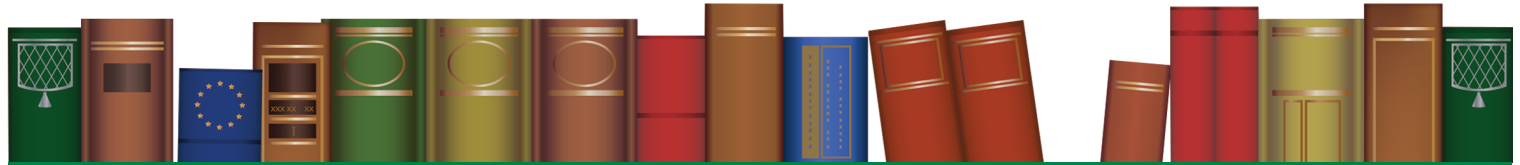




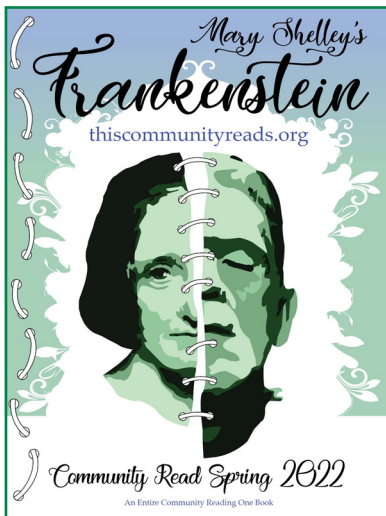
THE Scenic Regional Library NEWSLETTER



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A monthly publication from your local library!

Community Read Will Kick-Off March 12



The first annual Community Read is rapidly approaching, and the library has begun preparing for a variety of programming in celebration of everyone reading *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley.

The Community Read will begin with a kick-off event Saturday, March 12. Stop by any branch to pick up your free copy, and enjoy Frankenstein-themed activities from 10 am - 2 pm. After the kick-off, take the next two weeks to read and take in the classic novel, and then get ready to enjoy six weeks of fun, educational, and exciting programming for all ages.

Beginning Monday, March 21, and continuing through the following six weeks, the library and its partners will present 104 free programs and book discussions throughout the three-county area (Gasconade, Franklin, and Warren). Programming topics will include "Cuddle Monster No-Sew", "Escape Dr. Frankenstein's Monster" (escape room), "Franken-Cooking", "Virtual How to Draw Frankenstein", Book Discussions, "Mad Science: Fire & Ice", *Mary Who Wrote Frankenstein* Kids Club, "Monster Art", "Franken-Toys", Movie Nights,

"Monster Make-Up", "The History of Grave Robbing", and so much more. Programs will vary by branch.

The programming will culminate with "Meet Mary Shelley," a performance by living history storyteller, Susan Marie Frontzcak, at the John Edson Anglin Performing Arts Center at East Central College on Saturday, April 30.

For a complete list of programming and details, visit thiscommunityreads.org.



KidSight Will Offer Free Vision Screenings

KidSight, a free vision screening program, will be visiting multiple Scenic Regional Library branches throughout March and April. Using a photo screening device, the KidSight vision screening process can identify vision problems in children as young as 6 months old. The hand-held, noninvasive, and painless screener is state-of-the-art and only takes seconds to produce an immediate pass or refer result.

KidSight's Vision Screening Technicians and volunteers are trained in eye physiology and common childhood vision disorders. The screening process takes approximately two minutes per child. KidSight's free vision screening detects nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, amblyopia, anisometropia, anisocoria, and misalignment. The vision screening process will be held in each branch's public meeting room, after Storytime.



The events are as follows:

Hermann branch

Thursday, March 17, 10:00 am

Union branch

Wednesday, March 23, 10:00 am

Sullivan branch

Tuesday, April 19, 10:00 am

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These kiddos picked up their Winter Bingo prizes at the Hermann branch. Great job to them!



Patrons came to the Owensville branch to learn knife skills, presented by University of Missouri Extension.



Check out these fabulous new earrings our Pacific patron made at the branch. Craft afternoons are the best!

Library Offers Online Veteran Assistance

The library now offers Brainfuse VetNow, a free service through the Missouri State Library that provides online job and academic assistance for Veterans.

Get personalized assistance from a VA navigator to learn more about your eligibility for VA benefits, use the Career Resources to begin your job search, receive job interview assistance through live online practice and resources, and so much more with your library card.

To learn more about VetNow, visit us online at <https://scenicregional.org/databases/#careers> and click "Brainfuse VetNow."

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Card Holders Can Read St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Did you know that your library card number provides you with free electronic access to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch? Through NewsBank Inc., you can access full image versions of every issue of the daily paper, dating back to 2020. Need to go back further? NewsBank Inc. also provides access to text-based issues, dating back to 1988. To learn more about NewsBank Inc. or to read the latest edition of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, visit us online at <https://scenicregional.org/databases/#education>, click "St. Louis Post-Dispatch," and log in with your library card number.



Micro Ghost Story Writing Contest

Have you ever wanted to try your hand at horror writing? Now's your chance! Channel your inner Mary Shelley and enter our Micro Ghost Story Writing Contest. The contest has two age categories: "Under 12" and "13 and older." All entries must be 204 words or less, in honor of Frankenstein being written 204 years ago.

Stories must be submitted by email to contest@scenicregional.org and include author name, author age, phone number, and word count. Entries submitted without an age will be considered a "13 and older" submission. Entries will be judged on originality, clarity, voice, and word choice.

Selected stories will be published on the Community Read website and partner newsletters. One story from each category will be read during the Community Read final event, "Meet Mary Shelley," at the ECC Theatre, Saturday, April 30 at 7 p.m. To learn more about the Micro Ghost Story Writing Contest, visit thiscommunityreads.org.



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Staff Spotlight: Diane Circulation Coordinator, Administration



What made you want to work in a library?

I have a degree in Social Work. I wanted to change the world. When my children were young, their elementary school didn't have a library. I offered to move the classroom collections into a central location and create a library for the school. That was in 1992 and I have worked in libraries ever since. Libraries DO change the world!

You've worn many hats during your time with Scenic Regional Library. Can you share a little about the different roles you've had?

I began to work for Scenic after I moved to Franklin County in 2005. Direct patron service is the reason for the existence of libraries and that is where I did my first work for Scenic. I also processed new materials, managed Interlibrary Loan borrowing and lending, and acted

as the substitute Storytime Presenter. In 2012, Scenic hired a new Library Director who appointed me to be the first Branch Manager of the Union Branch. Circulation Coordinator duties were added to my responsibilities shortly after Scenic joined the Missouri Evergreen resource sharing consortium in 2014. In order for me to be able to give all of my time to circulation issues and special projects, I stopped serving as Union Branch Manager in 2020.

What's the best thing about being Circulation Coordinator? Why? A Circulation Coordinator is responsible for understanding the computer program that runs circulation, teaching staff about changes to the program, maintaining procedure manuals, digging data out of the circulation program to assist in driving the library's mission forward, and interacting with other Missouri Evergreen consortium libraries. I do a lot of puzzle solving and I enjoy that! I also enjoy seeing projects through from start to finish. I helped organize the move of the collection to the new buildings that we opened a few years ago. More recently, I worked on the RFID (radio frequency identification) project that allows us better, more accurate inventory control.

What do you wish more people knew about the library?

The public library is the last indoor space where people can hang out without buying anything or explaining their presence to anyone.

What are you currently reading/just finished/or reading next?

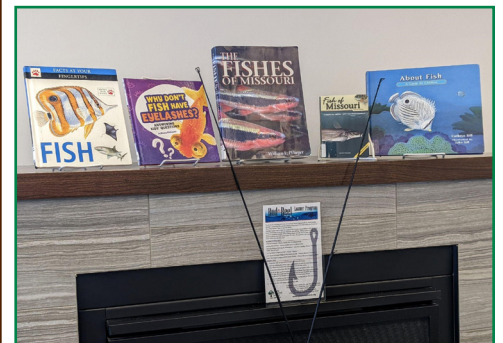
I am currently reading *The Books of Jacob* by Olga Tokarczuk.

Any hobbies or interests outside the library?

I enjoy traveling and learning and reading and eating chocolate.

Itching to go Fishing?

Are you yearning for Spring to arrive and need an activity to enjoy in the upcoming nice weather? March 1 marks the first day of the Missouri Trout Fishing Season, and 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.

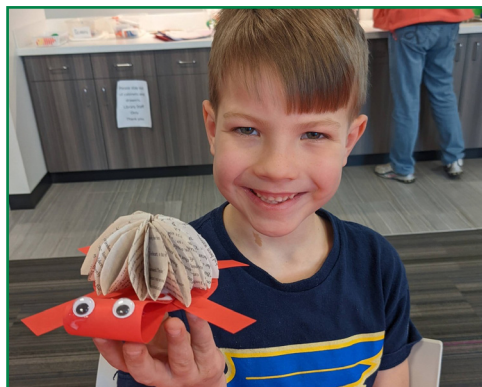


We celebrated siblings during Storytime at the New Haven branch by reading books and making crafts with a sibling theme. Everyone who attended had and is a sibling!

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Our Epicurean Adventures group in St. Clair celebrated Great American Pie Month by mastering pie crust.

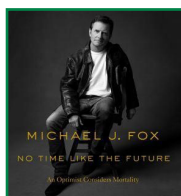


Sullivan Kids Club-Altered Book made a hedgehog and turtle from discarded books and book pages.



The Union branch hosted a program that recycled beautiful hard-back books into purses, giving them new life!

Staff Picks



"No Time Like the Future" By Michael J. Fox, CDSP version-read by the author

I have honestly read all of Michael J. Fox's books. I find his self-described optimism inspiring. He has taken a life most would find extremely challenging and made something wonderful out of it. His foundation has raised more than 1 billion dollars for Parkinson's research, in his words "Good things can come from bad things". In this book, he is not the optimist like I have heard him speak of before, he is more of a realist. He has had additional challenges thrown his way, such as a very serious spinal surgery and a broken arm. The latter turned his life around in ways most would have expected with a Parkinson's diagnosis. He describes how these challenges have formed his new outlook on life. In the end he reaches the outcome that he can be both an optimist and a realist, even with his extra challenges. It is an inspiring read. I recommend the audio version read by the author. I enjoyed listening to it while driving to work. Hope you enjoy it.

-Review by Melissa, Union



"Secrets of the Greek Revival" by Eva Pohler

When I was a child, I loved reading the Trixie Beldon book series, and have often missed the feeling of reading that particular genre. *Secrets of the Greek Revival* scratched the itch for sleuthing books I have felt as an adult. As much as I love the horror genre, sometimes I long to read a simple sleuthing mystery but don't want to be seriously creeped out. Eva Pohler's book opens with the main character, Ellen, and her two friends Sue and Tanya, who are newly empty nesters and looking for a new adventure by flipping houses. When viewing a long-abandoned Greek Revival located in a nearby historic district of San Antonio, the trio experience something in the attic that turns their passion project into a mission to liberate the house and its former residents from a dark past. Rumored to be haunted and the site of buried gold, the three have no idea what is in-store for them as they embark on an adventure of discovering the secrets of the house, and giving voices to the forgotten women who suffered behind its walls. If you like fast-paced, sometimes silly mysteries with a heartwarming, all-tied-up ending, give *Secrets of the Greek Revival* a read.

-Review by Sarah, Administration



march 2022 upcoming events

HERMANN BRANCH

Call: 573-486-2024

Register for all in-person programs!

ADULT PROGRAMS

Take-a-Ticket Technology Tutor

Tuesday, March 1 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Get one-on-one help from our library's trainer with your laptop, tablet or smartphone. No appointment required. Just stop by!

BOOK CLUBS

Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, March 16 at 4:30 pm

The Feather Thief by Kirk W. Johnson.

Visit here for all Book Clubs:

scenicregional.org/how-do-i/find-a-book-club/

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime

Every Thursday at 10:00 am

KidSight Vision Screenings

Thursday, March 17 from 9:30 - 11:00 am

KidSight will be hosting FREE vision screenings for the kids in our community! No appointment necessary. Just stop by!

NEW HAVEN BRANCH

Call: 573-237-2189

Register for all in-person programs!

ADULT PROGRAMS

Take-a-Ticket Technology Tutor

Thursday, March 3 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Get one-on-one help from our library's trainer with your laptop, tablet or smartphone. No appointment required. Just stop by!

BOOK CLUBS

New Haven branch

Wednesday, March 23 at 5:00pm

The Last Garden in England by Julia Kelly. Pick up a copy at the library.

Visit here for all Book Clubs:

scenicregional.org/how-do-i/find-a-book-club/

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime

Every Tuesday at 10:00 am

3rd Saturday of month at 10:00 am

Up to kindergarten age.

OWENSVILLE BRANCH

Call: 573-437-2188

Register for all in-person programs!

Seeds of the Month Club

Every first Tuesday-ask for details!

ADULT PROGRAMS

MOCA (Missouri Ozarks Community Action)

1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month, 10:00 am-12:00 pm or 12:30 pm-4:00 pm

Visit the mobile services van at the branch. MOCA staff will be able to answer questions and assist with service applications.

BOOK CLUBS

Tea Time Travelers' Book Club

Tuesday, March 15 at 6:00 pm

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr.

Visit here for all Book Clubs:

scenicregional.org/how-do-i/find-a-book-club/

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Lil' OWLs Storytime

Every Wednesday at 10:00 am



Wildcat Wednesday patrons in Wright City enjoyed an afternoon of watercoloring.



The Warrenton branch made a cute heart garland to celebrate the season of love! Perfect for that farmhouse-style decor just in time for Valentine's Day!

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PACIFIC BRANCH

Call: 636-257-2712

Register for all in-person programs!

ADULT PROGRAMS

Mahjong Club

Every Monday from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Murder at the Mardi Gras Masquerade

Thursday, March 3 at 6:00 pm

Sign up, choose a character and dress up for a fun murder mystery.

BOOK CLUBS

The First Chapter Book Club

Tuesday, March 8 at 6:00 pm

Sooley by John Grisham.

The Next Chapter Book Club

Wednesday, March 9 at 10:00 am

Sooley by John Grisham.

Visit here for all Book Clubs:

scenicregional.org/how-do-i/find-a-book-club/

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Game Night

Tuesday, March 1 at 6:00 pm

Join us for a night of monster games.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime

Every Thursday at 10:00 am

Kids Club: Shamrock Showdown!

Monday, March 14 at 6:00 pm

Minute to Win It games and prizes.

ST. CLAIR BRANCH

Call: 636-629-2546

Register for all in-person programs!

ADULT PROGRAMS

Take-a-Ticket Technology Tutor

Thursday, March 10 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

30-minute one-on-one help with your device.

BOOK CLUBS

Third Thursdays Book Club

Thursday, March 17 at 2:00 pm

This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger.

Visit here for all Book Clubs:

scenicregional.org/how-do-i/find-a-book-club/

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime

Every Thursday at 10:00 am

SULLIVAN BRANCH

Call: 573-468-4372

Register for all in-person programs!

BOOK CLUBS

As The Page Turns Book Club

Tuesday, March 15 at 6:00 pm

Stardust by Neil Gaiman.

Visit here for all Book Clubs:

scenicregional.org/how-do-i/find-a-book-club/

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime

Every Tuesday at 10:00 am



It was a joy to visit and read with the students at iXL Preschool Academy. Look at all those happy faces with Miss Elizabeth!



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UNION BRANCH

Call: 636-583-3224

Register for all in-person programs!

BOOK CLUBS

Hooked on Books

Thursday, March 17 at 6:00pm

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens.

Visit here for all Book Clubs:

scenicregional.org/how-do-i/find-a-book-club/

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime

Every Wednesday at 10:00 am

3rd Saturday Each Month at 11:00 am

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Get Your Green On

Friday, March 11 at 4:00 pm

Learn about the origins of St. Patrick's Day, eat snacks, and have fun!

WARRENTON BRANCH

Call: 636-456-3321

Register for all in-person programs!

ADULT PROGRAMS

Chicks with Sticks

Every Tuesday at 1:00 pm

Enjoy crocheting with a fun group!

Book Page Easter Eggs

Tuesday, March 1 at 6:00 pm

AAGPBL Presentation

Tuesday, March 8 at 6:00 pm

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Movie Night

Wednesday, March 9 at 5:30 pm

Wildcrafting Your Backyard

Tuesday, March 15 at 6:00 pm

Take a Ticket Technology Tutor

Wednesday, March 16 from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

30-minute one-on-one help with your device.

BOOK CLUBS

Reese's Reads Book Club

Thursday, March 3 at 5:30 pm

Northern Spy by Flynn Berry.

Visit here for all Book Clubs:

scenicregional.org/how-do-i/find-a-book-club/

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime

Every Tuesday at 10:00 am

1st Saturday of Month at 10:00 am

Kid's Club Launch Party

Monday, March 14 at 4:30 pm

WRIGHT CITY BRANCH

Call: 636-944-6100

Register for all in-person programs!

BOOK CLUBS

PJ's Pemberley Circle Book Club

Tuesday, March 8 from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Sense and Sensibility by Jane Austen.

Visit here for all Book Clubs:

scenicregional.org/how-do-i/find-a-book-club/

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime

Every Wednesday at 10:00 am

Teen Wildcat Wednesdays

Every Wednesday from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

After school drop-in programs for teens in the meeting room.

NO Wildcat Wednesday on March 23.



Our Hermann branch had a display to celebrate Black History Month. Several books were out for our patrons to check out.



We had a great time with the teens at our Pacific branch. Everyone who attended made their own fleece pillows to take home!



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 – \$100
- 10" x 2" book – \$200
- 9" x 3" book – \$300

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	
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<input type="checkbox"/> New Haven Branch		<input type="checkbox"/> 10" X 2" - \$200	
<input type="checkbox"/> Owensville Branch		<input type="checkbox"/> 9" X 3" - \$300	
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<input type="checkbox"/> St. Clair Branch			
<input type="checkbox"/> Sullivan Branch			
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Friends of the Library
251 Union Plaza Drive
Union, MO 63084



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