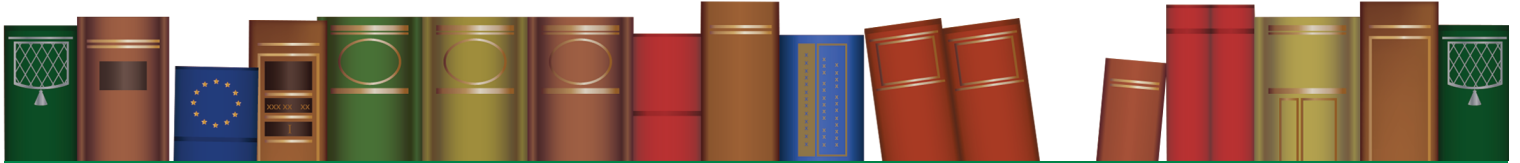




THE Scenic Regional Library NEWSLETTER

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Summer Reading Program - It's Not Just for Kids



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.



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.

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



**All branches of
Scenic Regional
Library will be
closed Tuesday,
July 4 to celebrate
Independence Day.**

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Kasey Wright, Scenic Regional Library's Adult Outreach Coordinator represented the library during East Central College's Senior Expo on May 16.

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.



Photo from the Warren County Record/Jason Koch.

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.)

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 Cozzen'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 Michener, 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.

Guided Gallery Tours Led by Intern



The Gallery at the Library, located in the Hermann branch, has hired Meredith Rodgers as an intern for this semester. Rodgers is a student at Lindenwood University, double majoring in art history and art and design with an emphasis in graphic design and minoring in studio art and digital art. She was born and raised in Montgomery County, and her future plans include opening a gallery of her own.

Rodgers will offer free guided tours of the gallery's "Portraiture" exhibit on the last three Fridays of June and July, from 4 to 4:45 p.m. She will also teach an hour-long program about the art of portraiture on Thursday, July 27, at 6 p.m., in the Hermann branch meeting room. The guided tours and portraiture program are open to all ages. RSVP to Steve Campbell at 636-583-0652 Ext. 101.

Guided Tours 4 to 4:45 pm

Friday, June 16
 Friday, June 23
 Friday, June 30
 Friday, July 14
 Friday, July 21
 Friday, July 28



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EVERGREEN™ MOBILE APP

Gets New Features

The Missouri Evergreen app has received an update that allows patrons to search the library catalog and find library account information. Now patrons can scan UPC barcodes on books to see if they are in the catalog. Use a phone to scan the barcode on the back of books found in stores or a friend's house to learn if they are available at the library and to place holds. The library's events calendar is now available through the mobile app. Touch the Events button to see all Scenic upcoming events or limit the search to events at one branch and to reserve admission to events of interest. The app can be found in both Android and iOS app stores by searching for Missouri Evergreen.



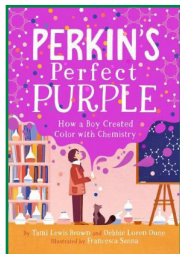
Families had the opportunity to make bird feeders after Storytime at the St. Clair branch.



Speaker Elizabeth Terry brought history to life, sharing personal stories of the Faust family at the Pacific branch.

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.

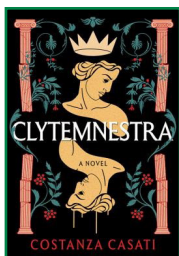


"Perkin's Perfect Purple" by Tami Lewis Brown and Debbie Loren Dunn, illustrated by Francesca Sanna

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

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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.



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