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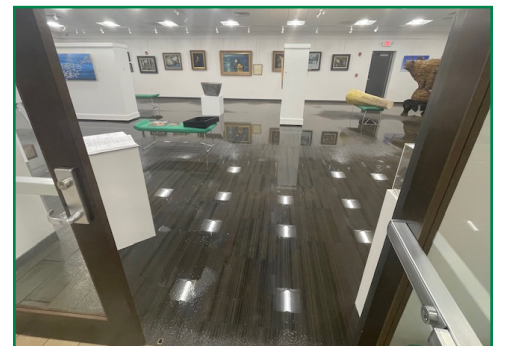
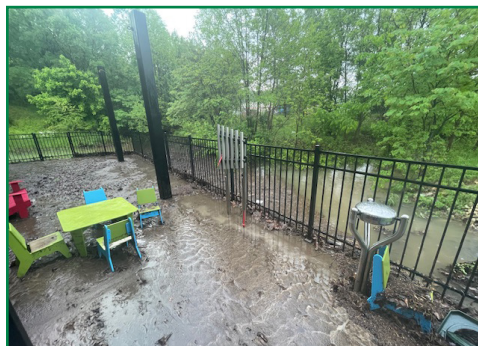
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Hermann Branch Flooding

On May 8, the Bavarian Hills Plaza, where the Hermann branch is located, experienced flash flooding. The city had received four inches of rain overnight in a short period, which overwhelmed the library's drainage system. The branch is not located in a flood plain.

No books or artwork were damaged during the flooding. The following morning, library staff removed all of the books from the bottom shelves, allowing ServePro to extract all the water from the building and set up fans. Due to water damage inside the walls, ServePro also had to cut 2 feet of drywall from the floor up, throughout the entire building to remove the mud and wet insulation from inside the walls and allow the metal studs to dry.

The library and gallery are currently closed until further notice, and programs are taking place off-site. Due to the need to order new carpet, laminate end panels, and casework, the branch will be closed for at least two more months. For updates, check the Hermann branch's Facebook page and the library's website at scenicregional.org.



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

Friday, July 4
We will be closed
in observance of
Independence
Day

Summer Reading Program Happening Now!



Summer Reading Program is in full swing here at the library! This year's theme is Color Our World, and we have prizes and programs for all ages. The program began on May 31.

This year, participants will complete the program by reading for 50 days over the summer! To track their reading, they may either pick up a paper reading log from their branch or use the Beanstack app to keep track of their reading, earn badges, and maintain their reading streak.

Summer reading is important because kids reading in the summer is important. Children who are given access to books over the summer perform 35-40% better on reading achievement tests than those without access to books. And kids who don't read in the summer experience drastic losses in reading skills, losing up to 3 months of reading development.

Those who complete the program will earn a completion prize - a book for kids and teens and a library-themed pint glass for adults. Each participant can also put their name into a drawing for additional prizes! Adults will have the opportunity to put raffle tickets into the prize drawing of their choice. Each branch will have three baskets with different themes: Book/Reading, Coffee/Tea, and Hobby. Contents of the baskets will vary by branch. To learn more about the Summer Reading Program and to view a list of all of the fun events happening, visit us at scenicregional.org/SRP.



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New Haven Closure



The New Haven branch will be closed on Monday, June 16, and Tuesday, June 17, due to construction (weather permitting).

The sidewalks and concrete entrance area are being replaced. We apologize for the inconvenience.



Maurer Awarded Optimist of the Year



Megan Maurer, Scenic Regional Library's Assistant Director, was awarded the 2025 Optimist of the Year award by the Optimist Club of Washington at its annual Scholarship and Awards Dinner. Maurer received the award, which was voted on by her fellow Optimist members, in recognition of her numerous contributions to the club. She is currently serving as Vice President and will be inducted as President of the club this October. She has been a member for 8 years.

The Optimist Club of Washington is celebrating its 75th year. Calling themselves a "friend of youth," the club's mission is to bring out the best in youth, their communities, and themselves by providing hope and positive vision. To learn more about the organization, visit optimistclubwashmo.wixsite.com/optimistclubwashmo.



Look at the beautiful "Oyster Shell Jewelry Trays" that were made at the Union branch. Each one was different and lovely.



Huge thanks to the American Red Cross, their staff and our amazing donors for another successful blood drive, hosted at the Warrenton branch.

Suggest a Purchase Change

On June 16, the library will introduce a new method for patrons to suggest materials for purchase using the library's new Discovery Layer catalog at <https://srl.modiscovery.org/>. This will replace the current form available on the library's website. This new system requires patrons to sign into their online library account to submit their requests. They will then be able to keep track and see the status of their requests directly from their library account. If an email address is provided, patrons will receive emailed updates about the status of their purchase request. Patrons will be limited to 7 active purchase requests at a time. Staff will be available to assist patrons, and the library will also provide instructions on the website and at the branches.

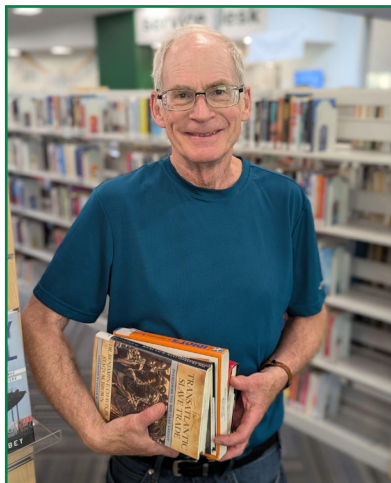
Special Legislator Storytime



Tuesday, June 24, 10:00 am
 New Haven branch
 Representative John Simmons



Volunteer Spotlight: Ted, Union Branch



Regular visitors to the Union branch may have begun noticing a new face among the stacks. Ted Willis began volunteering at the branch last fall, following his retirement from a 45-year career in the aerospace industry.

Willis was born in Philadelphia and grew up in northern New Jersey. He attended college and graduate school in upstate New York, where he earned his Bachelor's degree in physics and Master's degree in optics. He moved to St. Louis in 1978 and to the Franklin County area in 1981 with his wife.

Willis worked in aerospace for 45 years at McDonnell Douglas, which later became Boeing. During his career, he had the chance to work on spacecraft, jet aircraft, helicopters, and submarines.

He retired from his position as a technical fellow in 2021.

With retirement, his wife urged him to get out of the house and keep busy. Willis describes himself as a nerdy kid who loves books, so he thought the library would be a natural fit.

A majority of his volunteer time is spent helping in the back and helping Interlibrary Loan Clerk Becky with the delivery, packing, and unpacking of books that are being distributed across the system. Willis has also helped with shelving, assembling banners, assembling kits, and various other tasks that need to be completed.

When asked about his favorite part of volunteering at the library, Willis stated that he was surprised to see how extensive the library system was and the breadth of things offered. "It boggles the mind," he said. "It's interesting to see how this is different from the libraries I remember."



New Haven hosted the Schwarzer Zither Ensemble at the branch. They shared interesting history facts and played music.



The Owensville community had an absolute blast at the Puzzle Race program held at the branch.

Graduates

Congratulations to these Scenic Regional Library employees who graduated this spring!



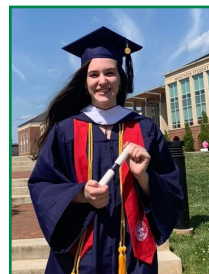
*Macee Garvey,
Circulation Coordinator,
Administration,
Master of Library and
Information Sciences*



*Lucas Howland,
Library Assistant, Union
Bachelor's of Fine Arts
in Cinema Arts*



*Maddy Faccaro,
Library Assistant, Union
Master of Library and
Information Sciences*



*Leah Matlock,
Library Assistant, Union
Master of Fine Arts in
Creative Writing*



*Shea Voss,
Children's Programmer,
Union, Bachelor's in
Professional Studies*



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Learn More About Aspen



Aspen LiDA

Are you interested in learning more about our new Evergreen Discovery Layer Catalog? The library's trainer, Stacy Emerson, recently sat down and recorded an informational video to teach features of the new catalog. To watch the video, visit bit.ly/44WtLKj.

Wright City Community Food Pantry Drive



The Wright City branch will serve as a drop-off location for the Wright City

Community Food Pantry drive during June. The food pantry is collecting shelf-stable items, including canned fruits and vegetables, pasta, cereal, etc. The Wright City Community Food Pantry is the culmination of the ideas and convictions of numerous Wright City residents, churches, and community leaders. The pantry is powered by its community; the location and website, the helping hands and leadership, special food drives and events, and donations. It is open on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month from 9:00 a.m. to noon and Wednesday evenings from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Wright City Community Food Pantry takes clients on a first-come, first-served basis.

Taking the Scenic Route



The library's podcast, "Taking the Scenic Route," is a biweekly podcast that releases new episodes every other Friday. The podcast, hosted by the library's director, Steve Campbell, features interviews with upcoming program presenters, information about new and existing services, author interviews, book recommendations from staff, and more. Currently, 12 episodes are available for listening.

The latest episode features Jake Little, Advisor and Career Navigator at East Central College in Union who will discuss artificial intelligence; Dan Viets, an attorney in Columbia, Missouri, and co-author of the book, *Walt Disney's Missouri: The Roots of a Creative Genius*; and Georgia Payne, a master quilter from Washington state who will discuss quilts and the Underground Railroad. To listen to the podcast, visit rss.com/podcasts/scenicregional.

Patio Instruments Installed in Warrenton



Musical instruments were recently installed on the Warrenton branch children's patio.

They were a gift from the Warrenton branch's Friends of the Library group and cost \$5,345.

The three instruments add to the already extensive collection of educational play activities in the branch's children's area.

They include a xylophone, upright chimes, and conga drums. With their installation, eight of the library's nine branches now have instruments on their children's patio.

Computers For Sale



Lenovo ThinkCentre M720e Tower. Intel Core i5-9400 Processor 2.9 GHz. 8.00 GB RAM. 256 GB SSD. DVD RW. MS Windows 11 Pro 64-bit. VGA/ DVI/DisplayPort connections. Power supply, keyboard, mouse, and 19" monitor with VGA

cable and power supply included. \$60 each. If interested, contact Denise by emailing dedwards@scenicregional.org or by phone at 636-583-0652 (ext. 1012) between 9 am-3 pm, Monday-Thursday. Cash or checks payable to Scenic Regional Library.

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Get Fit This Summer With the “100 Miles, 100 Days” Challenge!

100 MILES 100 DAYS ALL AGES

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June 16 - September 23 • 2025
Log 2,000 minutes of exercise over 100 days

Extension
University of Missouri

Scenic Regional Library, Washington Public Library, and University of Missouri Extension are teaming up this summer to motivate the community to get active with the “100 Miles, 100 Days” challenge! From June 16 through September 23, participants are encouraged to complete 2,000 minutes of physical activity—just 20 minutes a day. Whether you walk, run, hike, bike, kayak, or engage in any exercise that adds up to the equivalent of 100 miles, every movement counts.

Participants will track their workouts in 20-minute increments using Beanstack, the same online platform the library uses for its Summer and Winter Reading Programs.

Beanstack is also available as a convenient mobile app.

Everyone who completes the 100-mile or 2,000-minute challenge will receive a water bottle, courtesy of University of Missouri Extension, and be entered into a drawing to win one of four Fitbits. The Fitbits have been generously provided by the Scenic Regional Library Foundation and the Washington Public Library Friends of the Library.

Participants are encouraged to snap photos of their workouts, share them on social media, and tag their local library and University of Missouri Extension. Let's move together this summer—one mile at a time!

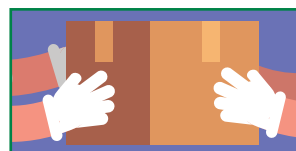
Grace UMC Drive at Sullivan Branch

Grace United Methodist Church will host a collection drive at the Sullivan branch of Scenic Regional Library during the month of July. The church will be collecting non-perishable food items, especially canned goods with pop-top lids, as well as feminine hygiene products and diapers.

Grace United Methodist Church sponsors a food pantry every Monday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to noon, as well as monthly community dinners, a backpack program, a free Thanksgiving dinner, and other initiatives. To learn more about the church, visit graceumcsullivan.org.



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.

Staff June Anniversary

Thank you for being such an *important* piece of our puzzle!



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Win a New Car!

Buy a \$100 raffle ticket at
[www.washingtonrotary.com/
car-raffle/](http://www.washingtonrotary.com/car-raffle/)

Grand Prize: \$32,500
toward a new vehicle of your
choice at Modern Auto OR
\$25,000 in cash
2nd prize: \$1,000 in cash
3rd prize: \$500 in cash

Car Raffle Tickets on Sale

Rotary
Club of Washington



The Rotary Club of Washington is selling tickets for their annual Bill Kluesner Memorial Car Raffle. The grand prize is \$32,500 toward a new vehicle of your choice at Modern Auto or \$25,000 in cash. Second prize is \$1,000 in cash; third prize, \$500 in cash. The \$1,000 prize drawing will be on July 10. The grand prize drawing will be on August 10, 2025, at the Washington Town & Country Fair. Tickets are \$100 each. The Rotary

Club limits ticket sales to 1,000 to improve everyone's odds of winning. Visit washingtonrotary.com/car-raffle/ to buy tickets. Library director Steve Campbell is a member of the organization. The Rotary Club of Washington is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. They have donated to dozens of organizations, including ALIVE, Bethel Hills Community, CASA, EMPAC, Exceptional Equestrians, Franklin County Area United Way, Franklin County Backstoppers, Franklin County Red Cross, Franklin County Foster Closet, Harvest Table, YMCA Literacy Council, Hope Ranch, Turning Point Advocacy Services, and many others.



St. Clair branch's storytime was all about chickens! Then they got to hold our library chickies!



The StoryWalk™, located at Owensville Memorial Park, was updated in May with a new story - "I Ain't Gonna Paint No More" by Karen Beaumont.

Library Seeking Volunteers to Select 2026 Community Read Book

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



Scenic Regional Library and its partners are currently seeking volunteers for the 2025 Community Read Selection Committee, which will meet four 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 Villa Ridge, Marthasville, Beaufort, and Gerald, who can commit to attending three meetings in late August and September 2025 at the Union branch. The meetings will occur on August 21, September 4, and September 18, 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 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.



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Last Month's Most Popular Titles



1st – *The Teacher* by Freida McFadden - A chilling story of twisted secrets and long-awaited revenge.

Genres: Thriller, Mystery, Fiction

2nd (tied) – *The Housemaid* by Freida McFadden - "Welcome to the family," Nina Winchester says as I shake her elegant, manicured hand. I smile politely, gazing around the marble hallway. Working here is my last chance to start fresh. I can pretend to be whoever I like. But I'll soon learn that the Winchesters' secrets are far more dangerous than my own...

Genres: Mystery, Thriller, Fiction

2nd (tied) – *The Housemaid is Watching* by Freida McFadden - From New York Times, USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestselling author Freida McFadden comes the next installment of the unbelievably twisty, tension-packed and globally bestselling Housemaid series. This book can be enjoyed as a standalone read, and once you start, it will have you up all night racing through the pages until the final explosive twist.

Genres: Thriller, Mystery, Fiction

3rd – *First Lie Wins* by Ashley Elston - Evie Porter has everything a nice Southern girl could want: a doting boyfriend, a house with a white picket fence, and a tight group of friends. The only catch: Evie Porter doesn't exist.

Genres: Mystery, Thriller, Fiction

Birthday Blessings Hosts Drive at Warrenton and Wright City Branch



This July, Birthday Blessing will hold its 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 Wright 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 2026.

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. 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 417-204-4459 or email office@birthdayblessings.onmicrosoft.com.



The Pacific community had a lot of fun at the Summer Reading Program Kick-Off party held at the branch.



The MU Extension taught cooking skills and helped prepare yummy snacks of oatmeal and bananas. We had a great turnout!

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SCENIC SAYS!

Frances
Hermann
Branch



What is your favorite type of vacation?

"Going to a theater festival and seeing lots of plays!"

Is there a book you think would make a great movie?

"I think the book *Parnassus on Wheels*, about a traveling bookseller, would make a great Hallmark movie."

What is your favorite part about the Summer Reading Program?

"Seeing how excited the kids are when they pick up their prizes."

Macee
Union
Admin



"Road trips! I love taking my time, getting "lost", and taking in all the nature and hidden gems you find along the way!"

"*Blood Meridian* by Cormac McCarthy. I've heard this particular book is one of the hardest books to turn into a movie due to it's bloody and gritty nature!"

"All of the excited people that come in to get their prizes when they complete the program! Their happiness is infectious!"

Bekah
Pacific
Branch



"I love going on road trips! My husband and I love to stop at restaurants and explore little towns along the way."

"I'm currently reading the *Throne of Glass* series by Sarah J. Maas, and I think it would be an awesome TV series!"

"I love all of the big programs that we have for kids and families. I'm especially looking forward to the Bow Wow dog show this summer!"

Kayleigh
Wright City
Branch



"National Parks. My family and I have visited 20 so far! We love to hike and get our National Park stamps on our passport."

"*The Reappearance of Rachel Price* by Holly Jackson."

"I love when the kids come in with completed forms and get to pick out their free book! They get so excited!"



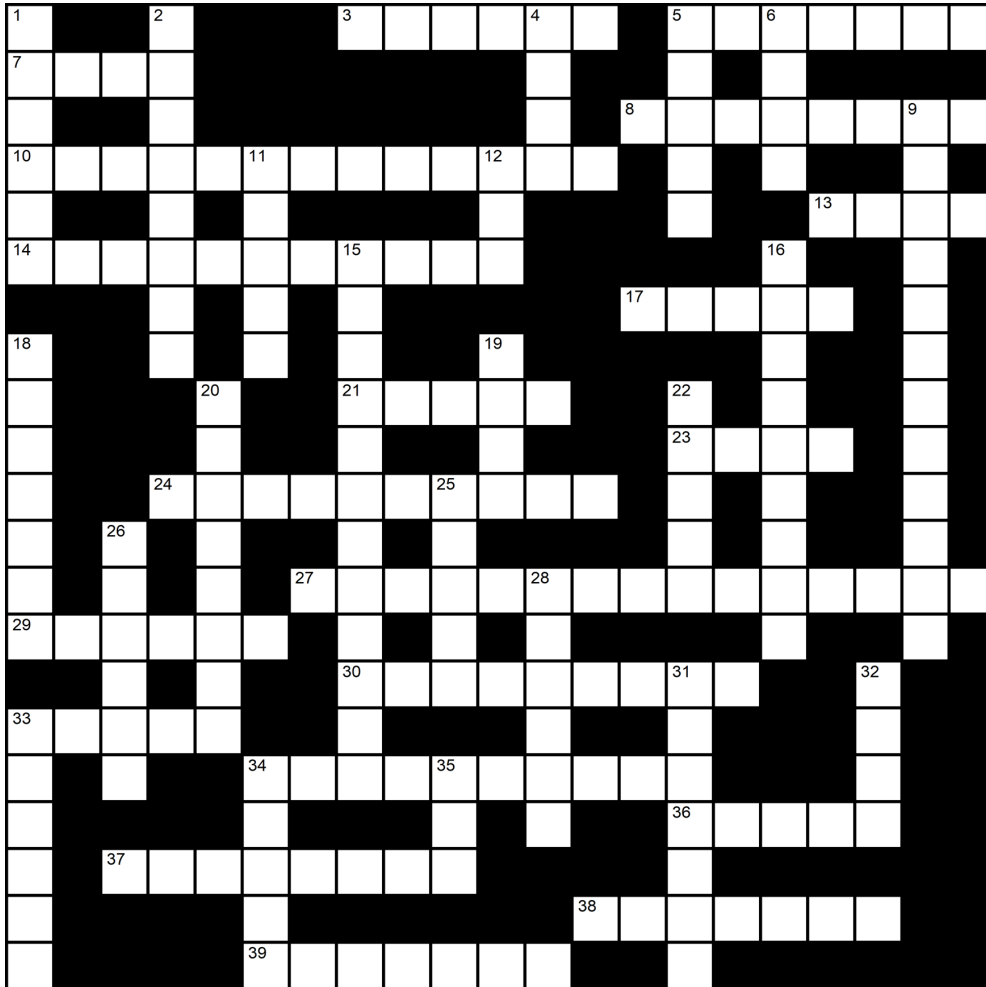
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June Crossword Puzzle



Across

1 Yard covering that may need regular mowing - **3** To form a material, such as molten metal or plastic, into a particular shape by pouring or pressing into a mold - **5** A color that has been darkened by the addition of black or another dark hue - **6** A soft drawing stick composed of finely ground pigment - **7** Stark difference between elements - **10** Specific color or tint - **11** Painting or photograph focusing on a person's face - **13** Brownish skin tone from sun exposure - **16** Evidence establishing a fact - **18** Artist like Salvador Dalí - **21** Geographical representation of an area - **22** Aquatic creature with gills and fins - **25** Head covering for fashion or protection - **28** Artistic style using simplest elements - **32** Color of clear skies and deep oceans - **33** Outdoor platform attached to a house - **34** Design carved into a hard surface - **37** Painting medium that dissolves in water - **38** Bright, glowing light often seen in signs - **39** Contemporary or current style - **40** Fabric surface for painting - **41** Source of artistic inspiration.



Down

1 Glossy coating applied to ceramics - **2** Hot and humid with a sensual quality - **4** Star at the center of our solar system - **5** Large body of salt water - **8** Citrus fruit or its bright color - **9** Artist who carves or molds three-dimensional works - **10** Having high temperature - **12** Swimming facility or natural body of water - **14** Brief daytime sleep - **15** Relating to sight or things that can be seen - **17** Highlighted or prominently displayed - **19** Any of numerous plant-based, clear, translucent, yellow or brown, solid or semisolid, viscous substances - **20** Creative human expression in various media - **21** Person who poses for artists or photographers - **23** Visual representation or picture - **24** Amount of moisture in the air - **26** Cooking device for outdoor barbecues - **27** Protective garment worn by artists - **29** Colored liquid used in writing and printing - **30** Flying vehicle with wings and engines - **31** Frozendairy dessert - **35** Create raised design on paper or other material - **36** Border surrounding a picture or photograph - **37** Moderately hot temperature.

Find the answers at www.scenicregional.org/crossword.

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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



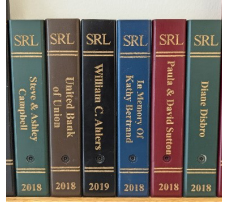


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PHONE NUMBER		EMAIL ADDRESS	
If this membership is a gift for someone else, please provide your information:			
FIRST NAME		MIDDLE INITIAL	LAST NAME
STREET ADDRESS		EMAIL ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
BRANCH AFFILIATION (Please select one)		LEVEL OF MEMBERSHIP	
Hermann Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Silver - \$25 <input type="checkbox"/>	
New Haven Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Gold - \$50 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Owensville Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Platinum - \$100 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Pacific Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Diamond* - \$500 <input type="checkbox"/>	
St. Clair Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		*Lifetime Membership	
Sullivan Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Up to \$10 in book sale	
Union Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		volunteer vouchers can be	
Warrenton Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		applied toward any level of	
Wright City Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		membership dues.	
		MEMBERSHIP GIFTS	
			
			
			
		<u>Gold:</u> 21oz. metal water bottle	
		<u>Platinum:</u> 20-can cooler backpack	
		<u>Diamond:</u> \$150 donor wall book	
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"/>		<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"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> Amount Received:	
Governing and Planning Committee <input type="checkbox"/>			

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