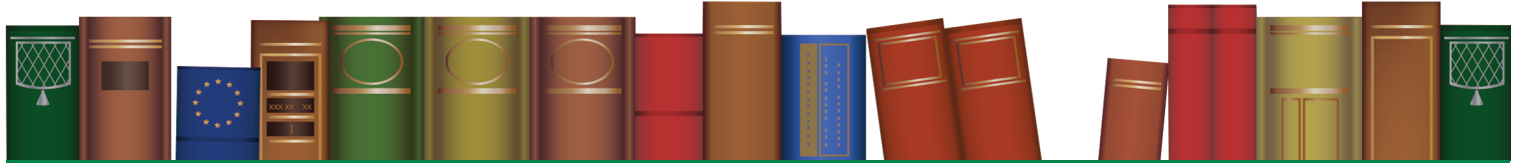




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Summer Virtual Programs

Kids Club - K to 5th Grade
 Mondays at 1:00 pm

Teen Programs - 6th and up
 Wednesdays at 3:00 pm

Adult Programs
 Thursdays at 5:00 pm

Animal Tales - Fantastic Creatures Live
 Tuesday, June 30, at 10:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 6:00 pm

Magician Glen Foster
 Thursday, July 9, at 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, and 6:00 pm

Shake-Ups Band
 Saturday, July 18 at 10:00 am and 3:00 pm

“Happily Ever After”
 presented by the Bright Star Theater acting troupe
 Wednesday, July 29, at 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, and 5:00 pm



Check out our latest virtual programming and storytimes on your branch facebook page!



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Library Offering Virtual Programming for Adults and Children this Summer

Library programming is going to look a little different this summer. Programming that would normally be held in the library has been suspended until early August. However, virtual programs, that began in March, will continue with the use of Facebook Live, Zoom, and videos posted to social media.

All branches will continue to host their weekly storytimes using Facebook Live. There will also be other added virtual content for all ages, such as book club discussions using Zoom, live performers, and “take & make” crafts. With a “take & make” craft, a patron stops by the library and picks up all the supplies needed to create a craft. Then, they make the craft at home while watching a “how-to” video posted on their branch’s social media page.

The library will be hosting four live, virtual family programs this summer beginning in June with Animal Tales – Fantastic Creatures. Join us online for this live animal show on Tuesday, June 30 at 10:00 am, 1:00 pm, or 6:00 pm.

The month of July is packed with virtual program options, including a Las Vegas-style magic show with Glen Foster on Thursday, July 9 at 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, or 6:00 pm, as well as the Shake-Ups Band, an award winning, power-pop group that performs songs all about cartoons. The Shake-Ups Band will be performing on Saturday, July 18 at 10:00 am and 3:00 pm.

Finally, on Wednesday, July 29 the Bright Star Theater acting troupe will present “Happily Ever After” at 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, and 5:00 pm. The performance is a hilarious rendition of some of the best Grimm Brothers’ famous fairy tales, including Rapunzel, Little Red Riding Hood, Rumpelstiltskin, and The Elves and the Shoemaker.

For more information about the virtual programs being offered in June and July, visit branch Facebook pages or contact your local branch.





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Digital Sign Installed at Union Branch

On June 26, Ziglin Signs completed installation of a digital sign at the Union branch along Highway 47. The message board will be shared by the City of Union and the Union branch, which will both use the sign to promote upcoming programs and events. Scenic Regional Director Steve Campbell approached the City about the possibility of sharing the sign last summer as construction was being completed on the new library.

The cost of the sign was \$40,000, which was split between the City of Union (\$20,000), Scenic Regional Library (\$5,000), and the Union branch Friends of the Library group (\$15,000). The Friends' money is generated entirely through fundraising.

The library's Owensville location is the only other branch with a digital sign. The sign was purchased by the Owensville branch Friends of the Library group in 2019.



Library Offers Curbside Service

The library has continued to offer curbside service since reopening on June 1. Patrons can call or email their local branch whenever the library is open and have items pulled from the shelves or placed on hold, and then schedule a pick-up time. Staff will bring the items to the patron's vehicle.

There is a designated parking space at each branch near the entrance reserved for curbside service. In order to minimize contact between staff and patrons, staff will either place the items in the patron's trunk, or on the back seat of their car. The patrons are being directed not to exit their car during the delivery process.



The hours for curbside service pick-up are:

Mondays, 9:00 AM-Noon

Tuesdays, 4:00-7:00 PM

Fridays, 2:00-5:00 PM



Notary Services Available

Beginning July 1, the library will resume offering notary services for the public at all branches. Patrons will be required to wear a face mask when getting a document notarized. If they do not have one, the library will provide them with a disposable mask.

The library does not charge a fee for notary services. An individual does not need to have a library card to have a document notarized.





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Sculpture Donated to Union Branch

Artist Larry Pogue has donated a sculpture to the Scenic Regional Library's Union branch. The 7 feet tall, 2 feet wide, stainless steel piece is entitled "Angel in the Sky I". The composition, intended for outdoor display, has been installed in front of the branch. The generous contribution is valued at \$7,500.

Mr. Pogue was born and raised in St. Louis and moved around the Midwest until he married and settled in Washington, Missouri. He taught sculpture and was chair of the art department at East Central College for 28 years, as well as curator of the gallery. He retired in 1997 to open the Pogue Sculpture Studio, where he continued to create stainless steel metal sculptures. Mr. Pogue has sculptures in private collections from New York to California and Chicago to New Orleans.

There are several copies of Mr. Pogue's book, "Metal Sculptor," in the library's collection. More information about Mr. Pogue can be found on his website at <http://poguestudio.com>.



Former Pacific Branch Manager Honored

Sue Reed, who was manager of Scenic Regional Library's Pacific branch from 1964 to 2004, was honored in June. The library framed an article about Ms. Reed's life and career which appeared in the Senior Life Times following her retirement in 2004. The Missourian edited the content onto a single sheet. The tribute has been placed near the service desk.

Ms. Reed is an avid reader and still a regular patron at the Pacific branch. She is also an active member of the Meramec Valley Genealogical and Historical Society. In 1976, she published a book entitled "In Retrospect... A Bicentennial Review of Our Historical Heritage" on the history of Pacific.



LIBRARY HOURS

Hermann • 573-486-2024

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T & Th 9am-8pm
Sat 9am-5pm

New Haven • 573-237-2189

M, W & F 9am-6pm
T & Th 9am-8pm
Sat 9am-5pm

Owensville • 573-437-2188

M, W & F 9am-6pm
T & Th 9am-8pm
Sat 9am-5pm

Pacific • 636-257-2712

M, T & Th 9am-8pm
W & F 9am-6pm
Sat 9am-5pm

St. Clair • 636-629-2546

M, T & Th 9am-8pm
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Sullivan • 573-468-4372

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W & F 9am-6pm
Sat 9am-5pm

Union • 636-583-3224

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Warrenton • 636-456-3321

M-Th 9am-8pm
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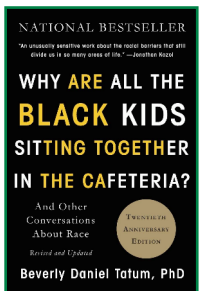
Library Provides Resources to Educate about Racism

Over the past month, the killing of George Floyd sparked nationwide protests against police brutality and racism. The events have generated tremendous interest in books about racism, African-American history, social justice, and related topics.

The primary way to combat racism is through education. Scenic Regional has compiled an extensive list of resources on racism, including hundreds of books for adults, teens, and children; movies; podcasts; websites; resources for parents; and articles. On the webpage, a summary is provided for each item. The library hopes the collection will help people learn about racism, facilitate conversations about race, help parents raise anti-racist children, and explore many other aspects of the topic.

Visit www.scenicregional.org/antiracismresources for the full list of resources.

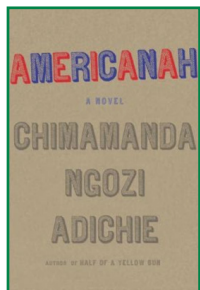
ADULTS



(Non-fiction)
“Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? And Other Conversations About Race,” by Beverly Daniel Tatum

Walk into any racially mixed high school

and you will see Black, White, and Latino youth clustered in their own groups. Is this self-segregation a problem to address or a coping strategy? A renowned authority on the psychology of racism argues that straight talk about our racial identities is essential if we are serious about enabling communication across racial and ethnic divides.

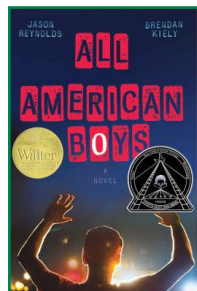


(Fiction)
“Americanah,” by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

A young woman from Nigeria leaves behind her home and her first love to start a new life in America, only to find her dreams are not all

she expected.

TEENS

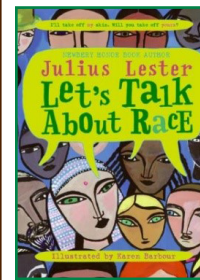


(Fiction)
“All American Boys,” by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely

Two teens—one black, one white—grapple with the repercussions of a single violent act that leaves their school,

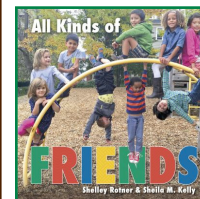
their community, and, ultimately, the country bitterly divided by racial tension. Written in tandem by two award-winning authors, this tour de force shares the alternating perspectives of Rashad and Quinn as the complications from that single violent moment, the type taken from the headlines, unfold and reverberate to highlight an unwelcome truth.

KIDS



(Non-fiction)
“Let's Talk about Race,” by Julius Lester

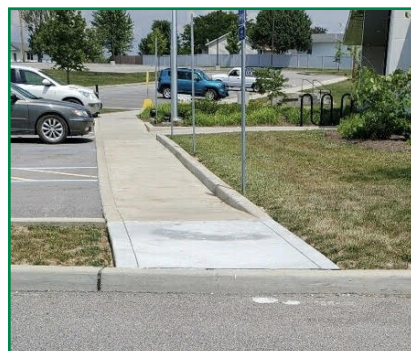
Introduces the concept of race as only one component in an individual's or nation's “story.”



(Picture Book)
“All Kinds of Friends,” by Shelley Rotner

Explores the many kinds of friends children have in their

lives with photographs and simple text.



Thank You for the Generous Donation!

Eckenfels Flatwork & Excavation, LLC, located in Warrenton, recently donated their labor and materials to the library for a sidewalk extension at the Warrenton branch. The cost of the project for the library would have been \$600.



Centenarian Visits Hermann Branch for 71 Years

Not many libraries can boast about having a patron who has been a faithful supporter for 71 years, but the Hermann branch of Scenic Regional Library can. Geneva Brink, who is 101-years-old and a resident of Hermann, first started visiting the library in Hermann in 1949 after she and her husband moved from Bay, Missouri, where she was born and raised, to a farm on Old Iron Road outside of Hermann.

At the time, the Hermann library was housed in a small building at 4th and Schiller Streets. The librarian, Amanda Wittrock, made a lasting impression on Brink's daughter, Mary Kunstmann, who still fondly recalls her visits to the library with her mother. "Mrs. Wittrock always made everyone feel at home and helped us all select the 'perfect' books to read," Kunstmann said. "I can remember the exciting day when Mrs. Wittrock suggested to mom that I might be ready to read books at the next higher age level. And when she introduced me to Nancy Drew-that was really amazing!"

Brink and Wittrock developed a friendship throughout the years beyond the walls of the library. They spent time quilting together and they were both members of St. Paul United Church of Christ.

Wittrock served as director of the Hermann library from 1948 until 1972 when the library joined the Scenic Regional Library system. Even though Brink's friend was no longer the librarian, she continued to regularly visit the library.

Brink celebrated her 100th birthday in 2018 by walking across the Hermann bridge, and Hermann's mayor declared Brink's birthday, December 8, 2018, Geneva Brink Day. As an active centenarian, she also enjoyed a hot air balloon ride near Columbia in honor of her 100th birthday. Seventy-one years after she moved to Hermann and first visited its little library, Brink continues to be an avid reader and a supporter of the library that has served her all of these years.



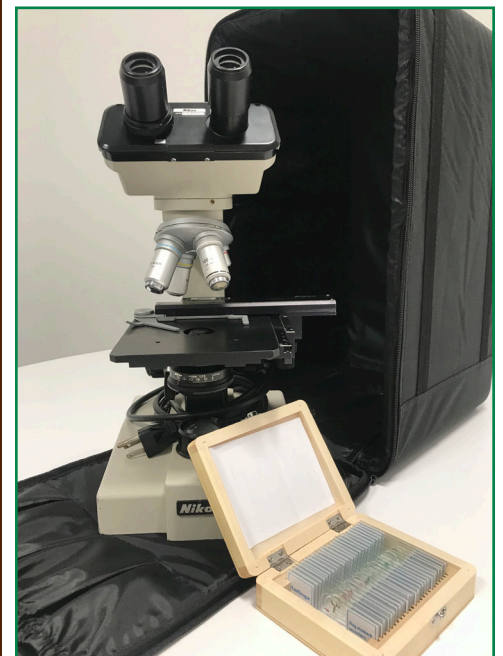
Long-time Hermann branch patron Geneva Brink (right) walking across the Hermann bridge in 2018 to celebrate her 100th birthday. (Her daughter, Mary Kunstmann, is standing to her left.)

Check Out a Microscope at the Library!

Do you or your child have an interest in science? Do you homeschool your child and want to enhance your science curriculum? **Beginning July 15, Scenic Regional will have seven Nikon Alphaphot microscopes available for checkout.** The microscopes were donated to the library by East Central College.

Each microscope will include a set of twenty-five prepared slides, which contain samples of plants, insects, and animal tissues. Patrons can view a dog cardiac muscle, honeybee worker leg, human blood, pine leaf, sunflower stem, and many other specimens. The library also has a 100-slide kit that can be checked out separately.

The microscopes check out for two weeks and have a \$5.00 per day overdue fee. The library has been checking out other specialty items for a few years, including cake pans, fishing poles, binoculars, and telescopes.



All branches of Scenic Regional Library will be closed Saturday, July 4th to Celebrate Independence Day.



Alesia at the SC branch does a virtual program for kids on how to make 3 different kinds of slime.



Miss Sherri at the Owensville branch did a virtual storytime about dragons. Kids could stop by the branch and pick up a Take & Make kit to make their very own egg carton dragon!



Rachel at our Hermann branch showed adults how to make a hanging kitchen towel. Take & Make kits were available for patrons to pick up at all 9 Scenic Regional Library branches.

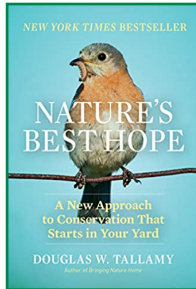
The Library Wants Your Feedback!

In June, the library has installed comment boxes near the service desk at every branch. When you visit, please leave us your feedback or suggestions.



Staff Picks

“Nature’s Best Hope,” by Douglas Tallamy



I never fancied myself a tree hugger, but Douglas Tallamy’s passionate nonfiction narrative, “Nature’s Best Hope”, compels readers to appreciate our connectedness to the environment and challenges us to do something about it. After reading the book during my social distancing days, I felt guilty enough to complete the removal of the seven Bradford Pear trees that I then-proudly planted about 15 years ago, along a border of my property.

You see, as an advocate of things natural, Tallamy advocates that as we Americans garden and “lawnscape” our yards and properties we should plant things that are native to our geography. Plants, such as my Bradford Pears, which were imported, contribute to an invasive imbalance in Nature. They do more damage to the food web, than they benefit Nature. So they had to go.

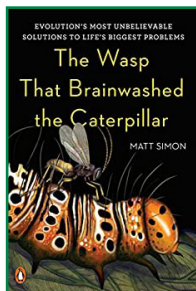
The nationally acclaimed teacher/author/lecturer explains that there is hope for America to restore our country’s bird, bug, butterfly and plant life. He cordially lays out the facts that support his beliefs. He anticipates the readers’ arguments and offers solutions for common misbeliefs.

For example, Tallamy acknowledges that the hundreds of millions of acres of public lands in America, make the typical reader think they can’t make much difference in the landscape of America. But he believes that if we would all do what we can, Backyard National Park could be a collective remedy for what’s ailing America.

I enjoyed reading Dr. Tallamy’s book and found it educational as well as entertaining. You can find it in the Scenic Regional collection and in Hoopla.

-Review by Nathan at the New Haven branch

“The Wasp That Brainwashed the Caterpillar,” by Matt Simon



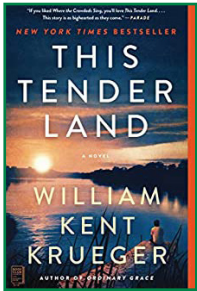
Have you ever heard of the tiny, mud-dwelling tardigrade, or water bear, that can live in a dried-up state for 30 years until water finds it once again? How about the tongue-eating isopod which eats a fish’s tongue and then essentially becomes the fish’s tongue? What about the shrimp that shoots water out of its claw at a rate of 105 feet per second, the impact heating up the surrounding water to 8,000 degrees Fahrenheit? Now you have. I loved this book!

Written with wonder and wit, it tells the stories of the funkiest and most astonishing creatures on Earth. As someone who has always appreciated the uniqueness and beauty in all beings, this nonfiction work was a delight for me. Matt Simon displays that same appreciation, as well as a fabulous sense of humor that had me laughing aloud while reading this book. Life never ceases to amaze, and this book didn’t either!

-Review by Ally at the Pacific branch



Staff Picks



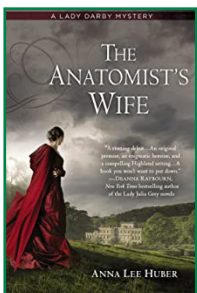
“This Tender Land,” by William Kent Krueger

The story takes place in 1932 in the state of Minnesota. The Lincoln School is where Native American children are sent after they have been forcibly separated from their parents and families. They are “educated” in brutal ways to unlearn all that their Native American upbringing has taught them. Among the Native American children are two white, orphan brothers, Odie and Albert O’Banion. Odie is very unhappy at the school and is often in trouble with the superintendent. He is very sympathetic of the Indian children as he is often treated as one. Things are getting progressively worse when events occur which force Odie and Albert to leave the school. They take their best friend Mose, and a little girl who is recently orphaned, with them. The four children begin a canoe trip down the Mississippi River hoping to reach Chicago and a relative who may be able to save them.

The children meet many different people while traveling down the river. There are good and bad people all trying to deal with life during the Great Depression: drifters, farmers, faith healers and displaced families. There are also the people sent by Lincoln School to bring the children back to the school. The children learn who to trust and who not to as they travel towards their destination. The children have many adventures, and near catastrophes, before the conclusion of their trip.

This is a beautifully told story that deals with the pain of adolescence and the trials of growing up in a harsh world. The reader is drawn to the four orphans and their plight. At times the story is uplifting and at others heart wrenching. I loved this book and highly recommend it.

-Review by Marilee at the St. Clair branch



“The Anatomist’s Wife,” by Anna Lee Huber

“The Anatomist’s Wife,” by Anna Lee Huber, is a story set in Scotland in the 1800’s. Lady Kiera Darby is a widow who is shunned by the nobility because she formerly took part in her doctor husband’s anatomical dissections. He forced her to watch his dissections in order for her to illustrate them for the anatomy book he was writing. Lady Darby’s only joy in life was to paint, and he threatened to forbid her to do so unless she would illustrate for his book. No one other than her sister’s family, where she goes to live after her husband’s death, will believe her, though. Society all thinks of her as being an

“unnatural” woman.

It is at a house party 3 years later at her sister’s estate that a gruesome murder takes place, and Kiera must try to find the murderer or be blamed for it herself!

I really enjoyed listening to this as an e-audio book through Hoopla. The narrator did an excellent job of capturing the accents of the British nobility and of the Scottish regions. The Anatomist’s Wife is the first of eight books in the Lady Darby Mystery Series.

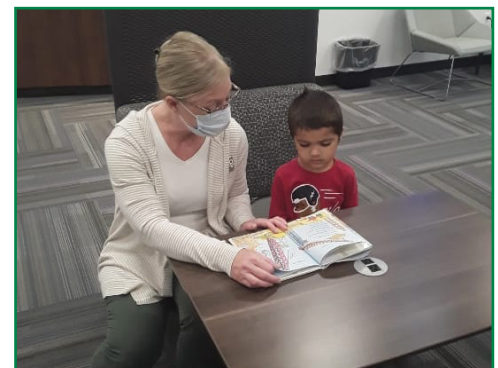
-Review by Amy at the Union branch



Our New Haven branch created a sensory walkway to the front door of the branch!



Employees at our Sullivan branch sporting our summer reading shirts. Remember you can sign up at www.scenicregional.org.



Our awesome staff member Eve from the Wright City branch took some time to read to one of our young patrons.



Some little patrons came in to check out some cake pans at the Sullivan branch and sign up for summer reading! They sent us a picture of their finished cakes.



Responding to the 2020 Census is important to each of us! You may use a computer at the library to complete the online census. It only takes a few minutes to complete.



Due to the current situation the library is not accepting any donations at the branch or in our drop box until further notice. Thank you for your cooperation

Staff Spotlight: Elijah, Adult Programmer, Hermann



How long have you worked for Scenic? I started working for Scenic Regional this last February.

What made you want to work in a library? I am currently pursuing a master's degree in library and information science and wanted more experience in the field.

What do you wish more people knew about the library? I wish more people knew about our online resources. The catalog and databases are great tools.

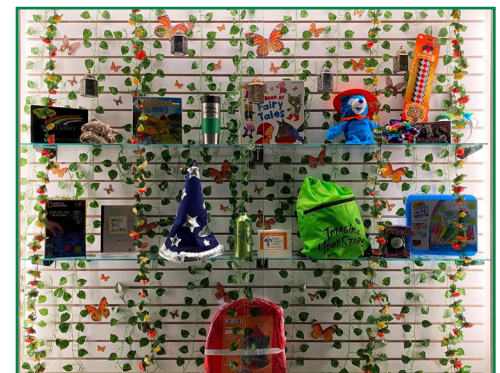
What is your favorite part of the job? Why? My favorite part of the job is being in the stacks. Whether it's shelving, helping a patron, or tidying up, there are always new gems to be found just waiting to be checked out.

What upcoming virtual program are you excited about and why? I know that there is a cooking program coming up in July. I like to cook, so I am looking forward to it!

What are you currently reading or what are you reading next? *The Eye of the World* by Robert Jordan.

What is your favorite book? Why? My favorite book right now is *The Way of Kings* by Brandon Sanderson. The story really gripped me, and I found that I couldn't put it down

Is there anything else you would like people to know about you, your job, or your library branch? I'm enjoying working here at the Hermann branch. I already had some circulation experience, but programming is always a new and exciting time.



The Union branch (L) and the Warrenton branch (R) made displays to celebrate fantasy books and prizes you can win as part of the Summer Reading Program "Imagine Your Story".



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 1 1/2" 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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251 Union Plaza Dr.
Union, MO 63084



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April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021 Membership Year

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

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