivan!



HERMANN BRANCH

Call: 573-486-2024

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

EAB: Are Your Trees In Trouble?

Tuesday, January 28 at 6:30 pm

Arborist Scott Wagner will explain how to detect and deal with Emerald Ash Borer--a plight striking ash trees everywhere.

Take-a-Ticket Training (18+ yrs.)

Thursday, January 30 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm

Get your technology questions answered during a 30-min. session.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

S.T.E.A.M. Time

Tuesday, January 7 at 10:00 am

Storytime

Every Tuesday at 10:00 am

Enjoy stories, games, crafts, and fun with preschool friends!

Binary Code Bracelets

Tuesday, January 7 at 3:30 pm

Bring your friends and make some cool coding bracelets to keep or share!

DIY: Sugar Scrub

Tuesday, January 14 at 3:30 pm

RSVP for supplies to make snow cone sugar scrub - great as a gift or keep it for yourself!

National Puzzle Day

Wednesday, January 29 at 3:30 pm

Make a puzzle to keep and have a cheesy puzzle snack!

Homeschool Starts Here

Friday, January 31 at 9:00 am

make connections with other homeschooling families and share ideas.

NEW HAVEN BRANCH

Call: 573-237-2189

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Book Club

Wednesday, January 22 at 5:00 pm

Join us for a discussion of *The Red Garden* by Alice Hoffman.

Basic Tools and Basketry

Thursday, January 23 from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Learn how to use basic tools from Pat Moore who uses them in her basketry.

Take-A-Ticket Technology Tutor

Friday, January 31 from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Sign up for 30 minutes of one-on-one help from our Adult Education Instructor.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Pre-School Storytime

Every Tuesday at 10:00 am

Saturday, January 18 at 10:00am

Puppets with Pat

Saturday, January 18, 1:00 pm

Patricia Breithaupt will be here to share her love of puppets. Learn a few words with ventriloquism. Have a good time watching and making puppets. For ages K-5th grade.



OWENSVILLE BRANCH

Call: 573-437-2188

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Voices of the Holocaust

Tuesday, January 7 at 6:30 pm

Lolle Boettcher and a Holocaust survivor will present this event in honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Sci-Fi Club

Thursday, January 9 at 6:00 pm

This is the kick-off to the new Sci-Fi Club. Ages 16+.

Get Unplugged

Thursday, January 16 from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Family and friends game night.

Tea Time Travelers' Book Club

Tuesday, January 21 at 6:30 pm

We will discuss *Calypso* by David Sedaris.

Basic Computer Operation (Limit 6)

Tuesday, January 28 at 10:00 am

Learn basic tasks for operation of the computer.

Duct Tape Roses

Thursday, January 30 at 6:00 pm

Craft for ages 12+.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Lil' OWLs Storytime

Every Wednesday at 10:00 am

No Storytime January 1.

Read, Build, & Play (Grades K-5th)

Saturday, January 11 at 10:00 am

Warrenton patrons had fun creating beautiful winter arrangements made with the assistance of Cathy Kohenskey, owner of A Moment of Grace Florist.



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january 2020 upcoming events

PACIFIC BRANCH

Call: 636-257-2712

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

NEW BOOK CLUB: The Next Chapter

Starting Wednesday, January 8 at 10:00 am

Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly.

Diamond Dot Painting Bookmarks

Thursday, January 9 at 6:00 pm

Limit 24.

Book Club: The First Chapter

Tuesday, January 14 at 6:00 pm

Our regular book club with a NEW NAME! *Someone Knows* by Lisa Scottoline.

Music by Dusty

Thursday, January 16 at 6:00 pm

On the Songwriter Circuit in Nashville for 2 years.

Take-A-Ticket Technology Tutor

Wednesday, January 22 from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Sign up for one-on-one tech time.

Meet the Author: Judy Mundle

Thursday, January 23 at 6:00 pm

Author of *Block Manager*.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Storytime (Toddlers-Kindergarten)

Thursdays at 10:00 am

Kids Club (Grades 1-5)

1st & 3rd Monday at 4:00 pm

January 6: Board Games

January 20: Read, Build, Play

TEENS: Practice the Art of Hygge

Monday, January 13 at 6:00 pm

Warm up with a cozy warm beverage & an evening of games.

ST. CLAIR BRANCH

Call: 636-629-2546

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Book Bingo

Monday, January 13 at 11:00 am

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

Top Reads Book Club

Thursday, January 16 at 6:00 pm

We will be discussing *An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones.

Adult Book Club

Thursday, January 23 at 2:00 pm

We will be discussing *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah.

Why Is There a Dog In Here?

Thursday, January 30 at 6:00 pm

Eryn Dilks will explain ADA laws and expectations for service dog handlers and businesses as well as etiquette and expectations.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Homeschool

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 11:00 am

January 15: DIY Robotic Hand

Pre-School Storytime

Every Thursday at 11:00 am

FAMILY PROGRAMS

3rd Annual Return to Hogwarts

Saturday, January 4 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Wizards and muggles of all ages will enjoy themed activities, a costume contest, and an escape room for those 12+ yrs old. Must RSVP for escape room.

SULLIVAN BRANCH

Call: 573-468-4372

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Drone Safety

Tuesday, January 7 at 6:00 pm

Discussing safe practices for flying drones in the city limits.

As the Page Turns Book Club

Thursday, January 9 at 6:00 pm

How the Finch Stole Christmas by Donna Andrews.

Take-A-Ticket Technology Tutor

Tuesday, January 14 from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Call the branch to reserve your spot!

Pinterest Craft Night:

Watercolor Bookmarks

Thursday, January 23 at 6:00 pm

Create colorful easy and fun bookmarks.

Random Fandom Night:

Friends Trivia

Friday, January 31 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Bring your group to test your knowledge all about the TV show "Friends"!

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Storytime (preschool-age children)

Every Tuesday at 10:00 am

Kid's Club: Escape to the New Year

Monday, January 13 at 4:00 pm

Homeschool Event:

Escape to the New Year

Thursday, January 23 at 10:00 am

Teen Event: Escape to the New Year

Monday, January 27 at 5:00 pm



UNION BRANCH

Call: 636-583-3224

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Kindness is Cool

Thursday, January 2 at 6:00pm

Make a scarf that will be left at the branch anonymously.

Book BINGO at Night

Thursday, January 9 at 6:00 pm

Hooked on Books Book Club

Thursday, January 16 at 6:00 pm

The House Girl by Tara Conklin.

Please register for computer programs.

COMPUTER PROGRAMS

Microsoft Word: A Tour (18+ yrs.)

Friday, January 17 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Learn how MS Word is organized with a focus on the ribbon.

Using Cloud Library (18+ yrs.)

Thursday, January 23 from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Learn how to use eBooks and eAudiobooks from Cloud Library.

Take-a-Ticket (18+ yrs.)

Wednesday, January 29 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Bring your device and a list of questions for a 30-minute session.

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 yrs. must have an adult present.

Snowy Movie Night (All ages)

Tuesday, January 14 at 4:00 pm

Please register.

Reading to Rover: Therapy Dog

Thursday, January 23 at 5:00 pm

Kids Book Bingo

Tuesday, January 28 at 4:00 pm

WARRENTON BRANCH

Call: 636-456-3321

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Chicks with Sticks (Crochet/Knitting)

Tuesdays at 1:00 pm

Mat Pilates

Wednesdays at 5:00 pm

Pound with Krissy (Limit 25)

Tuesday, January 7 at 6:00 pm

A full body workout with great music and Ripstix!

Organization 101

Tuesday, January 14 at 6:00 pm

Take-A-Ticket Technology Tutor

Wednesday, January 15 from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sign up for one-on-one tech time.

The Power of a Plant-Based Diet

Thursday, January 21 at 6:00 pm

Downton Abbey Tea Party (Limit 60)

Tuesday, January 28 at 5:00 pm

English Tea service with a viewing of the Downton Abbey movie and delightful games. Bring a tea cup.

A Novel Bunch Book Club

Wednesday, January 22 at 2:00 pm

Pick your own book and share!

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Pre-School Storytime

Tuesdays at 10:00 am

Read, Build & Play (Grades 3-5)

Thursday, January 30 at 4:00 pm

Discover how electricity works using Squishy Circuits! Limit 15.

Teens: Stranger Things Trivia

(Limit of 20)

Monday, January 27 at 6:00 pm

Show off your Stranger Things trivia skills! Highest score wins a prize!

Families enjoyed making ornaments at all the branches during our 17th Annual Ornament Making event.

WRIGHT CITY BRANCH

Call: 636-384-1136

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult Book Bingo

Thursday, January 2 at 1:00 pm

Win free books while playing bingo!

Adult Book Club

Monday, January 13 at 6:00 pm

Discussing *The Curious Incident Of The Dog In The Night-Time* by Mark Haddon.

Stained Glass Art

Thursday, January 23 from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Have fun and learn DIY stained glass. Supplies limited-registration required.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Storytime (Preschool-Kindergarten)

Wednesdays at 10:00 am

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Thursday, January 9 at 6:00 pm

Put on your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal along! Listen to stories then leave your stuffed animal at the branch for a sleepover.

Chess 101

Wednesday, January 15 at 3:00 pm

Know how to play chess? Want to learn more? Bring your own chess board or use one of ours to learn the basics of chess.





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

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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 Dr.
Union, MO 63084



SCENIC REGIONAL LIBRARY
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020 Membership Year

All information submitted is considered confidential and will never be given or sold to any other individual, company, or organization.

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP? (Select all which apply) Volunteer at the Fall Book Sale <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer at the Spring Book Sale <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer at other events <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer at my local branch <input type="checkbox"/> Serve on the local Friends of the Library's Governing and Planning Committee <input type="checkbox"/>		Office Use Only <input type="checkbox"/> New Application <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Date Received: <input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cash Amount Received:	

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