



THE Scenic Regional Library NEWSLETTER

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A monthly publication from your local library!

Foundation Trivia Night in Warrenton

The Scenic Regional Library Foundation will host a "Fab February" trivia fundraiser at the Marylou Community Building on Saturday, February 10, at 7 pm. The event will feature February-themed trivia featuring categories about U.S. presidents, Valentine's Day, Black History, the Super Bowl, and other February topics. The prize for the winning table is \$250. 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 @ScenicRegLibraryFoundation.

During the event, a 50/50 raffle and various games will be held. The best-decorated table will win library swag. To register for the event, visit bit.ly/SRLtrivia or scan the QR code below. Bring your own snacks and beverages. The Scenic Regional Library Foundation is a 501c3 organization; all ticket purchases are tax deductible.

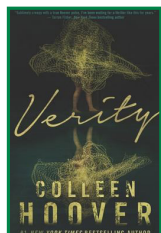
Buy tickets at: bit.ly/SRLtrivia

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Last Month's Most Popular Authors and Most Popular Book



The six fiction authors whose books were checked out most often by Scenic Regional Library patrons last month are Colleen Hoover, John Grisham, Debbie Macomber, Richard Paul Evans, Sarah Morgan, and Karen Witemeyer. For Evans to be on this list is unsurprising at this time of year; there are one-hundred thirty-five entries in the library catalog for his Christmas books. The fiction book with the most circulation is "Verity" by Colleen Hoover.



From left, Sullivan Branch Manager, Kecia Philpot, accepts a book donation from Addy May, a 16-year-old author from Sullivan. Addie May donated three copies of her first novel, "Waves," to the library to add to its collection.



**Monday
January 15**
**WE WILL BE CLOSED FOR
MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. DAY**

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Patrons at the Owensville branch learned to plant in milk jugs with native seeds from the branch's Seed Library.



St. Louis author of "Trilogy of the Magi", Kathryn Muehlheausler, at the Pacific branch.



Patrons at the St. Clair branch created vision boards to put their hopes, aspirations and goals into action, getting ready for 2024.

Staff Spotlight: AJ Adult Programmer, Wright City



How long have you worked for Scenic?
 Two and a half years.

Can you share a little bit about your background before you came to work at the library?

We moved here from Kansas. I was a corporate accountant for many years.

What made you want to work in a library?

I love the diversity of books and how they can bring people together that otherwise wouldn't have a chance to meet or interact.

What is your favorite part of the job? Why?

My programs - I get a chance to really know our patrons during our programs and build rapport with them.

What upcoming program are you most excited about and why?

Our book clubs: we have two book clubs in Wright City, and our attendees take them very seriously. We have a very good selection of books in 2024!

What are you currently reading, or what are you reading next?

I am currently reading "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus. My next book will be "Broken" by Jenny Lawson.

Any hobbies or interests outside the library?

My husband and I love to travel. I like reading Harry Potter fanfiction. We have two dogs that we adore. I enjoy taking them on walks in the cemetery.

Is there anything else you would like people to know about you, your job, or your library branch?

My coworkers are the best people in the world; they make me a better person each and every day.



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Library Awarded with PreventEd Service Award

Scenic Regional Library has been selected by PreventEd as the recipient of its annual Service Award for 2024. The organization recognized the library for three partnerships, which include the distribution of medication disposable bags, allowing PreventEd's Peer Support Trailer to offer services in the St. Clair and Sullivan branch parking lots, and the placement of a Narcan vending machine at the St. Clair branch.

PreventEd's passion is empowering people to make positive life changes through connections between people and community resources. Their Certified Peer

Specialist program consists of individuals who have been successful in recovery and help others experiencing similar situations. Through shared understanding, respect, and mutual empowerment, peer support workers help people become and stay engaged in the recovery process and reduce the likelihood of recurrence.

The library will receive the award at a luncheon held in St. Louis on April 26. Assistant Director Megan Maurer will accept the award on behalf of the library.

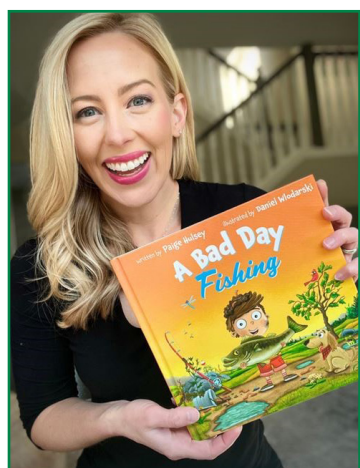


Miss Christy and Miss Elizabeth brought the STEM Playground out to Spring Bluff Elementary. Here are some students experimenting with Cubelets.



We made literary paper roses at the Union branch.

Paige Hulsey to Visit Library for Storytime



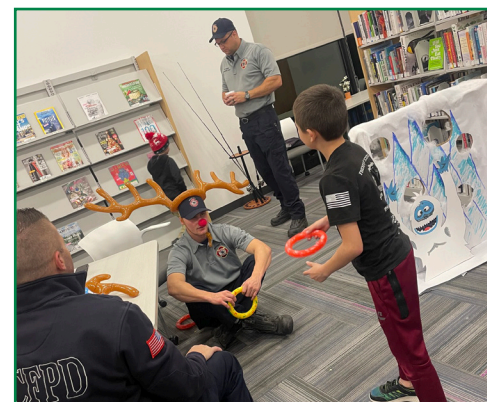
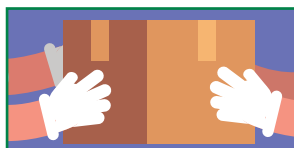
Paige Hulsey, author, and Channel 4 anchor, will visit the Sullivan branch on Saturday, January 27 at 10 am for a Storytime, children's craft, and book signing for Hulsey's new children's book, "A Bad Day Fishing".

"A Bad Day Fishing" is a tale of a young boy and his pup who set off for a day of fishing but are met with an afternoon of trouble, including broken equipment, dangerous weather, and their own bad luck. Still, the boy perseveres and, in the end, learns even a bad day can be good when it's spent fishing.

Hulsey grew up in the Sullivan area, attended St. Anthony Grade School, and graduated from St. Francis Borgia High School. She, her husband, and their two sons enjoy fishing on their small farm in Spring Bluff.

Library Seeks Book Sale 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.



The Wright City Fire Department joined in on the fun for the Island of Misfit Toys Party at the Wright City branch.

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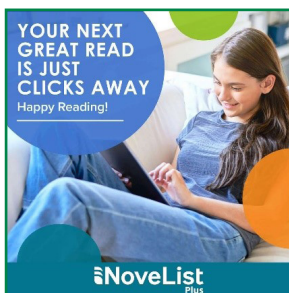
Reese's Reads Book Club at the Warrenton branch discussing "The Snow Hare".

Novelist Connects to Catalog

Readers can now find read-alike books and place holds using the Novelist connection on Scenic Regional

Library's website. To use the service, patrons can visit scenicregional.org/databases/#books, click "Novelist," and log in with their library card number. The link can also be found by searching for Novelist on the library website.

When viewing a book in Novelist, patrons can see if Scenic Regional Library owns it and if copies are available. A hold can be placed from this page. Books similar to the featured title are also displayed on the page and can be clicked to navigate to the page for the read-alike book. Each page contains aids for finding books that fit every reader's interests. Additional features of Novelist include discussion questions, lists of books in a series, and book reviews. Novelist is a library service powered by EBSCOhost.



St. Clair and Herman Awarded Grant for Color Printers

The St. Clair and Hermann branches of Scenic Regional Library were each awarded a \$2,000 grant from Ameren Missouri to purchase color printers for patron use. Color printing services are currently available at the Union and St. Clair branches; their new printers were installed in October and December, respectively. The Hermann branch's color printer is expected to be installed in January. Color prints cost \$0.35 per page.

The library plans to purchase color printers/copiers for all branches in 2024.



1000 BOOKS Before Kindergarten

Congratulations to each of these young patrons who have completed the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program! They have each received a book bag they get to decorate.



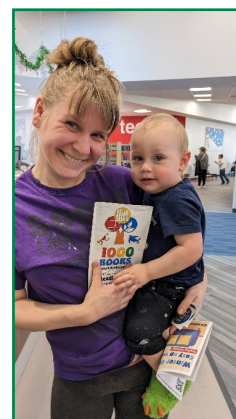
João



Victoria



Grayson



William



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 – \$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)		SIZE OF BOOK	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermann Branch		<input type="checkbox"/> 8" X 1-1/2" - \$150	
<input type="checkbox"/> New Haven Branch		<input type="checkbox"/> 10" X 2" - \$250	
<input type="checkbox"/> Owensville Branch		<input type="checkbox"/> 9" X 3" - \$350	
<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			
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, 2023 – September 30, 2024 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	
LAST NAME			
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BRANCH AFFILIATION (Please select one)		LEVEL OF MEMBERSHIP	
Friends of the Hermann Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Bronze – \$10 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Friends of the New Haven Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Silver – \$25 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Friends of the Owensville Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Ruby – \$50 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Friends of the Pacific Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Gold – \$100 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Friends of the St. Clair Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Platinum – \$250 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Friends of the Sullivan Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Diamond* – \$500 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Friends of the Union Branch <input type="checkbox"/>			
Friends of the Warrenton Branch <input type="checkbox"/>			
Friends of the Wright City Branch <input type="checkbox"/>			
		*Lifetime Membership	
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP? (Select all which apply)		Office Use Only	
Volunteer at the Fall Book Sale <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> New Application	
Volunteer at the Spring Book Sale <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	
Volunteer at other events <input type="checkbox"/>		Date Received:	
Volunteer at my local branch <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cash	
Serve on the local Friends of the Library's <input type="checkbox"/>		Amount Received:	
Governing and Planning Committee <input type="checkbox"/>			

Mail this form (or drop it off at your local branch) with your personal check or money order to:

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