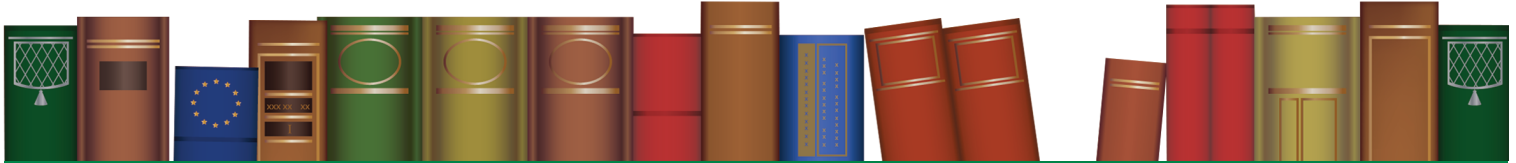




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SPRING Book Sale



Hardcover Books, DVDs, and CDs...\$1.00
Paperback Books, VHS Tapes,
Cassette Tapes, and Records...50¢
Call: 636-583-0652 for more information

Friends of the Library members can attend a special book sale preview event on Wednesday, May 14, 5pm-6pm. All Friends of the Library members receive a 10% discount at the book sale and may attend the preview event.

Thursday, May 15, 9am-8pm
Friday, May 16, 9am-6pm
Saturday, May 17, 9am-5pm

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Library Board Member Paula Sutton Passes Away



On April 4, Scenic Regional Library trustee Paula Sutton passed away after a short illness. She had served on the library's Board of Directors since 2011, including a term as president. Mrs. Sutton was instrumental in the library's systemwide building project and expansion of services over the past decade.

Mrs. Sutton was born in Bonne Terre, Missouri, and grew up in Desloge and Park Hills. She was a proud alumna of Esther High School in Park Hills. Mrs. Sutton earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Southeast Missouri State University. In 1977, she settled in Union with her husband, David.

Mrs. Sutton began her career as a caseworker for the Missouri Department

of Social Services in Franklin County. She eventually advanced to being a Division of Family Services trainer for the entire state. She retired in 2001.

Mrs. Sutton loved to travel. She visited all 50 states and many countries. Maine and Ireland were her favorite places to visit. She had a lifelong love of books, reading, and libraries. Mrs. Sutton was also a phenomenal cook and loved to spend time creating a variety of crafts and other creations. She was a longtime member of the Zion United Church of Christ in Union.

Mrs. Sutton asked that donations be made in her memory to the Union branch Friends of the Library and Scenic Regional Library Foundation.



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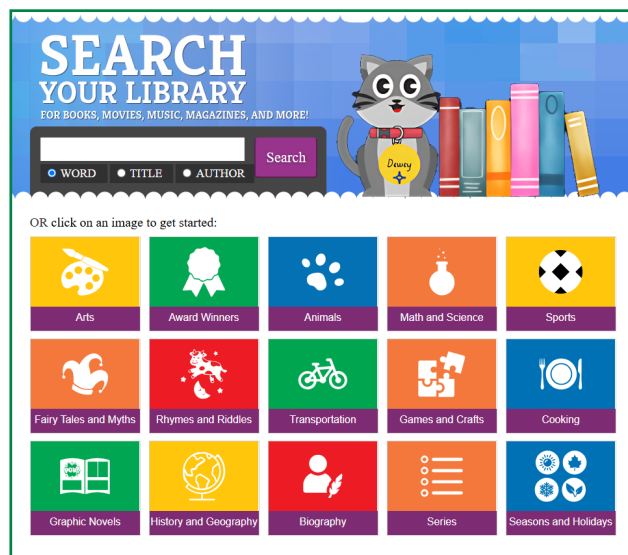


The St. Clair branch of Scenic Regional Library was awarded as "Organization of the Year" at the Annual Celebrate St. Clair Banquet on Saturday, April 26. From left, library assistant Karen Avery, library assistant Judy Walter, branch manager Alesia Cullen, library assistant Marilee Krier, and children's programmer Mindy Myers, attended the banquet to accept the award.

Library Launches Online Catalog for Kids

In mid-May, the library will launch the Kids Online Public Access Catalog (KPAC). It's an online catalog designed for children. It will feature simple navigation, large buttons, and colorful graphics, making it easy and fun to use for young readers.

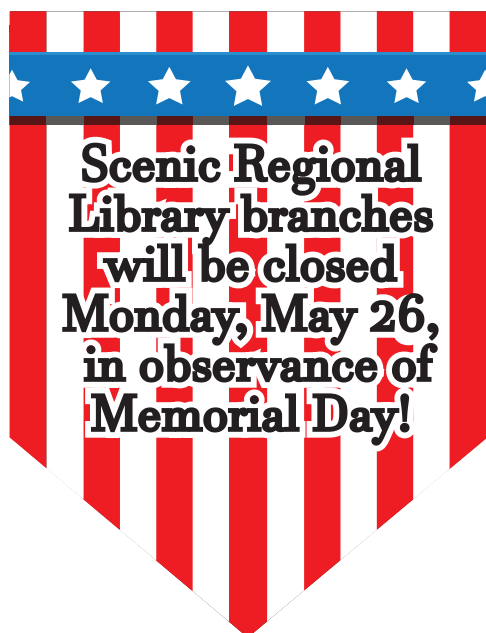
The KPAC will be accessible on the library's website and computers located in the children's area at each branch. Unlike the regular online catalog, which searches across all Missouri Evergreen libraries, the KPAC is limited to items available within Scenic Regional Library's collection.



Ribbon Cutting for Owensville Branch Community Garden

A ribbon cutting was held for the new community garden at the Owensville branch. Library Board member and Owensville Chamber of Commerce Director Bob Niebruegge; Cheri Kramme, with the University of Missouri Extension in Gasconade County; State Representative Bruce Sassmann; Library Director Steve Campbell; and Owensville Branch Manager Erica Mosley were among those who participated in the ribbon cutting.

The garden, which is a partnership with the University of Missouri Extension in Gasconade County, opened with nine raised beds on April 14. A tenth bed will be added in the coming weeks. People who are interested in checking out a garden bed for the year should contact Erica Mosley at (573)299-0006.





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

ALL AGES

100 MILES 100 DAYS

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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 Days, 100 Miles” 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!



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Cornhole Sets Available for Checkout



Having an outdoor get together? Looking for something to do? You can check out up to 4 cornhole sets from the library!



The Owensville branch got to visit the school carnival and chat with kids and parents about the upcoming Summer Reading Program.



Pacific had such a fun and fabulous group of actors in the house for the Glittersby Murder Mystery event held at the branch.



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What Do Wealthy People Have in Common? They Read

Billionaires have been in the news a lot over the past year. Whether they're admired or reviled, countless books and articles have been written about the personal habits of the mega-rich. Many people want to know what makes billionaires tick so they can emulate their success.

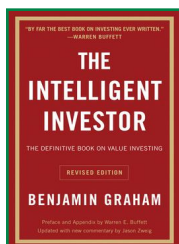
Billionaires do seem to share many personal habits. They often wake up early. They also usually have a daily exercise routine. Seemingly more important, they have a strong work ethic, great time management skills, and strategically network.

There's another habit shared by America's wealthiest people: reading. They are lifelong learners, constantly seeking new information. When Elon Musk was once asked where he got all his ideas from, including building rockets, he answered, "I read books".

Billionaires are voracious readers. Warren Buffet spends eighty percent of his day reading: "Read 500 pages...every day. That's how knowledge works. It builds up, like compound interest. All of you can do it, but I guarantee not many of you will do it." Microsoft founder Bill Gates reads about 50 books a year, mostly nonfiction. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg is another avid reader. In 2015, he launched a book club on Facebook called "A Year of Books," where he recommended a book every two weeks. In 2018, billionaire and Shark Tank star Mark Cuban told CNBC that he read "four to five hours a day."

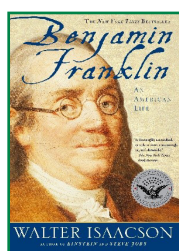
It's not only billionaires who can't put a book down. In "Change Your Habits, Change Your Life," author Tom Corley studied the daily habits of self-made millionaires. He found that 88% of rich people "devote thirty minutes or more each day to self-education or self-improvement reading."

What are these billionaires reading? These are some of the books they've recommended or mentioned repeatedly in

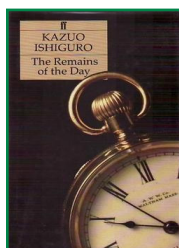


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Mark Zuckerberg: "Sapiens," by Yuval Noah Harari. The book explores the evolution of Homo sapiens, from their origins to their current dominance on Earth. Zuckerberg recommended the book during his "A Year of Books" and even sat down with the author for an interview. The book was also recommended by fellow billionaire Bill Gates.



Isaacson writes about how Franklin's daily efforts and relationships shaped not only his life, but American history.



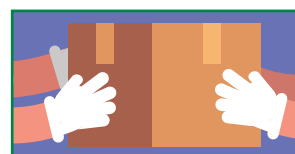
is his favorite novel. Set in the summer of 1956, the protagonist takes a road trip to visit a former colleague, and reminisces

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Bill Gates: "The Sixth Extinction" by Elizabeth Kolbert. The book argues that the Earth is in the midst of a modern, man-made, sixth extinction.

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.



The New Haven High School band students performed at the branch with jazzy tunes.



St. Clair hosted Bookworms Unleashed: Nerf Wars.

St. Louis Teen Leads STEAM Ahead Club at St. Clair Branch

A St. Louis high school student has been inspiring young minds at the St. Clair branch with her passion for science and learning.

Evie Craft, a sophomore at Visitation Academy in St. Louis County, has been leading the “STEAM Ahead” program twice a month at the library. Designed for children ages 5 to 11, the program explores various STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) topics through hands-on activities.

“I’m very interested in getting involved in the St. Clair community,” said Craft. “I love science, especially medicine, and thought it would be fun to share STEAM topics and careers with other kids in St. Clair.” She first proposed the idea to children’s programmer Mindy Myers last summer.

Each session highlights a different field within STEAM. Participants have built models of the human heart, created images using binary code, and even dissected a sheep brain—with supplies provided by Craft’s biology teacher.

Though Craft lives in St. Louis, she spends weekends in St. Clair, where her family owns a farm. She is an officer in several STEAM-related clubs at school and plans to pursue chemistry in college followed by medical school.

STEAM Ahead meets on the first and third Saturdays of each month from 9:30 to 11:00 AM. The program will pause for the summer, with the final spring session scheduled for Saturday, May 17. Craft plans to resume the program in the fall.



Memorial Fund Established in Memory of Warrenton Branch Patron

Mary Lynn Howard passed away on February 17 at the age of 90. She attended programs and events at the Warrenton branch for many years with her family members. Ms. Howard loved movie nights and presentations. She was also an avid reader and checked out books at the branch on a weekly basis. Ms. Howard’s family established a memorial fund at the library, with proceeds going toward adult programs at the Warrenton branch. So far, the fund has received nearly \$1,000 in donations.



Mary Lynn Howard (lower left) and her family members at a program at the Warrenton branch.

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 May, June, and July. 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 AM to noon, and Wednesday evenings from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The Wright City Community Food Pantry takes clients on a first-come, first-served basis.



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Staff May Anniversary

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



Mindy, Adult Programmer
St. Clair

May is Foster Care Awareness Month



The child welfare system aims to protect children and provide services to help them stay at home. When the court decides that staying home is not in the child's best interest, they may be placed in foster care. Today, 300 children are living in foster care in our community (Franklin, Gasconade, and Osage counties). These children are living with trained foster parents, a relative, or a family friend.

There are many ways to help these children while in foster care. There is a shortage of foster parents. A person can agree to provide relief to traditional foster parents for as little as one day or a week at a time. There is also a need for emergency foster care, caring for a child for up to 30 days. Or a person can be trained as a traditional foster parent, providing a home for a child for months or a couple of years. For questions on fostering, contact 314-319-1454 or 636-584-6388.

Another way to help a child in foster care is to become a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer. CASA volunteers provide one-on-one mentorship to the youth while gathering facts to report to the judge on how the child is adjusting to foster care. Volunteers are trained and screened, and provided with a knowledgeable staff member to assist throughout their case. A CASA volunteer provides 5-10 hours a month working with the child. To apply for the summer volunteer pre-service training, visit www.casamideastmo.org by May 16.

Franklin County Foster Closet accepts donations of clothing and supplies for children in foster care, and Fostering Franklin provides meals for new foster care placements or for trainings. Follow their Facebook pages to learn about ongoing opportunities.



Win a New Car!

Buy a \$100 raffle ticket at
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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 www.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.

SCENIC SAYS!

Jacquie
 St. Clair
 Branch



What is your favorite book of all time and why?

"This Tender Land," by William Kent Kreuger, because it got me out of a terrible reading slump a few years ago!"

What is your favorite genre of fiction and why?

"Historical Fiction because even though I didn't like history when I was in school, reading about the way life was long ago is so very interesting to me now."

What do you usually do on Memorial Day weekend?

"Usually a BBQ with the fam."

Shea
 Union
 Branch



"My taste in books slowly evolves, so it's hard to say "of all time". However, my current favorite is "Where the Dark Stands Still," by A.B. Poranek. It is sweet, riveting, and heart-wrenching."

"I enjoy fantasy because the depth of creativity can stretch much further than most genres. You can use things that already exist to twist them into your own, or you can create something incredibly unique."

"My family either goes to a BBQ at my parents' house or Mark Twain Lake with my husband's parents. Either way, I spend it surrounded with the people I love most."

Mindy
 St. Clair
 Branch



"Watership Down," by Richard Adams. I love stories told from an animal's point of view, but mostly because it reminds me of my grandpa."

"Horror/Thriller, I love being scared!"

"Usually just relax, but with some BBQ thrown in there!"

Genevieve
 Sullivan
 Branch



"Either "The Time Machine," by H.G. Wells, or "Robinson Crusoe," by Daniel Defoe. I love classics, and these have so much adventure in them that I can read them over and over."

"Romance for sure. I like how I always know the ending--happily ever after. It's just a comfort genre, because in the end everything turns out alright, and I like the idea of true love."

"My family usually goes camping for the weekend and spends the whole time BBQing, fishing, and swimming. We always have so much fun!"



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Across

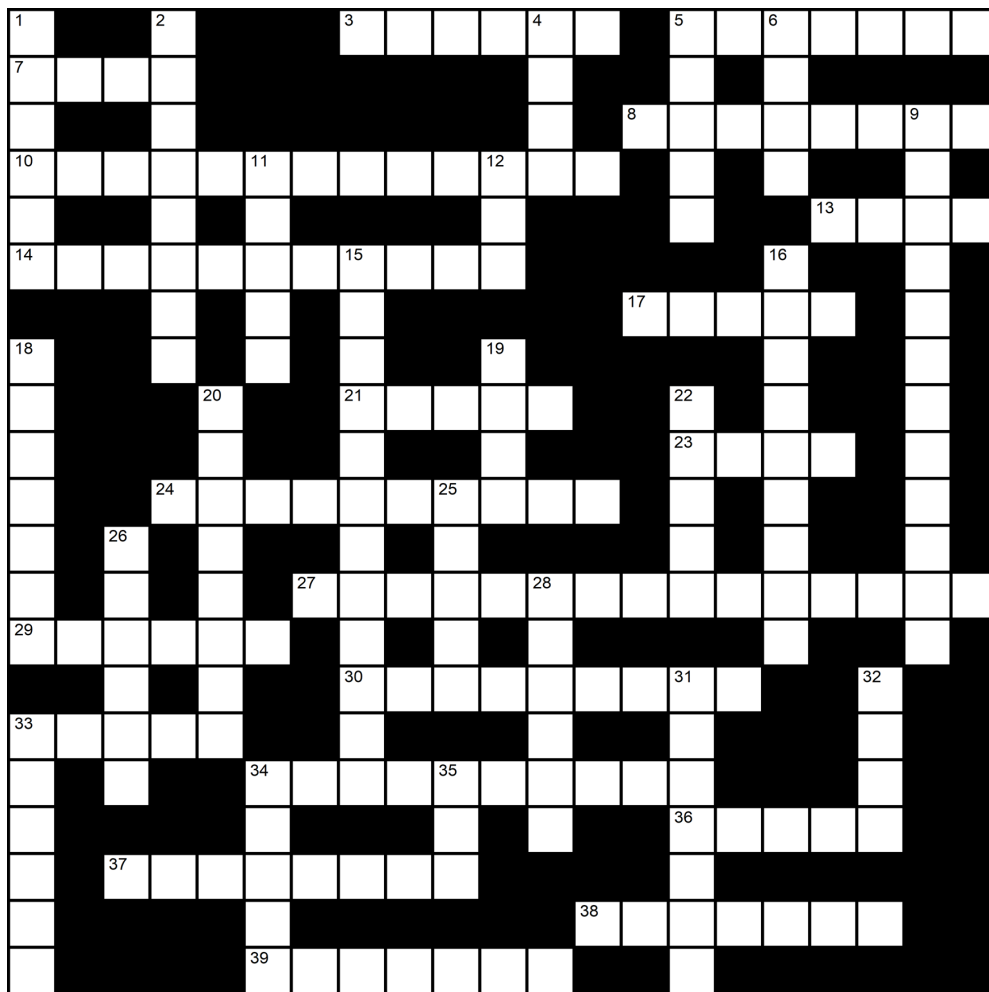
3 Large political unit typically ruled by single authority - **5** Advanced academic degree beyond bachelor's - **7** Flexible tube for conveying fluids - **8** Formal agreement between groups for mutual benefit - **10** Military branches of a country - **13** Ceremonial display with splendor - **14** Financial aid for education or academic achievement - **17** High respect or special recognition - **21** Dishonest or unprincipled person - **23** Fictional furry forest-dwelling creature- **24** Energy weapon with glowing blade - **27** Expressions of praise for achievement- **29** Tool with broad blade for digging - **30** Plant living more than two years - **33** Plant embryos encased in protective coverings - **34** Iconic villain in black helmet and cape - **36** Prize given for achievement - **37** Fictional desert planet with two suns - **38** Reproductive structures of flowering plants - **39** Official document conferring academic degree.

Down

1 Cutting tool with two blades - **2** Formal event marking important occasion- **4** Garden tool with toothed bar on handle- **5** Material spread around plants to retain moisture - **6** Upper layer of earth in which plants grow - **9** Graduation ceremony - **11** Digging tool with flat rectangular blade - **12** Ceremonial headwear for graduates - **15** White-armored imperial soldier - **16** Highest academic degree - **18** Pungent fruit plants from Capsicum family - **19** Underground plant storage structure - **20** Female member of royal family - **22** Person who resists authority - **25** Drill tool for making holes in soil - **26** Genetically identical organisms - **28** Plant completing life cycle in one year - **31** Tool for puncturing soil to improve air circulation- **32** Small storage building for garden tools - **33** Formal address to an audience - **34** Fictional robot with artificial intelligence - **35** Garden tool for cultivating soil.

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

May Crossword Puzzle



Thanks to all that attended Michelle Collins Anderson's talk about our Community Read, "The Flower Sisters".



SHOUT OUT to these four friends who are working on the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program.

SCENIC REGIONAL LIBRARY



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			
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OFFICE USE ONLY			
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Mail this form (or drop it off at your local branch) with your personal check or money order to:

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251 Union Plaza Drive
Union, MO 63084






SCENIC REGIONAL LIBRARY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025 Membership Year

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If this membership is for you, please provide your information; if this membership is a gift for someone else, please provide their information:			
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		<u>Gold:</u> 21oz. metal water bottle	
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WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP? (Select all which apply)		OFFICE USE ONLY	
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