



THE Scenic Regional Library NEWSLETTER

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Library to Host Candidate Forums; Seeking Questions from Public

Scenic Regional Library and the Missourian Media Group will host two candidate forums for the August 6 primary election.

The first event will be held Monday, July 8, at 6 PM at the Union branch. It will feature candidates running for Franklin County 2nd District Commissioner and Missouri Legislative District 119. The Franklin County 2nd District Commissioner race includes Ken Cox, while the Missouri Legislative District 119 race includes incumbent Brad Banderman and challenger Rafael Madrigal. Commissioner Dave Hinson has resigned as 2nd District Commissioner, but will still appear on the ballot. This is still a competitive race.

Franklin County 2nd District Commissioner

Missouri Legislative District 119

Commissioner Dave Hinson has withdrawn from the race, but will still appear on the ballot. This is still a competitive race.



Dave Hinson (incumbent) 2nd District Commissioner

Ken Cox 2nd District Commissioner

Brad Banderman (incumbent) Missouri, District 119

Rafael Madrigal Missouri District 119

The second 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.

Franklin County 1st District Commissioner

Missouri Legislative District 109



Todd Boland (incumbent) 1st District Commissioner

Paul Overschmidt 1st District Commissioner

Kyle Marquart (incumbent) Missouri, District 109

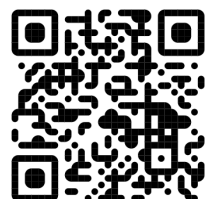
John Simmons Missouri District 109

The candidate forums are open to the public, but registration is required due to limited seating. The events will be live-streamed on Scenic Regional Library's Facebook page: facebook.com/scenicregionallibrary. Following the event, a video recording of the forum will also be available on the library's website, scenicregional.org/elections, and Missourian's website, 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 or scan the QR code.

To register for the July 8 candidate forum, register online at bit.ly/4c0S2z0. To register for the July 23 candidate forum, register online at bit.ly/4bIG5y5.

**Submit Questions
Here:**



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Spring Book Sale a Big Success

The library's Spring Book Sale was a big success. The much-anticipated event generated \$17,333 at the library's nine locations, making it the second-largest sale to date. Those who shopped the sale had their choice of books, audiobooks, CDs, and DVDs. The Friends of the Library groups managed the book sale in all nine library locations. The library has an agreement under which the Friends' groups receive their branch's book sale proceeds if they manage the event, including setting up, recruiting and scheduling volunteers, and cleaning up. The next book sale will be in the Fall.



Scenic Regional Library Accepts Annual Service Award



Deputy Executive Director of PreventEd, Jenny Armbruster, presented Scenic Regional Library Assistant Director, Megan Maurer, with PreventEd's 2024 Annual Service Award at a luncheon held on April 26.

Scenic Regional Library was awarded PreventEd's annual Service Award at a luncheon at the Hilton St. Louis Frontenac on April 26. Assistant Director Megan Maurer accepted the award on behalf of the library.

The organization recognized the library for three partnerships, which include distributing medication disposable bags, allowing PreventEd's Peer Support Trailer to offer services in the St. Clair and Sullivan branch parking lots, and placing 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.

Summer Reading Program Returns

The Summer Reading Program is back for its 22nd year! The "Adventure Begins at Your Library" program began on June 1 and will end on August 17. This year, participants will track their reading time. Participants will earn a vinyl sticker after four hours of reading. When 8 hours are completed, children and teens will earn a book, and adults will receive a tote bag. All age groups will also be entered into the end-of-summer drawings upon completion. Participants will gain additional entries in the drawings for each additional task they accomplish after completion.

PreK and kids raffle prizes include various toys and games, and teen prizes include a phone charger/lantern, a scary movie basket, and a Steam gift card. For adults, each branch has three prize baskets, which are sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The baskets are themed around reading, hobbies, and coffee/tea, and the contents vary from branch to branch.

To sign up for the Summer Reading Program, participants can register on the Beanstack app or stop by their local branch to pick up a paper reading log. To learn more about the Summer Reading Program, visit us at scenicregional.org/srp.



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



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Lewis Hired as New Sullivan Branch Manager

The library has hired Sydney Lewis as the new branch manager for the Sullivan branch. Lewis began her career as a library clerk at the Farmington Public Library in 2017, then worked as a librarian's assistant at Central R-III High School for two years. Most recently, she spent three years as the branch manager at the Steelville branch of Crawford County Library District.

Lewis lives in St. James with her husband, dog, and cat. She is also a musician and sings in various choral groups, including the Missouri All-State Choir in 2015. Lewis began her new position on May 13.



Jarvis Hired as New Circulation Coordinator

The library has hired Macee Jarvis as its new circulation coordinator. Jarvis originally spent nine years at Scenic Regional Library, beginning as a shelver and working her way up to branch manager of the Union Branch. In 2021, Jarvis moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, and became an adult services assistant at Las Vegas Clark County Library District, where she taught patrons how to use 3D printers.

In October 2023, she and her husband moved back to Missouri to be closer to family. Jarvis worked for a short time at the Prairie Commons branch of St. Louis County Library before accepting her new position as circulation coordinator.

Jarvis has a Bachelor's in Elementary Education and is currently working on her Masters of Library and Information Science through Mizzou. She plans to graduate in the Spring of 2025.

In her free time, Jarvis loves to be outside as much as possible, whether hiking, fishing, or barbecuing. She also loves to travel and explore spooky and obscure places. Jarvis began her new position on April 29.



Gervain Hired as New Union Branch Manager

The library has hired Ed Gervain as the new Union branch manager. Gervain has previously worked as the Subject Specialist

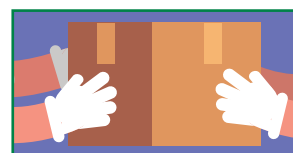
Librarian for Literature and Language at the main branch of Chicago Public Library, as an associate at Sulzer Regional Library, and as a library assistant at the Lincoln Park branch. He earned his Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign in 2017 and has worked in libraries for 17 years.

In his free time, Gervain enjoys reading popular science and the classics, playing acoustic guitar, and stargazing. He is excited to serve the community of Union. He began his new position on May 13.



From left, St. Clair branch manager Alesia Cullen, Library Board of Directors member Susan Richardson, Director Steve Campbell, Assistant Director Megan Maurer, and Associate Director of Business and Human Resources, Kjersti Merseal, attended the PreventEd luncheon on April 26.

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.



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What is your dream summer vacation?

Are you a re-reader?
Why or why not?

What is your favorite part about working at the library?

Mindy
Children's
Programmer,
St. Clair



"My dream summer vacation is to go somewhere cooler like Alaska."

"I am a re-reader of certain books. Some of them just because it's like a comfort book, others because they are so detailed you miss or forget much of the story the first time around."

"I love having a big connection with my community!"

Shea
Children's
Programmer,
Union



"I would love to go to Ireland. I want to experience everything from the food to the culture to the ethereal landscape."

"Absolutely! It has to be something that has moved me in such a way that I can't help but re-enter that world. Maybe I'll find things I didn't notice the first time."

"As the Children's Programmer I get to travel to schools and daycares regularly. I love getting to see the kids and read to them. But what I love most is when they get excited to see me at the library and tell everyone: 'she comes to my school to read!' It warms my heart."

Em
Library
Assistant,
Pacific



"My dream summer vacation is Japan, hands down! I'd love to spend my time taking in all the sights and becoming immersed in the culture within each city and town(...)."

"I don't tend to be a re-reader unless a book resonates for me really deeply, because it's too easy for my mind to wander when I already know how the story ends (...)."

"My absolute favorite part about working at the library is my team here at Pacific branch. (...) I feel truly blessed to know and work with such wonderful ladies!"

Macee
Circulation
Coordinator,
Administration



"A road trip along the Pacific Coast Highway in California!"

"Yes! Sometimes I need to re-evaluate one of my 'favorite' books, especially if I read it when I was much younger. My taste in books has changed drastically as I've grown older!"

"My favorite part is knowing that I am part of something bigger and that with all of the services we provide, we are potentially helping change someone's life!"

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Kick-Off Parties Huge Success

The Summer Reading Kick-Off Parties at the New Haven, Warrenton, Sullivan, and Pacific branches on Saturday, June 1, were a huge success! The events featured a bounce house obstacle course, face painting, balloon twisting, popcorn, hotdogs, and drinks. Over 1,000 people attended the parties, which were sponsored by each branch's Friends of the Library groups. In total, 956 people signed up for the Summer Reading program on the first day.



Representative McGirl stopped by to read a story to the kids in storytime at our Sullivan branch.



Chalk art kicked off the summer at our Owensville branch as the kids learned about 100 things to do this summer.



We made Adventure Coasters at the St. Clair branch.

Warrenton Branch Receives Donation



certificate to the Warrenton Friends of the Library to recognize the generous donation.

The Warrenton Branch received a \$500 donation from Janet Vahle. Vahle received a "Diamond Level" lifetime membership



Decorating scarves at the Hermann branch.



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1000 BOOKS Before Kindergarten

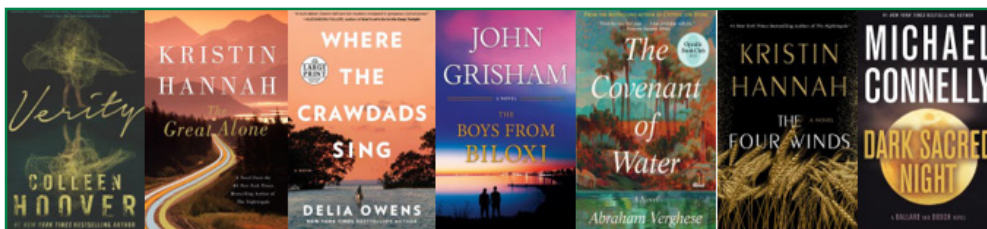
Congratulations to Cora from Union for completing the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program! She received a book bag she gets to decorate.



VR at the Pacific branch. It was cornhole night with VR and IRL cornhole.

Last Month's Most Popular Books

Last month, *Verity*, by Colleen Hoover, once again claimed the top spot for the highest number of circulations. It was followed by *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah and *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens, which tied for second. Four books tied for the third most circulation: *The Boys from Biloxi* by John Grisham, *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese, *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah, and *Dark Sacred Night* by Michael Connelly.



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Available Statewide

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is now available statewide in Missouri. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by delivering high-quality, age-appropriate books each month to the homes of registered children under age five at no cost to the family.

The Missouri Imagination Library was made possible by legislation (Section 178.694 RSMo) that identifies school districts as the local partner for this initiative. Full funding was included in DESE's Fiscal Year 2024 budget to establish and administer Dolly Parton's Imagination Library for all children in Missouri aged 0-5. The only requirement is for the child to be registered in the program. There is no cost to schools for the books or the postage to deliver them.

To register for the program, visit <https://imaginationlibrary.com/check-availability/>.



Beta Sigma Phi Donates Projector Screen



In April, the Xi Nu Theta and Laureate Delta Phi chapters of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority gifted Kasey Wright, Adult Outreach Coordinator, with a new projector screen to use for her presentations. Wright has presented to their international friendship organization in the past, and they decided that she would receive one of their community outreach gifts. The sorority gives women the opportunity for friendship development, cultural enrichment, and community outreach.



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			
STREET ADDRESS		CITY	
STATE		ZIP CODE	
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If this membership is a gift for someone else, please provide your information:			
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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:

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

Membership dues and contributions are tax deductible.