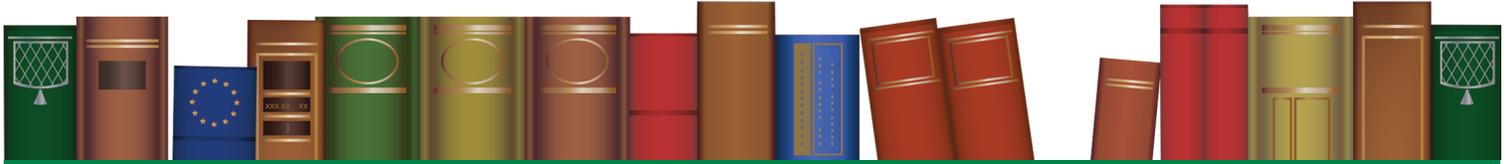




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Craft & Hobby Available February 1

Scenic Regional Library will begin offering Craft & Hobby, the largest catalog of on-demand learning in the craft and hobby space, on February 1.

Craft & Hobby is an extensive online platform designed specifically for public libraries nationwide to provide library patrons with on-demand access to creative educational resources. With Craft & Hobby, library patrons can explore in-depth online instructional videos and classes that span 22 different creative categories, allowing them to learn a new hobby or improve their skills in an existing area. The platform has classes to serve all interests that are family safe and accessible for all ages. Craft & Hobby will replace the library's current resource, Creative Bug.

To begin using Craft & Hobby, visit us at <https://scenicregional.org/databases/#diy> and click "Craft & Hobby."



Par-Tee at the Library

The St. Clair branch's signature program, "Par-Tee at the Library," an indoor mini-golf event for all ages, will occur on Saturday, February 8, from 12 to 3 PM. This year's 9-hole-course theme is "Par-Tee at the Movies," which will feature film adaptations of different novels from different genres. Some examples of the themed holes include *Mrs. Doubtfire*, *The Princess Bride*, *Forrest Gump*, *Jaws*, *James Bond*, and more.

Patrons can register for the event online at bit.ly/3ZXwQps, by calling 636-629-2546, or by stopping by the library. Preferred tee times may be requested, but library staff will follow up and contact registrants with their assigned tee times. Tee times are every 5 minutes for four people. If a group has more than four people, they will need to sign up for multiple tee times and will be assigned back-to-back time slots so they may play together.



Two sizes of putters will be available so children and adults can play. Attendees are encouraged to dress up as a character or in their "red carpet" best.

"Taking the Scenic Route" Library Podcast Launches January 17

Scenic Regional Library will launch a podcast in January called "Taking the Scenic Route." It will be hosted by the library's director, Steve Campbell. The podcast will include interviews with upcoming program presenters, information about new and existing services, interviews with authors, book recommendations from staff, and more. The first episode will be released on Friday, January 17. It will be available on Spotify, Apple, and YouTube. The library plans to release new episodes every two weeks.

Guests on the inaugural episode include Walter Conner discussing his upcoming "Making Maple Syrup" program; Associate Director Christy Schink discussing "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten"; and John Hensley discussing his upcoming "Fifty Plants That Changed the Course of History Volume 2" program. Hosted by Library Director Steve Campbell. To listen to the episode, visit rss.com/podcasts/scenicregional.



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Teens had fun at the Pacific branch at our Teen Tech Takedown program.



Owensville branch staff played "Bring Your Own Book" during their staff holiday party. Check out the game from our catalog.



Last Monday, these beautiful folks with American Red Cross Blood Donors came out to the Pacific branch for our December Blood Drive, working to make the world a better place one donation at a time.



In Storytime at the Owensville branch we made finger puppets to retell "Go Sleep In Your Own Bed!" by Candace Fleming.

Winter Reading BINGO

Scenic Regional Library's Winter Reading BINGO Program has returned! Lasting through February 28, all ages are encouraged to participate. To enroll in the program, pick up a BINGO card at your local branch or register online through Beanstack, an online reading tracking system. Each participant can earn up to two free books - one for a traditional bingo and one for a full card bingo.

Participants are encouraged to read and log at least 5 hours during the challenge. They can also complete activities such as attending a library program, checking out something that isn't a book, reading aloud to someone or having someone read aloud to them, or using the self-check machine. To learn more, contact your local branch or visit us online at scenicregional.org/winterbingo for more information.



Library Interviewed Monthly on Local Radio Stations

Catch the library on your local radio station! The library has regularly scheduled interviews on all three local radio stations each month to discuss upcoming programs and events, new and existing library services, and other information and happenings. In addition, various staff from the branches and administration appear on the programs, each approximately 20-30 minutes in length.

On the first Wednesday of each month, the library staff appears on the Diane Jones Show on KLPW 1120 AM in Union. On the third Thursday of each month, the library staff is interviewed by Sam Scott on KTUI 1560 AM in Sullivan. On the fourth Thursday of each month, the library staff appears on Livewire with Mike Thomas on KWRE 730 AM in Warrenton.

KLPW 1120 AM in Union: First Wednesdays, 8:35AM
 KTUI 1560 AM in Sullivan: Third Thursdays, 9:10AM
 KWRE 730 AM in Warrenton: Fourth Thursdays, 9:30AM



Sullivan Branch Manager Sydney Lewis and Library Director Steve Campbell on air at KTUI on December 19.



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January Anniversaries

Thank you for being such an *important* piece of our puzzle!



Paul, Collection Development, Interlibrary Loan, and Passport Program Manager, Administration

SNAP Benefits with MU Extension in January

MU Extension will visit multiple Scenic Regional Library branches in late January to share information and application assistance for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Benefits, formerly known as food stamps, along with low-cost recipes and giveaways. SNAP Benefits offers a monthly benefit to help those in need buy food and food products.

SNAP Benefits with MU Extension Dates & Times:

- Sullivan: Tuesday, January 21, 2 PM
- Owensville: Wednesday, January 22, 11 AM
- New Haven: Thursday, January 23, 10 AM
- St. Clair: Tuesday, January 28, 10 AM
- Pacific: Wednesday, January 29, 10 AM
- Union: Thursday, January 30, 10 AM

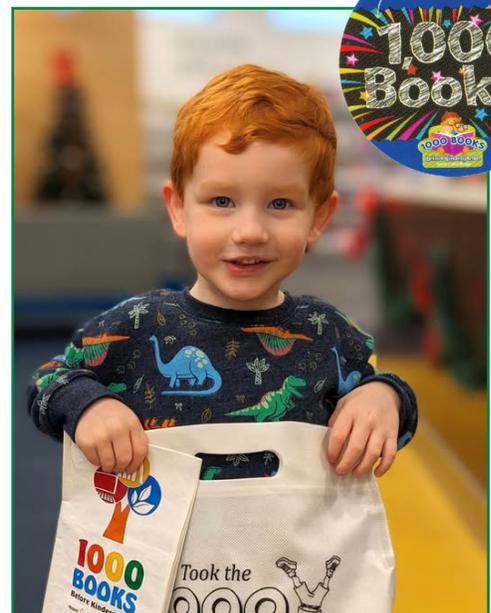


Extension
University of Missouri

Brainfuse HelpNow® Provides Online Tutoring

As the new semester begins, remember that the library offers Brainfuse HelpNow® as its online tutoring platform! Brainfuse HelpNow® has a user-friendly interface and offers many online learning assistance options, such as live tutoring, a writing lab, the ability to send a question and receive an answer within 24 hours, and much more! Live tutoring is available every day from 2 to 11 pm.

To use or learn more about Brainfuse HelpNow®, visit us online at scenicregional.org/databases/#childrens and sign in with your library card!



CONGRATULATIONS to our little friend who completed the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program!



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Wrap Yourself in a Blanket and a Book: Cozy Titles to Savor

Does the January snow and ice have you feeling cold and wanting to book the next plane ticket to a sunny, beachy destination? While we can't promise you a tropical vacation, we can offer a warm escape through the pages of a cozy mystery, enchanting fairy tale or steamy romance, blanket not included.

These titles pair well with a cat curled up on your lap, sitting a spell in front of a fire, or being snowed in after buying all the bread, milk and eggs out of your nearest grocery store. Opening the pages to these books is like putting on a fuzzy blanket.

Beat those winter blues and stay warm with a variety of genres and titles to choose from. No fireplace at home? Not to worry! Each branch of Scenic Regional Library has a cozy fireplace with comfortable seating to escape the chill of January. We hope to see you soon!



Top 5 Titles of 2024

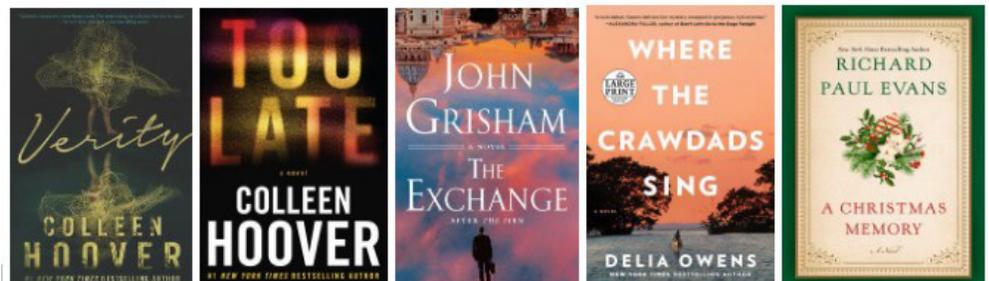
Verity by Colleen Hoover - Lowen Ashleigh is a struggling writer on the brink of financial ruin when she accepts the job offer of a lifetime. Whose truth is the lie? Stay up all night reading the sensational psychological thriller that has readers obsessed. **Genres: Thriller, Mystery, Romance, Fiction**

Too Late by Colleen Hoover - A story about a woman caught in a dangerous web of obsessive love, trying to find a way out before it's too late. **Genres: Romance, Thriller, Fiction**

The Exchange: After The Firm by John Grisham - A high-flying international suspense in a stunning new legal thriller that marks the return of Mitch McDeere, the brilliant hero of The Firm. **Genres: Legal Thriller, Mystery, Suspense**

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens - For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet fishing village. Kya Clark is barefoot and wild; unfit for polite society. So in late 1969, when the popular Chase Andrews is found dead, locals immediately suspect her. **Genres: Mystery, Historical Fiction, Romance**

A Christmas Memory by Richard Paul Evans - A poignant, deeply felt novel about loss, grief, the healing power of forgiveness, and the true meaning of the holiday season. **Genres: Christmas, Holiday, Historical Fiction**



What was your favorite title of 2024? Scenic Regional Library is happy to help you find your favorite title of 2025! Visit your nearest library branch to start your search!



Read Digital Magazines with Flipster

Do you love magazines? The library offers Flipster, a free, easy-to-use digital magazine service that provides instant, full-color access to over 40 popular magazine titles! Available titles include Better Homes & Gardens, Country Living, Discover, National Geographic, Reader's Digest, and more. Magazines are available through the app the same day they're available in stores.

Flipster is available through a mobile app or internet browser. To access Flipster, visit scenicregional.org/databases/#magazines, click "Flipster," and log in with your library card number.

Magazines Available in Flipster:

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| Better Homes & Gardens | National Geographic Kids |
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| Consumer Reports Buying Guide | Pets Magazine |
| Consumer Reports on Health | Pioneer Woman Magazine |
| Country Living | Poets & Writers |
| Cricket | Prevention |
| Deer & Deer Hunting | Reader's Digest |
| Discover | Real Simple |
| Food Network Magazine | Rolling Stone |
| Gun Digest | Scientific American |
| HGTV Magazine | Southern Living |
| Highlights | Sports Illustrated (No Swimsuit Edition) |
| J-14 | Sports Illustrated Kids |
| Kiplinger's Personal Finance | Taste of Home |
| Men's Health | This Old House |
| National Geographic | Us Weekly |
| National Geographic History | Vogue |
| National Geographic Kids | Woman's World |
| New Old House | |



These cute little birds were hunting for worms at Storytime in our Hermann branch.



Look at these pretty Scandinavian Stars our patrons in St. Clair learned how to make



Families enjoyed the play area in New Haven while it was too cold to play outside.



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SCENIC SAYS!

Happy New Year!
Do you have any New Year traditions?

Do you have a reading goal for 2025?

The library has board games for checkout!
What's your favorite board game in the collection?

Genevieve
Adult
Programmer,
Sullivan



"Yes! My grandparents always come stay the night and we stay up playing board games. My grandpa and I always have a Battleship Championship. I've been the reigning champion three years in a row now!"

"Not really. Setting goals is too stressful, in my opinion. I figure I'll read what I read, and hopefully, I'll read more than I did last year."

"There's too many to choose from! All of them are fun, though I am rather fond of 'Apples to Apples'."

Em
Library
Assistant,
Pacific



"I eat black-eyed peas on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day for good luck and hang out with loved ones."

"I'd like to read at least 25 books!"

"I'm partial to all of them, myself~"

Mindy
Children's
Programmer,
St. Clair



"Usually get together with friends and all the kiddos to play games until midnight."

"My goal for 2024 was 45 books, which I met so I'm bumping it to 50 for 2025!"

"I recently checked out 'Blend Off' and my girls and I loved it!"

Jamie
Library
Assistant,
Pacific



"My mom, sisters, and I being the only people who can stay up until midnight."

"Fill my first personal bookshelf in my first house."

"Scrabble!"



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 – \$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) <input type="checkbox"/> Hermann Branch <input type="checkbox"/> New Haven Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Owensville Branch <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		SIZE OF BOOK <input type="checkbox"/> 8" X 1-1/2" - \$150 <input type="checkbox"/> 10" X 2" - \$250 <input type="checkbox"/> 9" X 3" - \$350
		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, 2024 – September 30, 2025 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	
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WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP? (Select all which apply) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Governing and Planning Committee <input type="checkbox"/> 		OFFICE USE ONLY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> New Application <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Date Received: <input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Amount Received: 	

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