



THE Scenic Regional Library NEWSLETTER

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Scenic Regional Library branches will be closed January 1, in observance of The New Year and January 18 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

New Temporary Hours at All Locations

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
10am-6pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays
11am-7pm

Saturdays
10am-3pm

Winter Book BINGO Starts January 2

Looking for something to do in the cold winter months? Need some incentives to keep your kids reading this winter? Scenic Regional Library is having a Winter Book BINGO program in January and February for all ages. You can pick up a BINGO card at your local branch or do it all online by registering at www.scenicregional.org/winterbingo. If you used our online system for this year's summer reading program, all you have to do is sign in on your computer or open the app on your phone and register for Adult/Teen Winter BINGO or Kids Winter BINGO, you won't need to create a whole new account.

Are there prizes? Of course there are prizes! You can earn up to 5 BINGOs on your BINGO card by completing all of the reading /activities on a line horizontally, vertically or diagonally. For each BINGO you'll receive a free book of your choice at your local branch. That's 5 free books you can earn just by reading and doing fun activities this winter. Winter Book BINGO ends on March 1st so be sure to turn in your BINGO card or complete all of your activities online by March 1st.

Not sure how to do the program online? You can watch short instructional videos on how to register and how to log your reading and activities at www.scenicregional.org/winterbingo. You can also find booklists that match the BINGO reading categories, just in case you are having trouble finding a book set in Missouri or a book with a number in the title. Need more help finding books? Ask our friendly staff and watch for Winter BINGO themed book displays in your local branch.

Don't forget to sign up online, or stop by your local branch on January 2nd or anytime after and keep reading!

Winter Reading Program

January 2 – March 1

All ages

Earn up to 5 FREE books!

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Johnalee, our Union children's programmer, taught patrons virtually how to make homemade play dough for a Christmas craft!



Eli Mure with the Hermann branch hosted a Christmas Traditions program through Zoom.



Patrons shared clothing they created to celebrate National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day, December 18.

Bookmobile Librarian Connie Vest Retires

The library's bookmobile librarian, Connie Vest, retired on December 31. She had worked for the library since 2004. The bookmobile hasn't operated since March due to COVID restrictions. Since the library reopened in June 2020, Ms. Vest has assisted with interlibrary loan, coverage at the branches, and worked on other projects in administration. Also due to COVID, the library was unable to have a public reception honoring Ms. Vest. However, the library did present her with a gift, as well as a cake featuring a bookmobile, on December 15. The library wishes her a happy retirement and good luck in her future endeavors.



Pacific Adult Programmer Barb Schweissguth Retiring January 8

The Pacific branch's full-time adult programmer, Barb Schweissguth is retiring from the library on January 8. She began working part-time at the library in 2007. In 2011, Ms. Schweissguth was promoted to full-time, splitting her time between the Union and Pacific branches. In 2012, she began working full-time at the Pacific branch. In 2015, Ms. Schweissguth became the branch's adult programmer. She had also previously served as the branch's children's programmer. The library wishes her a happy retirement and good luck in her future endeavors.

Due to COVID, the library is unable to have a retirement reception for Ms. Schweissguth. However, **patrons who would like to visit the branch and wish her a happy retirement can do so on Tuesday, January 5; Thursday, January 7; and Friday, January 8.**



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january 2021 upcoming events

Library Offers Free Access to Digital Picture Books for Children

Adults and teens aren't the only people with digital options through the library during the pandemic. The library provides free access to the TumbleBook Library deluxe collection for children in grades K-3. The collection includes more than 550 titles of animated talking picture books, books in English, French and Spanish, read-alongs, non-fiction books, and National Geographic videos.



TumbleBook Library provides unlimited viewings, so multiple children can read the same book at the same time. The books are streamed through the web page, not downloaded, and the audio can be turned on or off so that children can practice reading. TumbleBook Library can be used at home by patrons with their library cards. Visit <https://scenicregional.org/kids/tumblebook> on the library's website to access the TumbleBook 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.



PROGRAM GUIDE ALL BRANCHES

Winter Reading Program
Book BINGO January 2 - March 1

**ASK US ABOUT OUR ST. CLAIR
SPICE OF THE MONTH CLUB!**

Virtual Return to Hogwarts (all ages)
Saturday, January 9 at 1:00 pm
Get a Spellbinding Activity Kit at your branch.

VIRTUAL ADULT PROGRAMS
New Year, New You: Nutrition
Thursday, January 7 at 5:00 pm

20-Minute Virtual Meditation
Friday, January 8 & 22 at 10:00 am

Show-Me State Parks & Historic Sites
Third Friday each Month at 1:00 pm

No-Bake Granola Bars
Thursday, January 14 at 5:00 pm

Virtual Hygee 101
Thursday, January 21 at 5:00 pm

Love Unleashed: Animal Rescue
Thursday, January 28 at 5:00 pm

VIRTUAL BOOK CLUBS
Warrenton branch
Thursday, January 7 at 5:30 pm
One Day in December by Josie Silver.

St. Clair branch
Thursday, January 21 at 6:00 pm
For One More Day by Mitch Albom.

Union branch
Thursday, January 21 at 6:00 pm
Upstairs at the White House by J.B. West.

VIRTUAL KID & TEEN PROGRAMS
Kids Club
Every Monday at 4:00 pm
Winter BINGO Kick-Off

Watch celebrities read books to help complete your BINGO card. Learn craft/activity ideas to go with book.

Preschool Storytime
Every Thursday at 11:00 am

Teen Programs
1st Wednesday of Month at 4:00 pm
January 6-Watch a coding video & pick up a Coding Activity Packet at your branch.



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Library's Digital Resources See Big Surge in 2020

While the library's in-person traffic has been down since it reopened in June 2020, there's been a surge in digital usage. The library has seen usage of e-books, e-audiobooks, e-magazines, streaming video, and digital and streaming music, surge over 20%.

The library offers its patrons access to tens of thousands of these digital resources. They can be checked out and downloaded for free with a library card and viewed or listened to on a Smartphone, tablet, desktop, and laptop.

Step-by-step help guides on accessing these resources are available at

<https://scenicregional.org/virtual-library/download-stream>.



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Hermann Patron Passes Away, Family Creates Memorial Fund at Library



Long-time Hermann library patron Diane Lionberger passed away on November 30. She worked for Stone Hill Winery in sales and the tasting rooms. In 2019, Ms. Lionberger was honored for her 60 years of membership at the First Baptist Church. She loved spending time with her family, traveling, and reading.

Ms. Lionberger's family set up a memorial fund with the Scenic Regional Library. Donations can be sent to Scenic Regional Library, c/o Diane Lionberger Memorial Fund, 251 Union Plaza Drive, Union, Missouri 63084. Proceeds will be designated exclusively for the Hermann branch.



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Do Your Kids Need Help with their Homework? The Library Can Help! Free Online Tutoring Available to Students, Grades K-12

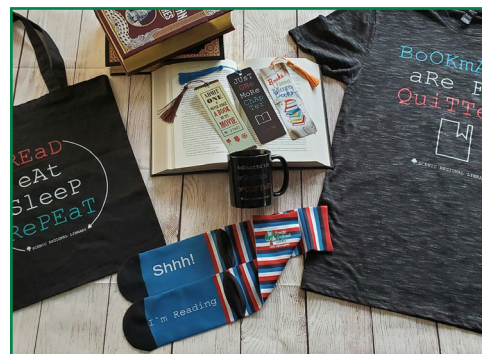
Parents who struggle to help their children complete their homework have access to an amazing, free resource through the library. Tutor.com provides on-demand, one-to-one tutoring in an online classroom for students in kindergarten through college in over 60 academic subjects.

Tutors are available online every day from 2:00 PM to midnight. These certified online tutors will help your student work through math problems, edit their papers, and navigate many other academic challenges without having to leave home.

To access the service, students should visit www.scenicregional.org, and then click on Homework Help under the Kids or Teens tab. A library card will be required and you will need to set up an account the first time.

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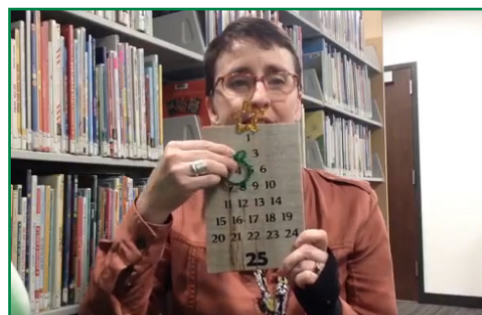
Santa visited our library virtually to read his favorite story. Afterward each family had a chance to share their screen side by side with Santa and take a screen shot.



A family spent part of their Christmas break using one of the microscopes from the library.



Visit our YouTube Channel to learn how to make these beautiful snowflakes with Elizabeth, our children's programmer in Sullivan.



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Teens learned out about some weird and frightening Christmas traditions from around the world. Then they had the opportunity to join us to make a wood and vinyl advent calendar.

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Staff Picks



"Brontë's Mistress," by Finola Austin

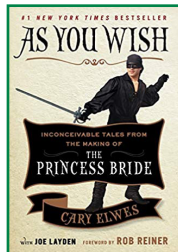
Readers know Charlotte Brontë, author of "Jane Eyre". Also popular is Emily Brontë's "Wuthering Heights." Less well known is the youngest sister,

Ann, who wrote two books that are still in publication today. The hope and focus of the family was the only son, Branwell. But Branwell couldn't establish himself in any job and died young of alcohol and drug abuse. He did work for a few years as tutor to the son of a family where his sister Ann was governess to the daughters. While there, he had a sexual relationship with the children's mother.

Lydia Robinson tells her story in a first person narrative. She is passionate and dissatisfied with her circumscribed life. Her complaints about her corset give a physical handle to the emotional strictures that are suffocating her. Lydia, however, is not perfect. She is selfish and shallow. I felt sympathy for her children who were ignored by a cold father and pushed away by a self-absorbed mother. Branwell Brontë, an inexperienced, much younger man, gave her the adoration and physical attention she no longer received from her husband.

The Author's Note at the end of the book explains that ALL of the characters in the book are real and details corroborating evidence for events in the book. No one can know for sure what happened at Thorp Green Hall but Finola Austin has made the residents very real and given us a window into what life was like in mid-nineteenth century England through the details of a historical tragedy.

-Review by Diane, Administration

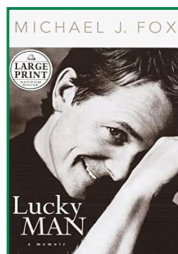


"As You Wish, Inconceivable Tales from the Making of The Princess Bride," Cary Elwes

The Princess Bride has become a cult classic among movie-goers, myself included in that group. If you love the movie, this book is a must-read! Cary Elwes starred as Westley, the handsome farm boy-turned hero. He brings you behind the scenes of making the movie, explaining special-effects down to choreographing one of the best sword fights I have ever seen on film! Fellow actors in the film also share their memories and thoughts in their own words. An enjoyable

read for any fan!

-Review by Amanda, Administration



"Lucky Man," by Michael J. Fox

I have always been a "Back to the Future" trilogy fan and consider it one of the best film series ever made. Because of this I was excited to read a memoir by Michael J. Fox titled "Lucky Man." His writing is humorous, honest, and though provoking. In his memoir he tells how he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease at 29 and how it has changed his life for the better, some may find that surprising. In his words "When life takes away, something of greater value is always given in return."- Michael J. Fox. Fox gives an account of how

the neurological disease caused him to find appreciation in his career, family and life itself..I found his way of thinking humbling and inspiring. The way he was able to take something that would be hard to cope with for many and mold it into a foundation for positive change is inspirational. In 2000 he founded "The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research," which has become a pioneer with research and drug development for Parkinson's to help find a cure.

-Review by Melissa, Union branch



"The Golden Compass," by Phillip Pullman

In early October, I saw a new DVD listed in Scenic Regional Library's catalog called "His Dark Materials." The description of this television show intrigued me so I place it on hold, only to find out upon watching it that it is based on a book series. I enjoyed the television show so much that I had to read the books! Book one is called "The Golden Compass" and takes place in a world like ours, but not ours. Every human has an animal companion that houses his soul and this bond is unbreakable...or is it? When children begin to go missing,

the community at large begins to suspect that the The Oblation Board is behind the kidnappings. But what would a powerful governing body want with kids and their animal companions? When the main character, Lyra, realizes that one of those missing children is her best friend, she and her companion set off on a complicated and dangerous journey to rescue him. In this journey, there is mystery, prophecy, challenge, gyptions, armored bears, alethiometers, and a sense that nothing will ever be as it was. Even though this series is designed for juveniles, I read the book in two days and stayed up way later than I should have to finish it. I cannot wait to begin book two, "The Subtle Knife."

-Review by Stacy, Administration

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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

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" - \$100	
<input type="checkbox"/> New Haven Branch		<input type="checkbox"/> 10" X 2" - \$200	
<input type="checkbox"/> Owensville Branch		<input type="checkbox"/> 9" X 3" - \$300	
<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			
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Union, MO 63084



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