The Summer Reading Program for adults is back for the 21st year! The “All Together Now” program began on June 1 and ends on August 19.

This year, participants will track their reading time. When you read a total of 4 hours, you will earn a vinyl sticker. When you complete 8 hours, you will earn a tote bag.

Register on the Beanstack app or stop by your local branch to pick up a paper reading log to participate in the program. Participants will earn a badge on the Beanstack app for each hour read. For each badge earned, you will receive a raffle ticket to be put toward one of the three raffle prizes sponsored by your local Friends of the Library group. Prizes will vary between branches.

To learn more about the Summer Read Program, visit us at scenicregional.org/srp.

All branches of Scenic Regional Library will be closed Monday, June 19 in honor of Juneteenth.

Introducing Event News - A New eNewsletter

Scenic Regional Library now has two newsletters! “Event News” is a brand new Scenic Regional Library eNewsletter that details all the events happening at all branches. The “Event News” will be delivered to subscribers’ inboxes at the beginning of each month. With this change, the current newsletter will now be published mid-month. To view the latest issue of “The Event News,” visit us at scenicregional.org/newsletter and click “Event News” under June 2023.
Fishing Poles

Are you looking for a fun family activity to enjoy this summer? All branches of Scenic Regional Library offer fishing poles available for checkout! The poles are provided by the Missouri Department of Conservation to allow patrons to learn about the joys of fishing, without the hassle or expense of purchasing equipment. A fishing pole can be checked out for one week and must be returned to the branch from which it was checked out. For more information, call your local branch.

Computers for Sale

For $50 you will receive an HP 280 G2, Intel Core i3-6100 processor 3.70 GHz, 4.0 GB RAM, 500 GB hard drive, DVD-RW, Microsoft Windows 10 Professional 64-bit (updating is suggested), with HDMI and VGA connections. All computers come with a power cord, mouse, and keyboard (no monitor). No warranty or guarantee. If interested, contact Denise (ext. 112) at 636-583-0652 between 9 am-3 pm, Monday-Friday. Cash or checks payable to Scenic Regional Library.

Union Food Pantry Drive

Scenic Regional Library’s Union branch will host a food drive throughout June to benefit the Union Food Pantry. Acceptable donations include shelf-stable foods, such as boxed dinners (Hamburger Helper), cereal, canned foods, fruit juice, spaghetti sauce, pasta, and peanut butter. Boxes for the drive will be available in the Union branch’s entryway.

Donate the following items:
- Boxed dinners (Hamburger Helper)
- Cereal
- Fruit (canned)
- Fruit juice
- Canned soup, chili, beef stew, tuna
- Spam
- Spaghetti sauce
- Pancake mix
- Pancake syrup
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Pasta (spaghetti, egg noodles, other dry pasta)
- Canned pasta (ravioli, spaghetti & meatballs, etc.)

Flanders Named Hidden Hero in Warren County

Wright City’s Friends of the Library Treasurer, Linde Flanders, has been named a hidden hero by the Warren County Record. The Hidden Hero program recognizes the importance of volunteers in the community and their work to make the Warren County area a better place for all.

According to the article published, a large part of why Flanders was chosen as the latest Hidden Hero is due to her volunteering history. Flanders has spent much of her life volunteering for numerous groups and organizations. To read the full article, visit the Warren County Record’s website at warrencountyrecord.com/stories/this-hidden-hero-does-gods-work-to-help-wright-city-and-warren-county.67436.
Staff Spotlight: Judy
Library Assistant, St. Clair

How long have you worked for Scenic?
I’ve worked for Scenic since October of 2021.

Can you share a little bit about your background before you came to work at the library?
I grew up in the small, quaint town of Wapakoneta, Ohio, best known as the hometown of Neil Armstrong—great family, BTW. It was a great place to grow up. I was employed for 33 years with the Wapakoneta City Schools in Ohio. I worked with students in K-7, tutoring math and reading, in the beginning, then as a Library/Media Specialist. I was successfully retired for three years, and then my husband, Mike retired—we were free at last. My son had moved to St Louis where his wife was raised, and finally landed in Union. I found a house on the Bourbeuse in November of ‘18—it was love at first sight.

What made you want to work in a library?
Working at the library was natural for me considering my background, but also because I became familiar with the St Clair branch very early on in the process of moving, as we couldn’t get sufficient internet at our ‘new’ home.

What do you wish more people knew about the library?
I wish more people knew of the variety of materials we have access to, even if they don’t want to use them in the building, but from home. And it’s all ‘free’—we don’t ‘rent’ items.

What is your favorite part of the job? Why?
My favorite part about working at the library is the people. Those I work with, and the patrons who come through. It’s been a great way to get to know the community. I love this little town.

What are you currently reading or what are you reading next?
I’m a Non-Fiction reader, and I love research. My last book was Tecumseh and the Prophet. It’s the kind of book that you refer to often when you come upon a print article on the subject, or an artifact in the local museum. My next book, I hope is Peter Cozzens’s The Earth is Weeping: The Epic Story of the Indian Wars for the American West.

You can only take one book to a desert island. What book, and why?
My Beach Read on that deserted island would NOT be a romance novel or a Michner, but a Five-Year Almanac would be what I’d love to have by my side.

Any hobbies or interests outside the library?
I’ve always sewn, knitted, crocheted, crafted, and gardened, but this river house has become my latest, greatest ‘hobby’ of all time—it might be the death of me, but I love it.
Staff Picks

The views and opinions expressed in staff book reviews are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect official policy or position of Scenic Regional Library.

“Perkin’s Perfect Purple” by Tami Lewis Brown and Debbie Loren Dunn, illustrated by Francesca Sanna

What is your favorite color? I have a few but one of mine is purple. Who knew that if it wasn’t for William Henry Perkin that might not be the case for many of us. I came upon this book while I was checking in items and it instantly caught my eye. The artwork is eye-catching and I thought the topic sounded interesting. It is about a boy who had a dream to study Chemistry. William Perkin was experimenting to develop a cure for malaria that could be affordable to everyone. His teacher gave him a theoretic formula to create synthetic quinine, which did not work like they had hoped. But it did result in another breakthrough, Perkin’s Purple Ink. You may think, oh well it is just a color but with his scientific breakthrough, that ink could help medical researchers stain invisible bacteria and microbes, leading to cures for many diseases including cholera and anthrax. It also made purple a color available to everyone, leading up to his discovery purple was very expensive and only the noble could use it. It had to be made by milking sea snails. The way he experimented led to a way to help scientists develop the “scientific method” and the invention of many products, their experiments and outcomes could now be repeated, that was not always the case before. He found ways to preserve canned foods, medicine for immune disorders and chemotherapy and a whole rainbow of new colors and smells. Who would have thought it all started with a dream, a boy, and the color purple.

-Review by Melissa, Union

“Clytemnestra” by Costanza Casati

In recent years, several authors have undertaken the humanizing of mythological Greek characters. In works of fiction, Madeline Miller, Jennifer Saint, and Pat Barker have realistically brought to life Achilles, Ariadne, Circe, and other legendary people and creatures. With her debut novel, Clytemnestra, Costanza Casati gives us another author to dance around, eagerly waiting for her next offering. I knew that Clytemnestra married Agamemnon who later killed their oldest daughter so that the gods would send wind to take Greek ships to fight the city-state of Troy. While her husband was in Troy, Clytemnestra plotted with Agamemnon’s cousin, Aegisthus, to kill Agamemnon when he returned home in retaliation for the murder of his daughter. Later, in true Greek tragic form, Clytemnestra and Agamemnon’s son kills both his mother and Aegisthus in retaliation for his father’s murder. That’s the bare bones of the story that most people know. You rightly recognize the origins of Shakespeare’s Hamlet in this 4,000-year-old story. Ancient Greek sensibility is foreign to 21st century Western culture. Without Westernizing the setting or characters or world view of her characters, Casati Costanza brings them to life. It is no small feat to write this well-known story in such a way as to make the reader, if not approve, at least understand the decisions and actions of the weak, the strong, and the merely human people who inhabit the old stories.

-Review by Diane, Administration
Purchased 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.

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- 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” - $150
- 10” X 2” - $250
- 9” X 3” - $350

#### 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
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:

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- Friends of the Hermann Branch
- Friends of the New Haven Branch
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- 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
- Date Received: □
- Check # _____ □
- Amount Received:

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