



THE Scenic Regional Library NEWSLETTER

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LIBRARY HOURS

Beginning July 6

Hermann • 573-486-2024

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

Sullivan • 573-468-4372

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

Union • 636-583-3224

M-Th 9am-8pm
F 9am-6pm
Sat 9am-5pm

Warrenton • 636-456-3321

M-Th 9am-8pm
Fri 9am-6pm
Sat 9am-5pm

Wright City • 636-384-1136

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



**All branches of
Scenic Regional Library will
be closed Monday, July 5 to
celebrate Independence Day.**

Library to Restore Hours in July

On July 6, the library will resume its normal service hours. The library's hours were reduced in late-November 2020 due to COVID-related staffing shortages. The temporary hours were continued into the spring while the library staff worked on the system's ongoing RFID tagging project, which is nearing completion.

Library Meeting Rooms Reopen August 1

Groups can begin reserving the library's public meeting rooms on July 1 for meetings scheduled after August 1. Visit: <https://scenicregional.org/meetingrooms>.



Outdoor STORYTIME in July

After a year of virtual storytimes due to COVID, the library is resuming in-person, outdoor storytimes in July! The outdoor storytimes will be presented outside the branches, except in Hermann, where they will be held at the Upper City Park.

Storytimes at all branches will be moved indoors in August. For more information about the library's storytimes, visit <https://scenicregional.org/kids/storytime/>.

- Hermann: Preschool Storytime – Thursdays at 10am
(Location: Upper City Park)**
- New Haven: Preschool Storytime – Tuesdays at 10am,
3rd Saturday of the month at 10am**
- Owensville: Lil' OWLs Storytime – Wednesdays at 10am**
- Pacific: Preschool Storytime – Thursdays at 10am**
- St. Clair: Preschool Storytime – Thursdays at 10am**
- Sullivan: Preschool Storytime – Tuesdays at 10am**
- Union: Preschool Storytime – Wednesdays at 10am**
- Warrenton: Preschool Storytime – Tuesdays at 10am,
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- Wright City: Preschool Storytime – Wednesdays at 10am**

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A young patron found several books to read during summer break!

Union Friends Purchase Musical Instruments

Musical instruments were recently installed on the Union branch children's patio. They were a gift from the Union branch's Friends of the Library group. The instruments were purchased in the spring of 2020; however, were never installed due to COVID. The four instruments add to the already-extensive collection of educational play activities in the branch's children's area. They include a xylophone, silver hand drum, upright chimes, and conga drums. If the instruments prove popular, the library plans to ask the other branch's Friends' groups if they would like to purchase them for their locations.



Library Supporter Bob Hansen Passes Away



Robert "Bob" Hansen, 89, passed away on June 14 after a brief illness. He was an original trustee of East Central College, former owner of the Hansen Abstract Office in Union, and community leader.

Mr. Hansen and his family were long-time supporters of the library in Union. Mr. Hansen's mother helped organize the first lending library in Union in the 1930's, along with other P.E.O. FO Chapter in Union members. She also served on the Union library's original Board of Directors. The library was originally located on the upper floor of the Hansen Abstract Office building, owned by Mr. Hansen's father.

When the Union branch opened in 2019, the Friends of the Library held a fundraiser event at which Mr. Hansen purchased three donor wall "books"—one for himself, one in memory of his parents, and one in memory of his brother and sister-in-law.

In 2020, Mr. Hansen donated a sculpture entitled "The Readers" to the Union branch. It was carved by a Zimbabwean artist for an exhibit at the Missouri Botanical Gardens in 2001. The piece is on display in the branch's adult reading area.



The Readers



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Hospital to Lease Space from Library for New Clinic

In May, the Hermann Area Hospital's Board of Directors agreed to place their new medical clinic in the library's building in Hermann. The library purchased the 25,000 sq. ft. former Alco building in the Bavarian Hills shopping center in 2019 for its new Hermann branch. The hospital had originally planned to build a new facility for the clinic; however, the lease option will save the hospital close to \$1 million. The hospital's new clinic will be approximately 11,000 sq. ft.

The library plans to begin construction on the new library in the building in September 2021 and complete the project by May 2022. It will include a 900 sq. ft. community art gallery and 1,000 sq. ft. public meeting room. The library and hospital plan to coordinate their construction efforts at the facility. The hospital anticipates that the new clinic will open in 2022.



June 10 a virtual program was offered on how to make your own DIY gnome house. Pictured is a patron's finished village.

New St. Clair Branch Manager



Alesia Cullen is the new branch manager at the library's St. Clair branch. She has worked for Scenic Regional Library since 2015, when she was hired as a part-time library assistant. She was promoted to the branch's children's programmer in 2018; the position was expanded to full-time in 2020.

Ms. Cullen has a bachelor's degree in music performance from Missouri State University and lives in Union. She began in her new position as branch manager on June 14.



A young patron in Hermann finds a comfy spot to enjoy a good book.



Our Sullivan branch has a chart set up to see how tall you are compared to various animals!



This reader completed her summer reading program challenge sheet and posed with her book prize.



Green posters are hanging at all the branches with a fun check-off sheet available to see if you can find all the hidden animals.

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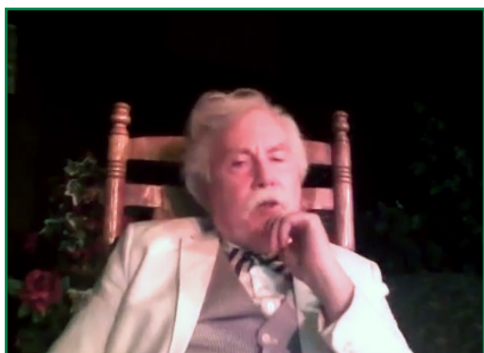
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June 3 featured "Virtual Tiki Tales", a program celebrating fun tropical drinks! Patrons could come in and pick up a free spearmint plant to take home and a fantastic recipe for Mint Simple Syrup!

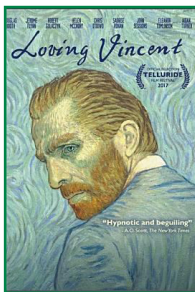


Our friends from St. John's Little Lambs Summer Camp surprised us with two delicious cakes made from our very own Scenic Regional Library cake pans!



Richard Garey as "Mark Twain Himself" performs live from the Planter's Barn Theater in Hannibal, Missouri! Everyone had the opportunity to watch virtually!

Staff Picks



"Loving Vincent" (DVD)

Directed by Dorota Kobiela and Hugh Welchman
2017

The film "Loving Vincent" is one I can describe no other way than a creative masterpiece. I will begin by saying I love art, it is something that moves my soul and I find peace in creating, studying, and viewing. "Loving Vincent" is quite unique in the way it was made. They recruited 125 artists from 20 nations to paint original oil paintings in van Gogh's style for each frame of the film. The entire process took 6 years to complete. It began with filming the movie as live action, then they used each frame as reference to paint and animate the film. 65,000 paintings were made for the film using over 100 of van Gogh's paintings as reference.

This film is based on the year after van Gogh's death. Armand Roulin, a family friend, is tasked with finding his brother Theo because he has the last letter ever written to Theo, from Vincent. During his search Armand finds many conflicting views on the painter and his life the weeks before his death. The characters in the film are based on people van Gogh actually knew during his lifetime with reference taken by the letters his brother and he exchanged quite frequently. This movie is one that stuck with me, it is something that has never been done before and I found it to be a wonderful piece of art in itself.

-Review by Melissa, Union Branch



"Men of Style," by Josh Sims

I love to read about fashion, but most material about the subject focuses on women. This book features iconic men from the last century and goes into detail about their personal life, their careers, and how their style was affected-and vice versa. For example, the tailoring of Fred Astaire's clothing was intended to make it easier for him to dance and move, but he also loved how The Duke of Windsor dressed and wanted to emulate his look. Have you ever wondered why Mark Twain only wore white suits and Johnny Cash only wore black? Men from all different genres are featured: David Bowie, Winston Churchill, Johnny Depp, Mark Twain, and many more. A fun, interesting read full of pictures and quotes. "Wear not only your clothes, but yourself, well, with confidence." -Cary Grant. I hope you check this one out and enjoy it!

-Review by Amanda, Administration

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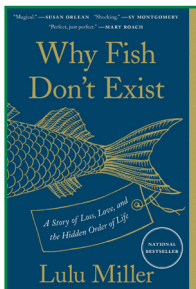


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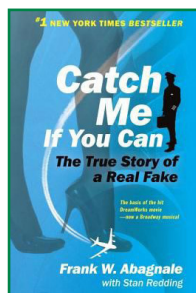
"Why Fish Don't Exist: A Story of Loss, Love, and the Hidden Order of Life," by LuLu Miller

In two-hundred pages, Miller brings the reader science, self-discovery, entropy, and the interconnectedness of everything. While still very young, she asked her father about the meaning of life. His answer sent her on a quest to make sense of the chaos around her. She was fascinated by the life of scientist David Starr Jordan who lived a hundred years before she did and was on a quest for answers to the same questions. While Jordan boxed himself in with his need for certainty, Miller was able to more objectively embrace the randomness and joy of the continuing evolution of every living thing.

Miller doesn't lay all her cards on the table from the beginning. The reader is a silent companion on the journey, feeling wonder at Jordan's new discoveries and sadness at Miller's missteps. Jordan focused on collecting and naming every fish on the planet. His collection was destroyed once by fire and once by earthquake. But he didn't give up. His perseverance, while admirable, was one feature of his certainty that he had determined the optimal order of the universe. Another indicator was his support of eugenics. In the USA, women were forcibly sterilized as recently as 2010. Jordan fully supported the practice, thinking it strengthened the species. Miller interviewed women who had been involuntarily sterilized, studied their lives, and saw a different picture.

This book assures us that though chaos is indeed the Second Law of Thermodynamics, it's o.k. A human life is very short and tightly connected to every living thing around it.

-Review by Diane, Administration



"Catch Me if You Can," by Frank Abagnale and Stan Redding

I recently finished the book "Catch Me If You Can" and can now say it is one of my favorites. It is based on the true story of a young con-man between the ages of 16-21. Frank Abagnale was able to impersonate a Pan-Am pilot, physician, attorney, and college professor all before his 21st birthday, and had a lot of fun doing so. I have always loved the movie of the same title, directed by Steven Spielberg, with Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom Hanks playing the leading roles. Reading the book was even better. It takes place virtually all over the world giving details about Frank and his con-man exploits. I found myself surprisingly rooting for him and found the book captivating and fast paced. It was a great read.

-Review by Melissa, Union Branch



Patron dropped off food donations for the Franklin County Homeless Task Force at several of our branches to help those in need!



This young lady has already completed the children's summer reading program, which is 8 or more hours of reading! She picked up her prize book and will be entered into a drawing for bigger prizes! Keep up the reading!



All of our branches are decorated in fun animal themes for summer reading program. Come check out your local branch!

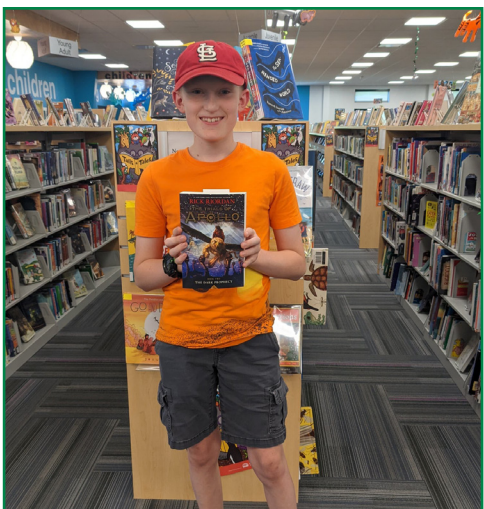
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Ms. Katharine read stories and sang songs about sloths to go with our animal Tails & Tales Summer Reading Program theme.



This young man already completed the summer reading program and picked out his book prize. Great job!



Virtual Teen Time in June featured a DIY Pony Bead Keychain craft for backpack pulls. A patron proudly displays her finished keychain.

Staff Spotlight: Jenny Children's Programmer, New Haven



How long have you worked for Scenic?

I have worked for Scenic for 3 ½ years.

What made you want to work in a library?

Ever since I was a child, I have wanted to work at the library. It is one of my favorite places to be.

What is your favorite part of your job? Why?

As children's programmer it is definitely the kids. I love interacting with them. Seeing their faces light up when they are playing games, or doing crafts, or having a book read to them. As a library assistant it is all about our amazing patrons. I love it when they share how much they enjoyed a certain book or program.

What do you wish more people knew about the library?

I often wonder if people are hesitant to hang out at the library. If someone has not grown up around a library, they might be uneasy in the library. We are such a fun, friendly group here and I hope no one hesitates to come in and enjoy all the library has to offer.

You can only take one book to a desert island. What book, and why?

Oh my, this is a tough question. I like so many different genres of books. So, I guess I would take with me one of my favorite books: *Winter Solstice* by Rosamunde Pilcher.

What upcoming program are you most excited about and why?

Storytime at the New Haven branch will return in person starting July 6! I can't wait to see the kids again. I love that it will be held outside as well.

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

I am always open to suggestions as far as book recommendations and program ideas. That is what is super great about Scenic Regional Library: if you like a book, we probably have it or can get it for you. Good program ideas are always welcome. New Haven Library (branch) has the very best patrons.



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july 2021 program guide: all branches

VIRTUAL BOOK CLUBS

Warrenton branch

Thursday, July 1 at 5:30 pm
The Last House Guest by Megan Miranda.

Pacific branch

Tuesday, July 13 at 6:00 pm
The Boyhood Memories of A.E.
Hotchner by A.E. Hotchner.
Wednesday, July 14 at 10:00 am
Molly Brown from Hannibal, Missouri
by Ken & Lisa Marks.

Hermann branch

Wednesday, July 21 at 4:30 pm
American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins.

St. Clair branch

Thursday, July 15 at 6:00 pm
The Travelling Cat Chronicles by Hiro Arikawa.

Union branch

Thursday, July 15 at 6:00 pm
The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison.

New Haven branch

Wednesday, July 28 at 5:00 pm
The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides.

Wright City branch

Tuesday, July 27 at 6:00 pm
Devil in the Blue Dress by Walter Mosley.
Wednesday, July 28 at 5:00 pm
Later by Stephen King.

VIRTUAL & OUTDOOR STORYTIMES

Herman branch

Tuesdays at 10:00 am
(Location: Upper City Park)
Last Thursday of month at 5:00pm
(Virtual Sleepy Storytime)

New Haven branch

Tuesdays at 10:00 am
3rd Saturday of month at 10:00am

Owensville branch

Wednesdays at 10:00 am

Pacific branch

Thursdays at 10:00 am

St. Clair branch

Thursdays at 10:00 am

Sullivan branch

Tuesdays at 10:00 am

Union branch

Tuesdays at 7:00pm (Virtual PJ Time)
Wednesdays at 10:00 am

Warrenton branch

Tuesdays at 10:00 am
1st Saturday of month at 10:00am

Wright City branch

Wednesdays at 10:00 am
Thursdays at 6:00pm (Virtual PJ Time)

VIRTUAL ADULT PROGRAMS

Summer Reading Program

June 1 to Aug 14 - Don't forget to sign up!

DIY: Mason Jar Diffuser

Thursday, July 1 at 5:00 pm

DIY: Pet Toys & Treats

Thursday, July 8 at 5:00 pm

DIY: Wine Cork Trivets

Thursday, July 15 at 5:00 pm

Sullivan Virtual Pet Checkers

Friday, July 16 at 5:00 pm

Bicentennial Program:

Missouri Innovators

Thursday, July 22 at 5:00 pm

DIY: Bottle Cap Earrings

Thursday, July 29 at 5:00 pm

Bicentennial Photography Project

Ask at the front desk for details.

Time Capsule Writing Contest

Ask at the front desk for details.

St. Clair Spice of the Month Club

Ask for details at the St. Clair branch!

Owensville Seeds of the Month Club

Every first Tuesday-Ask for details at the Owensville branch!

How Do I Access These Programs?

Since last summer, all library programming has been virtual due to COVID. While many people are disappointed that they can't enjoy the library's great programs with other people at their local branch, there are some great benefits to virtual programs. For example, you can watch them from the comfort of your home, maybe even snuggled under a blanket. If you're watching a virtual program and need some more coffee or tea, you can pause the recording and not miss anything. And, of course, if you miss a virtual program completely, you can just go back and watch the recording.

There are also many ways that you can experience the library's programs. We offer programming on a variety of platforms, including Zoom, YouTube, and Facebook. You can find all of our virtual storytimes exclusively on the branch Facebook pages, while our book clubs are gathering on Zoom (<https://scenicregional.org/how-do-i/find-a-book-club>). To access past programs, visit our YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/scenicregionallibrary), where you can find playlists for kids, teens, and adults. To find a full list of all library programming visit, <http://scenicregional.evanced.info/signup/Calendar>.



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VIRTUAL KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Virtual Show-Me State Parks & Historic Sites

Friday, July 16 at 1:00 pm

Virtual Kids Club

Every Monday at 4:00 pm (Facebook & YouTube)

7/5: National Hawaii Day Lei & Hula

7/12: St. Louis Fantasy Puppetry Dragons

7/19: Ocean Tales w/Midwest Aquarium

7/26: Rube Goldberg Pet Feeding Machine

New Daily Page Turner Animal

Adventures at www.scenicregional.org/srp

Virtual Teen Program

1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 4:00 pm

7/17: Clay Dragon Eye

7/21: Conservation & You.



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.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			
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Union, MO 63084



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