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THE Scenic Regional Library
NEWSLETTER



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BIG
SPRING
BOOK
SALE

SCENIC REGIONAL LIBRARY

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 9AM-8PM
FRIDAY, MAY 17, 9AM-6PM
SATURDAY, MAY 18, 9AM-5PM



Friends of the Library members can attend a special book sale preview event on Wednesday, May 15, 5-6pm and also receive a 10% discount!

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Hardcover Books, DVDs, and CDs...\$1.00
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Cassette Tapes, and Records...50¢
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New Branch Phone Numbers

The New Haven, Owensville, and Sullivan branches of Scenic Regional Library will have new phone numbers beginning May 16. New Haven's phone number will be 573-306-6189. Owensville's phone number will be 573-299-0006. Sullivan's phone number will be 573-342-6505.



New Numbers Begin May 16:
New Haven: 573-306-6189
Owensville: 573-299-0006
Sullivan: 573-342-6505

We will be closed
Monday, May 27
in observance of



MEMORIAL DAY



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Summer Reading Program Begins June 1 Kick-Off Events Happening at Multiple Branches

Kick-Off Events

All items are **FREE!**

**New Haven, Pacific,
 Sullivan, and Warrenton:**

Kick-off events will feature a FREE bounce house obstacle course, face painting, balloon twisting, popcorn, hotdogs, & drinks.

Owensville:

Kick-off event will feature **FREE** donuts, drinks, face painting, & a live DJ.

St. Clair:

Kick-off event will feature **FREE** Kids Bingo, Adult Bingo, sno cones, & balloon animals.

ADVENTURE
 — BEGINS AT —
YOUR LIBRARY



All Summer Reading Program kick-off events will happen on Saturday, June 1:

New Haven
 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Pacific
 11:00 am to 1:00pm

Sullivan
 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Warrenton
 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Owensville
 9:00 am to 11:00 am

St. Clair
 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Summer is quickly approaching, which means the Summer Reading Program is almost here! This year's theme is Adventure Begins at Your Library. The program begins June 1 and will have reading challenges, prizes, and programs for all ages.

Participants in the program can use the Beanstack app to keep track of their reading, earn badges, and keep their reading streak going. Those who complete the program will earn a completion prize—a book for kids and teens and a tote bag 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. Prize baskets will vary between branches and be sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Multiple branches will have Summer Reading Program kick-off events this year on Saturday, June 1! The New Haven, Pacific, Sullivan, and Warrenton branches will host their respective events from 11 am to 1 pm. The events will feature a bounce house obstacle course, face painting, balloon twisting, popcorn, hotdogs, and drinks.

The Owensville branch will host its kick-off event from 9 to 11 am, with donuts, drinks, face painting, and a live DJ.

The St. Clair branch's kick-off event will be from 11 am to 1 pm. Kids Bingo will take place from 11 am to noon, followed by adult Bingo, sno cones, and a clown twisting balloon animals from noon to 1 pm.



Thanks to Mabuhay Asian Cafe, the Owensville branch learned about the important Korean cultural food of kimchi and even got to make some.





Gallery at the Library Seeks Teaching Artists



Scenic Regional Library is looking to create a pool of teaching artists to facilitate art classes and workshops at The Gallery at The Library, a 2,000-square-foot non-profit art gallery located inside the Hermann branch of Scenic Regional Library that is free and open to the public. The Gallery promotes and provides opportunities for regional artists, introduces art from all mediums to the general public, and serves as an art resource for schools, groups, and organizations. The Gallery hosts multiple exhibits each year.

Artists from all visual and performing arts mediums are welcome to apply. Whether your art is in music, theater, dance, craft, visual art, photography, or creative writing, we believe in the power of all art forms to inspire and educate.

Filling out the form does not mean you are guaranteed classes. If we are interested in partnering with you, we will contact you. If interested in this opportunity, please fill out the form at bit.ly/4bjuc12.

Arts Council Seeking New Members

The Scenic Regional Library Arts Council is accepting applications for new Council members. The Council manages the Library Gallery, a 2,000-square-foot public art gallery at the library's Hermann branch. It opened in August 2022. The Gallery, which is free to the public, features four exhibits each year.

The Council meets on the third Thursday of each month at 11:00 am at the Hermann branch. Council members assist with setting up and taking down each exhibit and plan each exhibit's opening reception. Some Council members also select artwork for upcoming exhibits. Council members serve two-year terms. An art background is not required.

The Council is a volunteer position. To apply, visit bit.ly/3WuCQpB. Please contact Hermann branch manager Tiffany Richards at trichards@scenicregional.org or 573-486-2024 for more information and to apply. The Council will approve new members.

Last Month's Most Popular Books

Last month, *Verity*, by Colleen Hoover, claimed the top spot for the highest number of circulations. It was followed by *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. Three books tied for the third most circulations: *The Family Journal* by Carolyn Brown, *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah, and *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes.



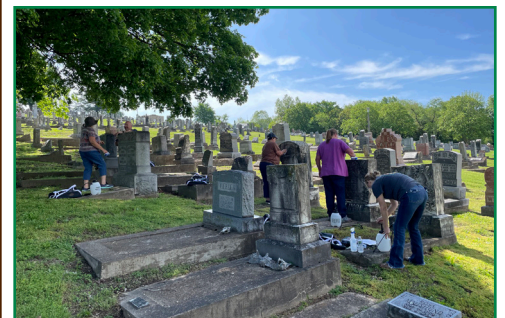
New Reservation and Meeting Room Booking Software Coming Soon

In late May or early June, the library will switch from its current reservation system



LibraryMarket

for booking meeting rooms and registering for programs to a new service, Library Market. The library is changing to Library Market because its current system will sunset this summer. Keep an eye out for an informational email to learn more about the new system!



Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Hermann branch Save a Story Grave Cleaning Club recently! The results of your hard work turned out great.



May the 4th be with you! The Union branch celebrated with a fun Star Wars display that will be up the whole month of May.



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SCENIC SAYS!

It's officially spring!
What is your favorite springtime activity?

If you had the opportunity to meet any author, alive or dead, who would you choose and why?

What is your favorite section of the library and why?

Lori Jane
Branch Manager, Pacific



"I like to plant herbs in pots. Some of mine come back, but not all."

"There are so many of them I would like to meet. Louisa May Alcott because Little Women had a huge impact on my life when I was young and a few years ago I was able to see where she grew up."

"The fiction section because there are so many books in that section that I want to read. I could live in that section if there was food and a bathroom!"

Leah
Library Assistant, Union



"Call me a book nerd, but I *love* reading outside! I love hearing the birds and finding a warm spot in the sun to settle down and get lost in a good book."

"C. S. Lewis! As both a writer and avid reader, I would love to sit and have coffee with him to hear all his wisdom about everything in the literary realm."

"My favorite part of the library is behind the front desk--that's where I get to help my community alongside the best coworkers I ever could have asked for!"

Amanda
Graphic Designer, Administration



"Bike riding with my family on the Katy Trail."

"Mark Twain. I think he would be interesting to talk to, and hilarious! I love his books-I even named my beagle Huckleberry!"

"The Meeting Rooms. I love the programs we offer there, and our Girl Scout troop uses them on a monthly basis. They are a great benefit to our community."

Amanda
Library Assistant, Wright City



"Nature walks, especially if there is a creek!"

"Ann M. Martin was my favorite author as a kid and my love of reading came from reading her books, so she would be my first choice."

"The Children's Section. I have fun memories of bringing my own kids in when they were smaller, and I enjoy watching the younger patrons now get excited when they see all the fun activities in our children's area."



Medicine Lock Boxes and Gun Locks Available to Patrons

In May, Scenic Regional Library began distributing gun locks, medication lock boxes, and Deterra drug disposal bags, which are used to safely and permanently dispose of unused prescriptions and over-the-counter medication. The library has partnered with Foundations for Franklin County, Franklin County CRUSH, Franklin County Youth Coalition, HOPE for Franklin County, and Mid-Mo Addiction Awareness Group for the medication lock boxes and Deterra bags. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) donated the gun locks. The library received 250 lockboxes and 250 gun locks to distribute among all branches. In the past, the library distributed 250 medication lock boxes, 250 Deterra drug disposal bags, and 250 gun trigger locks to patrons. To obtain one of the medical misuse supplies or a trigger lock, visit your local branch.

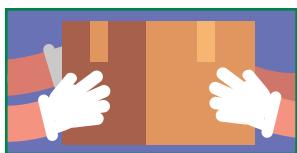


Governor Parson Visits Union Branch

Governor Parson visited the Union branch of Scenic Regional Library on April 16. He enjoyed a tour of the library and then spoke to a crowd of 70 people about his new book, *No Turnin' Back*. The governor was accompanied by his wife, First Lady Teresa Parson, and the author of the book, Dr. Jim Jones. Patrons were able to have their books signed following the discussion. Forty-seven copies of Governor Parson's book were sold during the event. All proceeds for the book went toward the Moving Missouri Forward Foundation.



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.

Sullivan Branch Receives Donation



The Sullivan Branch received a \$500 donation from Sandi Stegman. Stegman received a "Diamond Level" lifetime

membership certificate to the Sullivan Friends of the Library to recognize the generous donation.





Senior Farmer Market Nutrition Program Open for Enrollment

To enroll in the program, visit Franklin County MU Extension office, or one of the enrollment fairs below:

- May 15, 10 am -12 am, Union Community Center, 1329 Union Avenue, Union MO, 63084
- May 22, 8:15 am – 10:15 am, Tri-County Senior Center, 800 West Union, Street Pacific, MO
- May 30, 9 am – 10 am, Sullivan Senior Center, 730 West Main Street, Sullivan MO 63090
- July 6, 8 am to 11 am, Washington Farmer’s Market, 317 W Main St., Washington, MO 63090
- Franklin County Extension Office M-F, 9 am – 4 pm, 100 Union Plaza Drive, Union, MO 63084

The Senior’s Farmer’s Market Nutrition Program is back for the 2024 season in Franklin County, Missouri. Starting May 1, residents aged 60 years and older with incomes within 185% of the federal poverty guidelines can register to receive \$50 of benefits to spend with enrolled farmer’s market vendors. Last year, participants in Franklin County received \$900 in benefits, allowing them to purchase various fresh produce, including tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, and zucchini. Enrollment for the program will be open from May 1 to September 31. Residents can sign up at community enrollment fairs or at the Extension Center in Union (100 Union Plaza Drive, Union, MO 63084). To learn more and view the required documents for enrollment, visit agriculture.mo.gov/abd/fmkt/.

Girondo and Fleming Appointed to Library Foundation Board

Karen Girondo (Warren County) and Robyn Fleming (Gasconade County) were appointed to the Library Foundation Board at April’s Library Board of Directors meeting.



Karen Girondo



Robyn Fleming

Ms. Girondo has lived in Wright City her entire life. She worked for the City of Wright City for 45 years in many capacities, including City Clerk,

City Administrator, Treasurer, and Economic Development Director. She also served as Wright City Chamber of Commerce President for nine years and the public school’s Blue & Gold Scholarship Fund committee since it was founded over 20 years ago.

Ms. Fleming has lived in Hermann for almost nine years. She has a master’s degree and has worked in Deaf Education. For many years, she was a parent advisor for the early intervention program at the School for the Deaf, where she made home visits to families with children who had any type of hearing loss.

She has also served on church councils in various roles and as an officer in multiple PEO chapters. Currently, she volunteers as a CASA. Ms. Fleming is a member of the book club at the Hermann branch and has also volunteered at the library’s book sale.

The Scenic Regional Library Foundation is a 501c3 nonprofit established in 2013 and that serves as the governing body or umbrella organization over the library’s nine Friends of the Library groups.

SCENIC REGIONAL LIBRARY
FOUNDATION



Mothers & daughters made matching sunflower paintings at the St. Clair branch. We even had a mother-daughter group of FOUR generations!



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 1 1/2" 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) <input type="checkbox"/> Hermann Branch <input type="checkbox"/> New Haven Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Owensville Branch <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		SIZE OF BOOK <input type="checkbox"/> 8" X 1-1/2" - \$150 <input type="checkbox"/> 10" X 2" - \$250 <input type="checkbox"/> 9" X 3" - \$350 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	
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PHONE NUMBER		EMAIL ADDRESS	
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BRANCH AFFILIATION (Please select one) Friends of the Hermann Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Friends of the New Haven Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Friends of the Owensville Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Friends of the Pacific Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Friends of the St. Clair Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Friends of the Sullivan Branch <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"/>		LEVEL OF MEMBERSHIP Bronze – \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> Silver – \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> Ruby – \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Gold – \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> Platinum – \$250 <input type="checkbox"/> Diamond* – \$500 <input type="checkbox"/> *Lifetime Membership	
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP? (Select all which apply) Volunteer at the Fall Book Sale <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer at the Spring Book Sale <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer at other events <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer at my local branch <input type="checkbox"/> Serve on the local Friends of the Library's Governing and Planning Committee <input type="checkbox"/>		Office Use Only <input type="checkbox"/> New Application <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal Date Received: <input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cash Amount Received:	

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Membership dues and contributions are tax deductible.