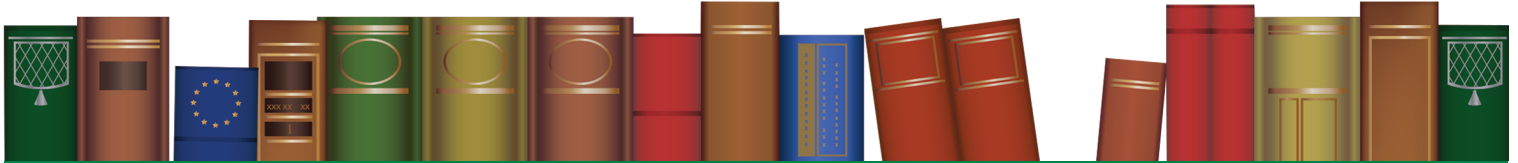




# THE Scenic Regional Library NEWSLETTER

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A monthly publication from your local library!

## Share Your Story with Us

Has the library impacted your life? Scenic Regional Library would love to hear your story! Beginning July 15, the library will start collecting testimonies to strengthen the bond with its communities by listening to how the library has enriched lives and empowered visitors.

Everyone is invited to share their stories of how Scenic Regional Library empowers them. The stories can cover a wide range of experiences, such as using computers or internet access to search for jobs or do homework, benefiting from access to programs and workshops, utilizing the library's free digital services, using a meeting room, and so much more.

Your stories matter to us, and we want to share them with the world! Select stories will be showcased in our newsletter and on our social media accounts beginning in 2025. To share your story, visit [bit.ly/SRLconnect](https://bit.ly/SRLconnect) or drop by your local branch to complete a paper form.

Share Your  
Story Here:



## StoryWalk™ Placed in Owensville

The Owensville Memorial Park will soon be home to a StoryWalk™, which will consist of 16 signs placed along the walking trail. StoryWalk™ promotes early literacy, physical activity, and family time together in nature. It's a fun and educational family activity that can bring joy to the community as people take a stroll and enjoy successive pages from a children's story along the path. The first story will be *The Napping House* by Audrey Wood.

The StoryWalk™ is a joint effort between the Owensville Friends of the Library and the Owensville Parks Department, with each contributing 50% of the funding. The project is expected to be completed by August. The StoryWalk™ Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition (VBPC) and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.



The new StoryWalk™ at the Owensville Memorial Park is currently being installed along the walking trail. The project is expected to be completed by August.

## Library Seeking Volunteers to Select 2025 Community Read Book

Scenic Regional Library and its partners are currently seeking volunteers for the 2025 Community Read Selection Committee, which will meet three times to discuss and choose the book for next year's Community Read.

The library is searching for one person from each of its communities, including Marthasville, Beaufort, and Gerald, who can commit to attending three meetings in late August and September 2024 at the Union branch. The meetings will occur on August 22, September 5, and September 19, at 6:30 PM. Committee members are expected to attend all meetings and must be 18 or older. Dinner will be provided at each meeting.

Each participant will be asked to propose two books for the committee to consider. The committee will then narrow the selections down to three or four titles, and the public will vote for their favorite.

The committee will be composed of 13 people representing Union, St. Clair, Pacific, Sullivan, Owensville, Hermann, New Haven, Warrenton, Wright City, Washington, Beaufort, Gerald, and Marthasville. If interested in serving on the 2025 Community Read Selection Committee, contact Steve Campbell at 636-583-0652 ext. 1001 or [swcampbell@scenicregional.org](mailto:swcampbell@scenicregional.org).

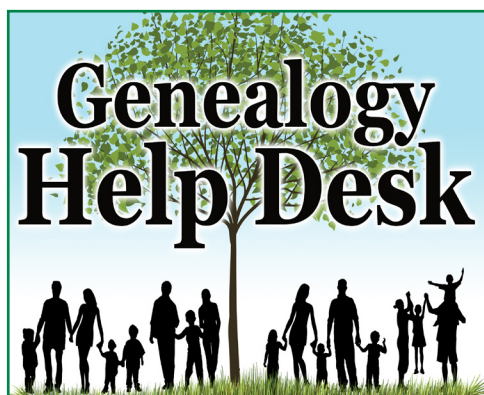


## Genealogy Help Desk Provides Assistance

Do you have unanswered genealogy questions? Contact Scenic Regional Library's Genealogy Help Desk for assistance with basic genealogy research. The Help Desk utilizes the library's online databases, free online resources, and other libraries and historical societies to fulfill requests.

Patrons can email their requests to [genealogy@scenicregional.org](mailto:genealogy@scenicregional.org). When making a request, please keep the following in mind: provide as much information as you have related to the request; requests are answered in the order in which they are received; and the library cannot locate living friends or relatives for you, as records of living persons are not easily accessible due to privacy laws.

Scenic Regional Library's Genealogy Help Desk reserves the right to discontinue or disregard requests from professional genealogists, fee researchers, or other individuals who attempt to use the reference services for monetary gain or from individuals who utilize these services excessively.



## Birthday Blessings Hosts Drive at Warrenton Branch



This July, Birthday Blessing will hold its second annual toy drive to meet needs and spread cheer in Missouri Foster Communities. Collection boxes will be set up at Scenic Regional Library in Warrenton and Subway in Montgomery City throughout July. Locally, Birthday Blessings provides services to about 160 kids in state custody through the 12th Circuit Children's Division in Warren, Audrain, and Montgomery Counties.

Currently, Birthday Blessings is most in need of gifts for teens. Suggested items are advanced Lego sets, sports balls, fishing equipment, KC Chiefs or Cardinals merchandise, earbuds, gaming headsets, lotion or bath sets, make-up or nail polish sets, craft kits, board games, and snacks that do not expire before 2025.

They also need gifts rated safe for toddlers. The most requested items include developmental toys, toys that light up or make noise, vehicles, dolls, and toys to push across the floor or help a child learn to walk.

Monetary donations can be made at [www.birthday-blessings.org/donate](http://www.birthday-blessings.org/donate). An Amazon wish list is posted on their website and Facebook page. Items purchased off the wish list will be shipped directly to their building.

Items must be new and unopened, with no writing or organization advertisements. For more information, call 417-372-5306 or email [office@birthdayblessings.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:office@birthdayblessings.onmicrosoft.com).

## Newspaper Archive Provides Genealogy Resources



### NEWSPAPERARCHIVE®

Newspaper Archive, a research database tool for genealogy and local history, is one of the library's free online genealogy resources. The database contains over 5 billion newspaper records and obituaries from nearly 16,000 newspapers across the U.S. Newspaper Archive is available online for free in the library and from home.

To learn more about the Newspaper Archive, visit us at [bit.ly/4eMQSt3](http://bit.ly/4eMQSt3) and click "Newspaper Archive."

## Franklin County Foster Closet Christmas in July Drive



Franklin County Foster Closet is gearing up for the Christmas season, and will be collecting gifts for children in Franklin and Gasconade county branches of Scenic Regional Library during the month of July. Each year, the Franklin County Foster Closet provides Christmas gifts to over 300 children in Franklin and Gasconade counties in foster care. The organization hopes the Christmas in July program will gather all the gifts needed for kids under age 8, ensuring they too can experience the joy of the holiday season.

The Franklin County Foster Closet serves local foster families by taking donations from the community, which are then given to families supporting children impacted by foster care and adoption for free. The clothing boutique is located in the old cafeteria of The Family Resource Center and is available to Missouri licensed foster parents, relative placement providers (working with a caseworker), Missouri DSS caseworkers, CASA volunteers, school resource officers, biological parents who are working with a caseworker to prevent entry to foster care or nearing reunifications, and teens who qualify for other services at the Family Resource Center who have been identified by their team as homeless, at risk of being homeless, or in need of additional support. For more information about the Franklin County Foster Closet, visit [franklincountyfostercloset.org/get-help/](http://franklincountyfostercloset.org/get-help/).

## Gift Ideas:

Makeup kits  
 Pokémon  
 Dolls  
 Play-Doh  
 Puzzles  
 Board games  
 Slime kits  
 Mini Brands and Doorables  
 Arts and crafts kits  
 Balls  
 Rechargeable RC cars  
 Toy cars  
 Coloring books  
 Dinosaurs  
 Fidgets

**Submit  
Questions Here:**



## Candidate Forum in Washington on July 23

Scenic Regional Library and the Missourian Media Group will host a candidate forum for the August 6 primary election. The event will be held Tuesday, July 23, at 6 PM at the Washington Public Library and will feature candidates running for Franklin County 1st District Commissioner and Missouri Legislative District 109. The Franklin County 1st District Commissioner race includes incumbent Todd Boland and challenger Paul Overschmidt, while the Missouri Legislative District 109 race includes incumbent Kyle Marquart and challenger John Simmons.

The candidate forum is open to the public, but registration is required due to limited seating. The event will be live-streamed on Scenic Regional Library's Facebook page: [facebook.com/scenicregionallibrary](https://facebook.com/scenicregionallibrary). Following the event, a video recording of the forum will also be available on the library's website, [scenicregional.org/elections](http://scenicregional.org/elections), and Missourian's website, [emissourian.com](http://emissourian.com). The forum moderators are interested in asking the candidates questions about issues that are important to the communities.

To submit questions, visit [bit.ly/SRLForum](http://bit.ly/SRLForum) or scan the QR code. To register for the July 23 candidate forum, register online at [bit.ly/4bIG5y5](http://bit.ly/4bIG5y5).

### Franklin County 1st District Commissioner



Todd Boland (incumbent) 1st  
District Commissioner



Paul Overschmidt 1st District  
Commissioner



Kyle Marquart (incumbent)  
Missouri, District 109



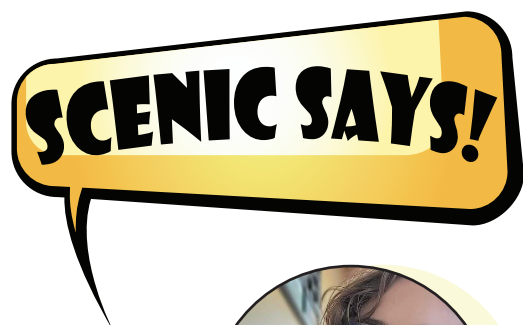
John Simmons Missouri  
District 109

### Missouri Legislative District 109





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Do you prefer  
beaches or pools?

Do you prefer  
physical books or  
eBooks?

What digital  
resource do you  
recommend the  
most to patrons?

**Kayleigh**  
Branch  
Manager,  
Wright City



"Beaches, I like to lay out in the sun and read while listening to the waves. Not a huge fan of going into the water though."

"I like both. But I do love reading ebooks on my Kindle Paperwhite! I can add so many books (From Libby) on that one item instead of carrying a bunch of books around."

"Libby and Hoopla for ebooks and eaudiobooks! So many titles available and so easy to use. Hoopla you can add to your smart TV also and stream movies!"

**Christy**  
Associate  
Director of  
Youth and  
Outreach  
Services  
Librarian,  
Admin



"Beaches - pools are everywhere, you have to go somewhere exotic for a beach, or at least a good beach."

"Physical - I am fine with reading ebooks, I just find that I'm more likely to finish it if I have the physical book."

"Brainfuse - I talk to a lot of kids and parents and so often find myself extolling the benefits of Brainfuse. Brainfuse is an online tutoring service that connects kids (and adults) with tutors appropriate to their grade and subject area for free with a library card!"

**Madison**  
Library  
Assistant,  
Union



"I prefer beaches! The warm sand and cool water is incredibly refreshing!"

"Physical books all the way! Nothing beats the feeling of getting to check out a book you've wanted for so long."

"I would recommend NovelList! It's an incredible tool for discovering new books similar to titles you like. It's super useful for finding books you may have never previously considered!"

**Sarah**  
Library  
Assistant,  
Owensville



"Pools - I don't like swimming in water I can't see through that has creatures in it with teeth."

"Physical books at home, ebooks when I'm traveling."

"I find my(self) recommending Kanopy to new patrons because of the Sesame Street catalog and the free "Great Courses"."



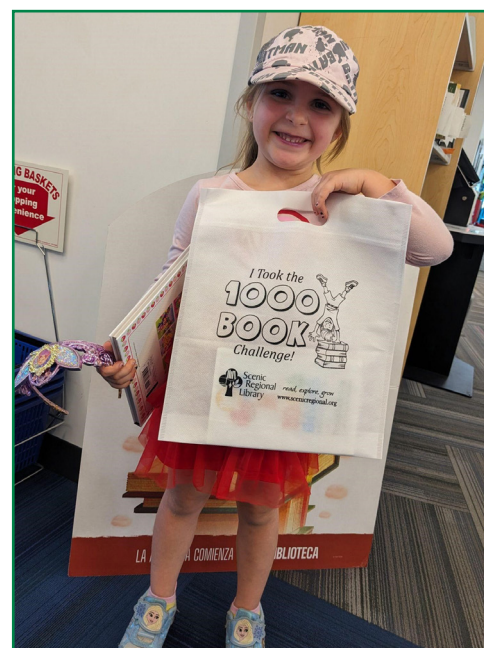
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## Union Committee Members Needed

Do you love the library? The Union Friends of the Library needs committee members to help govern their group. The Friends' committee manages the branch's two book sales each year, occasionally plans other fundraising and member events, and recruits new Friends' members. They also decide how the funds they raise are used to support their branch. The committee meets every other month at the Union branch. For more information, contact Ed Gervain at 636-583-3224 or [egervain@scenicregional.org](mailto:egervain@scenicregional.org).



## 1000 BOOKS Before Kindergarten



Congratulations to Mia J. from Wright City for completing 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten! She received a book bag she gets to decorate.

## Last Month's Most Popular Titles

For the third month in a row, *Verity* by Colleen Hoover claimed the top spot for the most circulations last month. It was followed by *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah and *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens, which tied for second. Three books tied for the third most circulations: *Mexican Gothic* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia, *It Starts With Us* by Colleen Hoover, and *The Viscount Who Loved Me* by Julia Quinn.



The Whale Stuffie program was a huge success at all of our branches!

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Our turning displays are the newest addition to help you stay informed about all that is happening at your local branch.



Way to go library families!! More 2024 Summer Reading Program prize winners! Join in the fun.





## 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/](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

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 <b>your</b> information; if this membership is a gift for someone else, please provide <b>their</b> information:			
FIRST NAME		MIDDLE INITIAL	
LAST NAME			
STREET ADDRESS		CITY	
STATE		ZIP CODE	
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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"/>	
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Friends of the Pacific Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Gold – \$100 <input type="checkbox"/>	
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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:

Friends of the Library, 251 Union Plaza Dr., Union, MO 63084

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