Winter Reading BINGO Program

Keep busy this winter by participating in Scenic Regional Library’s Winter BINGO Program! The program began on December 19 and will last until February 18. All ages are encouraged to participate. To participate, complete a BINGO on a BINGO card diagonally, vertically, or horizontally. Bring your completed BINGO card to your local branch and get a free book for every BINGO, up to a maximum of 5 books. Cards will be available at branches or can be downloaded on the library’s website. Participants will also be able to log their reading in READsquared. Contact your local branch or visit us online at scenicregional.org/winterbingo for more information.

Scenic Regional Library branches will be closed January 2, in observance of The New Year and January 16 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Freegal Will Receive New Update

Freegal users can expect an update to the popular download and streaming services app starting mid-January. The update will be called Freegal Music+, a music service with all the things you love about Freegal Music and some significant improvements to make your listening experience as easy and enjoyable as possible.

Freegal offers access to about 8 million songs and over 15,000 music videos. Users can enjoy up to eight hours of daily ad-free streaming and five weekly downloads.

Improvements will include AI-powered recommendations, a new user-friendly user interface, easier navigation, a complete redesign of the desktop and mobile apps, new genre pages for easier browsing, and much more.

All Branches are Warming Stations

As the cold weather approaches, don’t forget that all Scenic Regional Library branches are designated warming stations. Everyone is free to visit during our open hours and warm up. During the summer, all branches are also designated cooling stations.
Foundation Will Host Trivia Night

The Scenic Regional Library Foundation will host a fundraising trivia night Saturday, March 4, at the Union City Auditorium. The event’s theme will be “Night at the Movies,” and the prize for the winning table is $200. The event will include some rounds with questions about the Oscars, famous actors and actresses, and famous movies.

The event will cost $20 per person or $160 per table. Payment can be made by cash or check at any branch, at the door, or via Venmo to @ScenicRegLibrary-Foundation (QR code below).

A silent auction will also be held at the event, with gift baskets available for bidding. In addition, mulligans will be sold 10 for $10 at the door, and 50/50 tickets and raffle basket tickets will be available for 1 for $1, 6 for $5, and an arm’s length for $20. Prizes will be given for the best decorated table (movie theme) and best outfit (famous actor or actress).

To register for the event, visit bit.ly/TRIVIA_REGISTRATION, or scan the QR code below. The Scenic Regional Library Foundation is a 501c3 organization; all ticket and silent auction purchases are tax deductible.

Library Road Sign Installed in New Haven

Library directional signs have been installed on Highway 100 to point the way to the New Haven branch. Approving, purchasing, and installing the signs was a joint project of the New Haven City Council, MODOT, and Scenic Regional Library. The signs were installed on December 9.

The library has been working with MODOT and local municipalities to install “Library” road signs indicating where to find the library’s buildings. Along with New Haven, Sullivan and Pacific also have already installed signs. All library locations can expect to see a sign installed in their community.

Sullivan Receives Musical Instruments

The Sullivan branch received an upgrade to its children’s patios this winter. Musical instruments were recently installed on the patio. They were a gift from their Friends of the Library group. The instruments include freechimes and a babel drum. With the installation of the instruments, six of the library’s nine branches now have instruments on their children’s patio.
How long have you worked for Scenic?
I have worked for the library for 3 years.

Can you share a little bit about your background before you came to work at the library?
I worked for the Gasconade Co. R2 Schools for 23 years before coming to work for Scenic. There I worked as a classroom aide, then the lunch secretary, then a library aide, then back to classroom aide.

What made you want to work in a library?
While working in the school library, I enjoyed working with the students, helping them to find just the right book to suit their needs. Very rewarding.

What do you wish more people knew about the library?
There are so many people out there who don’t realize the services the library offers.

What is your favorite part of the job? Why?
My favorite part of the job is assisting patrons. It’s rewarding when I can help someone find just the right item to suit their desires.

What are you currently reading or what are you reading next?
I am currently reading “The First Christmas”. It’s a story about Christ’s birth told from the perspective of the animals, shepherds, etc.

You can only take one book to a desert island. What book, and why?
My Island book would be “Old Yeller”. I love that book and the movie that goes with it. I’ve read/watched it so much that my grandchildren, when I say something about Old Yeller, start singing the theme song.

Any hobbies or interests outside the library?
Outside of the library, I love to read, quilt, scrapbook, camp and spend lots of time with my family.

Library Offers Book Connections

When using Book Connections™, children and teens can access several compiled resources regarding the book they are reading- including author profiles, blogs, multiple author interviews, book guides, activities, lessons, book trailers, vocab lists, and more!

In addition to individual book resources, Book Connections™ offers other functions, such as the ability to search read-a-like titles and authors, over 15,000 read-along audiobooks, over 1,800 complete book readings, author studies, and personal recordings from authors pronouncing and explaining their names.

The service also offers many resources to aid parents and educators, including the ability to browse all books and author resources, identify books for young readers, how-to guides on infusing diverse books into reading, customizable book lists, and book promotion materials such as printable QR codes.

To learn more about Book Connections™, visit us at scenicregional.org/kids.
“Lives Like Loaded Guns: Emily Dickinson and Her Family’s Feuds” by Lyndall Gordons

Like other nineteenth-century women writers, a myth has grown up about Emily Dickinson that is only thinly based on reality. Emily did live all of her life in Amherst and never married. She died at the age of fifty-five and did not leave the house for the last half of her life. Lyndall Gordon presents evidence that Emily suffered from epilepsy and suggests the illness was the reason that Emily stopped making out-of-town trips to visit family and friends.

Emily didn’t keep all of her poetry hidden from the world. She tried to get selected poems published during her lifetime, and a few were reluctantly made public. Potential publishers shied away from them. The poems were not what readers were used to. They didn’t rhyme. They were powerful and not what was considered appropriate for women to write or to read. When poems were published after her death, the nay-sayers were proved wrong. Readers couldn’t get enough of them.

Emily was not meek and shy. She wrote with passion to both men and women acquaintances, craving their attention to her and to her writing. She did have a love interest who visited her frequently from his home in Boston.

Emily and her unmarried sister, Lavinia, lived in the family home until their deaths. Their brother, Austin, lived with his wife and two children in the house next door.

Emily and her sister-in-law, Susan, were close friends and Sue was Emily’s chosen first reader for many of her poems. Austin had an affair with a much younger married woman, Mabel, that lasted more than a decade until his death. After Emily’s death, there was a battle over who owned her poems, which were scattered between her house, her brother’s house, and some had even made their way to Mabel’s house, though Emily had refused to ever see Mabel.

“Lives Like Loaded Guns” is riveting reading for anyone interested in the view behind the curtain of a famous person’s life.

-Review by Diane, Administration

“I’m Glad My Mom Died” by Jennette McCurdy

I listened to the audiobook “I’m Glad My Mom Died” by Jennette McCurdy. It is a memoir narrated by the author. Some of you may recognize the author’s name as that of the actress famous for her roles in the Nickelodeon sitcoms “iCarly” and “Sam and Cat,” which ran in the early 2000s. I remember those shows very well, especially “iCarly,” which was a global phenomenon for teens and tweens. What initially caught my attention, however, was the title of the book, which is pretty startling! The book deals with Jennette’s life as a reluctant child actress and singer and with her relationship with her mother, Debra McCurdy.

Debra was the very definition of a stage mother, defined as “a woman who manages her child’s acting or performing career, often in what is considered a detrimental and overbearing manner. “Jennette’s whole existence when she was young revolved around pleasing her mother. Debra was manipulative and physically, emotionally, and mentally abusive throughout their relationship, all under the guise of acting in “Jennette’s best interests.”

Due to overwhelming pressure and stress, Jennette developed severe eating disorders that plagued her throughout her childhood and into her late twenties. The book is intense in the straightforward manner in which the author details her life and troubled relationships. I recommend it highly but not lightly.

-Review by Amy, Union
Staff Picks

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“The Bodies of Others” by Dr. Naomi Wolf

As an author, columnist, professor, and CEO of a tech company, Dr. Wolf has a unique perspective into what occurred throughout 2020 – 2022. In “The Bodies of Others”, she documents how the COVID-19 pandemic and its subsequent restrictions are a direct attack on everything that makes us human. As a former political presidential campaign consultant and advisor to a US Vice-President, she describes how politicians react to and handle any crisis. As the CEO of a tech company, she explains this industry's priorities and how the big tech companies have a vested interest in prolonging the restrictions and mandates. As an author, she has access to and gives a voice to the experts whose professional opinions have been silenced. Dr. Wolf blends these well-researched themes with her own personal observations and experiences of watching the communities around her disintegrate and of losing her friends and loved ones to the hatred fostered and rewarded by the “New Authoritarians.” As I read this book, I was brought to tears several times as the challenges she faced mirrored my own. “The Bodies of Others” is an emotionally difficult, but a critically important title to add to your list of books to read.

-Review by Stacy, Administration

“The Sun Down Motel” by Simone St. James

I recently read “The Broken Girls” by Simone St. James and loved it, and decided I wanted to read some of her other books as well, so I picked up “The Sun Down Motel” with hopes of loving it just as much as the previous novel. Little did I know, I would be reading my favorite book of 2022! Simone St. James excels in writing two different timelines while parallel to the same story.

In Fell, New York, 1982, Viv Delaney is trying to move away from her past and towards a future in New York City. One night she stops at The Sun Down Motel to stay the night, and falls into taking a job as the night clerk. She decides to stay and live in Fell and continue working at the motel. But all is not well at The Sun Down Motel, and it’s not long before Viv begins to encounter its secrets.

In 2017, Carly Kirk has traveled to Fell, in search of her aunt Viv, who disappeared in November of 1982. Upon visiting the old motel, she soon discovers that nothing has changed, and takes the night clerk position, the same job her aunt held, to help her investigation along.

Throughout the novel, the two women unknowingly work in their own timelines to uncover a mystery that has haunted Fell for over three decades.

-Review by Sarah, Administration

Library Seeks Donations

Scenic Regional Library is always accepting donations of gently-used books, DVDs, music CDs, and books on CD! Most donations will be sold at our semi-annual book sale. Have a lot? Call ahead of time, and we will help you carry them in! Contact your local branch for more details.

Several patrons enjoyed making crafts during the Christmas Craftapalooza held at the St. Clair branch.

The Hermann Friends of the Library group donated a Christmas tree to the Hermann branch. 2022 marks the first Christmas in the new library building.
January 2023 Upcoming Events

**HERMANN BRANCH**
Call: 573-486-2024

- Register for all in-person programs!

**ADULT PROGRAMS**
**Winter Wellness**
Tuesday, January 24, 6:00 pm
Join us at Hermann Fitness Source to learn more about staying healthy this winter.

**BOOK CLUBS**
**Book Discussion Group**
3rd Wednesday each month at 2:30 pm

- First Chapter Saturday (Ages 9-13)
  Saturday, January 21 at 10:00 am

Visit here for all Book Clubs:
scenicregional.org/how-do-i/find-a-book-club/

**KID & TEEN PROGRAMS**
**Preschool Storytime**
Every Thursday at 10:00 am

- STEM Station (Ages 6-12)
  Thursday, January 5 & 19 at 2:00 pm

- Chess Club (Ages 8+)
  Saturday, January 7 at 10:00 am

- Adopt a Plant (Grades 1-6)
  Tuesday, January 10 at 3:30 pm

- Storytime: Rewind (Preschool)
  Thursday, January 12 & 26 at 4:00 pm

- Make Your Own Monoprints (Teen/Adult)
  Tuesday, January 24 at 6:00 pm

**NEW HAVEN BRANCH**
Call: 573-237-2189

- Register for all in-person programs!

**ADULT PROGRAMS**
**Escape to Belize**
Thursday, January 26 at 6:00 pm
Let’s learn more about the tropical nation of Belize.

**BOOK CLUBS**
**Book Discussion Group**
3rd Thursday each month at 4:30 pm
Join us for book club!

- YA/Teen Book Club
  Last Saturday of the month at 1:00 pm
  Join us for book club!

Visit here for all Book Clubs:
scenicregional.org/how-do-i/find-a-book-club/

**KID & TEEN PROGRAMS**
**Preschool Storytime**
Every Tuesday at 10:00 am

- Teen Movie Night (Ages 12+)
  Friday, January 20 at 4:00 pm
  Enjoy snacks and watch a teen-friendly movie on the big screen.

**OWENSVILLE BRANCH**
Call: 573-437-2188

- Register for all in-person programs!

**ADULT PROGRAMS**
**Seeds of the Month Club**
January: Winter sowing for a head start on spring gardening (informational only)

**BOOK CLUBS**
**Take-a-Ticket Technology Service**
Thursday, January 5 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Stop by for help with your device.

- Trivia Night
  Thursday, January 26 at 6:00 pm
  Come and join us for fun night of general trivia questions.

**KID & TEEN PROGRAMS**
**Teen Book Club**
Wednesday, January 11 at 4:00 pm

- Book Look Book Club
  Tuesday, January 17 at 6:00 pm
  The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle by Stuart Turton.

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**READ, EXPLORE, GROW**
THE Scenic Regional Library NEWSLETTER

The Union branch participated in the Union Christmas Parade on Friday, Dec. 9. The library’s float was “How the Grinch Stole Christmas!” themed, and the Grinch and Cindy-Lou Who made special appearances!
January 2023 Upcoming Events

PACIFIC BRANCH
Call: 636-257-2712

Register for all in-person programs!

ADULT PROGRAMS
Mahjong Club (Limit 12)
Every Monday from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Paint a Masterpiece by Number!
January 24 & 25 from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
An advanced project with small spaces and tiny print. Limit 5.

Take-a-Ticket Technology Service (18+ yrs.)
Tuesday, January 17 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Stop by for help with your device.

A Royal Afternoon of Tea & Trivia at Downton
Saturday, January 21 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Hosted by local author Brett Biaggio.

Reap What You Sow Gardening Club
Saturday, January 28 at 11:00 am

BOOK CLUBS
The First Chapter Book Club (Limit 16)
Tuesday, January 10 at 6:00 pm
Gather to discuss our first pick of 2023.

The Next Chapter Book Club (Limit 16)
Wednesday, January 11 at 10:00 am
Gather to discuss our first pick of 2023.

Visit here for all Book Clubs:
scenicregional.org/how-do-i/find-a-book-club/

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS
Preschool Storytime
Every Thursday at 10:00 am

Kids’ Club: BINGO
Monday, January 23 at 6:00 pm
Ocean-themed BINGO night.

ST. CLAIR BRANCH
Call: 636-629-2546

Register for all in-person programs!

ADULT PROGRAMS
Meal Plan with DeAnn
Thursday, January 12 at 6:00 pm

Mitten Garland Craft
Tuesday, January 17 at 6:00 pm

Take-a-Ticket Technology Service
Wednesday, January 25 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Epicurean Adventures
Tuesday, January 31 at 6:00 pm
Trying out kitchen gadgets.

BOOK CLUBS
Third Thursdays Book Club
Thursday, January 19 at 2:00 pm
The Woman They Could Not Silence by Kate Moore.

Visit here for all Book Clubs:
scenicregional.org/how-do-i/find-a-book-club/

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS
Preschool Storytime
Every Thursday at 10:00 am

Kids’ Book Bingo
1st Wednesday of month at 2:30 pm

Homeschool Group
Every 2nd Wednesday at 11:00 am

Glow POUND Class
Tuesday, January 17 at 4:30 pm

Ruff Readers
Monday, January 23 at 4:30 pm

Waggy Wednesdays for Teens
Wednesday, January 25 at 4:30 pm

Mystical Astrology for Teens
Thursday, January 26 at 4:00 pm

SULLIVAN BRANCH
Call: 573-468-4372

Register for all in-person programs!

ADULT PROGRAMS
Take-a-Ticket Technology Service
Thursday, January 19 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
One-on-one help with your device.

Pinterest Craft Night:
DIY: Snowglobes (Limit 13)
Thursday, January 26 at 6:00 pm

BOOK CLUBS
As The Page Turns Book Club
Tuesday, January 17 at 6:00 pm
The Woman They Could Not Silence by Kate Moore.

Visit here for all Book Clubs:
scenicregional.org/how-do-i/find-a-book-club/

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS
Preschool Storytime
Every Thursday at 10:00 am

Homeschool Event
Thursday, January 12 at 10:00 am

Kids’ Club:
The New Year Will Be Poppin’!
Monday, January 30 at 4:00 pm

Dungeons & Dragons (Teens)
Monday, January 9 at 4:00 pm

Union patrons used the baby lock sewing machines to sew ornaments for the holidays.

The Owensville Book Look Book Club had a holiday celebration at the branch.

The Santa Frank/Polar Express event at Warrenton was a magical night for patrons. The volunteers of the event are pictured.
**January 2023 Upcoming Events**

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**Register for all in-person programs!**

**Adult Programs**

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**Book Clubs**

| Hooked on Books | Thursday, January 19 at 6:00 pm |

Visit here for all Book Clubs: scenicregional.org/how-do-i/find-a-book-club/ 

**Kid & Teen Programs**

| Preschool Storytime | Every Wednesday at 10:00 am |
| Dungeons & Dragons Club | 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 12:00 pm |
| Awesome Pawsome Reading | Tuesday, January 2 at 5:00 pm |
| Practice reading with a therapy dog. | |
| Kids’ Club | Friday, January 20 at 4:00 pm |

**Computer Classes (18+ yrs.)**

| Take-a-Ticket Technology Service | Tuesday, January 24 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm |
| One-on-one help with your device. | |

**Thank you to everyone who came to New Haven for our Frosty Christmas Party!**

**Visit your local branch for help with your devices during Take-a-Tickets with Stacy!**

**Warrenton patrons pose with their centerpieces they created for Christmas.**

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**Scenic Regional Library Newsletter**

**Like Us! Go to Facebook.com | Visit Us at ScenicRegional.org**
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.scenicregional.org/foundation](http://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

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**NAME OF INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY, BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION TO APPEAR ON BOOK**

**BRANCH (Please select one)**
- Hermann Branch
- New Haven Branch
- Owensville Branch
- Pacific Branch
- St. Clair Branch
- Sullivan Branch
- Union Branch
- Warrenton Branch
- Wright City Branch

**SIZE OF BOOK**
- 8” X 1-1/2” - $100
- 10” X 2” - $200
- 9” X 3” - $300

**OFFICE USE ONLY**
Date received: ____________
Amount received: ____________
- Check # ____________
- 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, 2022 – September 30, 2023 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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**BRANCH AFFILIATION (Please select one)**
- Friends of the Hermann Branch
- Friends of the New Haven Branch
- Friends of the Owensville Branch
- Friends of the Pacific Branch
- Friends of the St. Clair Branch
- Friends of the Sullivan Branch
- Friends of the Union Branch
- Friends of the Warrenton Branch
- Friends of the Wright City Branch

**LEVEL OF MEMBERSHIP**
- Bronze – $10
- Silver – $25
- Ruby – $50
- Gold – $100
- Platinum – $250
- Diamond* – $500

*Lifetime Membership

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?** (Select all which apply)
- Volunteer at the Fall Book Sale
- Volunteer at the Spring Book Sale
- Volunteer at other events
- Volunteer at my local branch
- Serve on the local Friends of the Library’s Governing and Planning Committee

**Office Use Only**
- New Application
- Renewal
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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

*Membership dues and contributions are tax deductible.*