

# THE Scenic Regional Library NEWSLETTER



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NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.







KEYNOTE EVENT An Evening with Emily St. John Mandel

The NEA Big Read keynote event will feature *Station Eleven* author Emily St. John Mandel interviewed by local radio personality Mike Thomas (KWRE). Prior to the interview, Jeffrey Noonan, Jillian Law Grygier, and an ensemble will perform.

Tuesday, November 5 | East Central College, John Edson Anglin Performing Arts Center 6:30-7:30pm | Music & Shakespearean scenes performed 7:30-8:30pm | Conversation with Ms. Mandel 8:30pm | Book Signing with author



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Thursday, November 14: 9am-8pm Friday, November 15: 9am-6pm Saturday, November 16: 9am-5pm

Hermann (Community Center, Hermann City Office, 1902 Jefferson St., Hermann, MO 65041)

New Haven (at branch location)
Owensville (at branch location)

Pacific (at branch location)
St. Clair (at branch location)

Sullivan (at branch location)
Union (at branch location)
Warrenton (at branch location)
Wright City (at branch location)

Friends of the Library Preview!

Wednesday, Nov. 13 5:00pm-6:00pm

All Friends of the Library members receive a 10% discount at the book sale and may attend the preview event.

Hardcover Books, DVDs & CDs ...\$1.00

> Paperback<sup>5</sup>, 8 VHS, Records, 8 Cassettes Casso¢



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The Sullivan branch hosted a "Book Discussion" on Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel.



STEAM coding was the theme at the first Hermann branch homeschool meeting October 25.



The Escape Room at the Pacific branch was lots of fun and just the right amount of challenge. All groups found the antidote before time ran out!

# **Library Hosts Annual Friends of the Library Appreciation Banquet**

Scenic Regional Library held its annual Friends of the Library Appreciation Banquet Saturday, October 19, at the library's new Union branch. Twentysix attendees from the library's eight Friends groups and the Foundation enjoyed a catered lunch; local musician Mike Rufkahr also performed at the event. Foundation Board President Alice Whalen, Library Board



President Kathi Ham, and Library Director Steve Campbell spoke and thanked the group for all their hard work over the past year.

The Friends groups had 442 members and raised over \$43,000 during the 2018-2019 fiscal year. They also volunteered at the library's grand opening events and book sales. In addition to other fundraisers, the Friends groups raised over \$17,800 alone from their fall and spring book sales and \$15,400 by selling 144 donor wall "books".

Officers from each of the library's eight Friends of the Library groups were invited to the annual event, as well as the Scenic Regional Library Foundation Board members. The Foundation oversees the local Friends groups.

# Wright City Friends Group to Form; Seeking People to Serve

 $\Gamma$ he Wright City Friends of the Library group will have it's first meeting on Tuesday, November 5, at 5:30 PM in the Wright City branch meeting room. The attendees hope to form a Friends of the Library Committee and elect officers at the meeting.

The Friends of the Library committee members decide how to donate the group's money to their local branch, work to recruit additional members, and organize fundraisers.

Anyone interested in joining the Wright City branch Friends of the Library and serving on the group's governing committee is invited to attend the meeting. People can join the Friends of the Library for as little as \$10; visit www.scenicregionalfoundation.org to join. All membership dues and funds raised by the Wright City branch Friends of the Library are tax deductible and will only be spent at the Wright City branch.

The library opened its first branch in Wright City in May 2018. The Wright City branch is the only remaining branch in the library system without an operating Friends of the Library committee.



# **First Meeting:**

Tuesday November 5 5:30 PM

Wright City branch meeting room

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# Book Club Kits Available to Groups



Scenic Regional Library has more than 100 book club kits available to book discussion groups for checkout. A group does not need to meet at the library to be able to checkout a book club kit. The list of available books includes both fiction and non-fiction titles. The Book Club Kit Collection is stored at the library's administrative headquarters in Union, but kits can be requested and transferred to other branches for pick-up.

Each book club kit contains ten copies of the title and discussion questions for the book. Large print and audio books can be included in a book kit upon request, if

available. Book club kits can be checked out for eight weeks and cannot be renewed. A list of all the book club kit titles can be found by visiting

https://scenicregional.org/bookclubbooks/. Book reviews and plot summaries are available for each title by clicking on each title on the page. Groups may also request specific titles to be added to the Book Club Kit collection.

Contact Paul Schroeder at 636-583-0652, ext. 108 or pschroeder@scenicregional.org to request a title from the Book Club Kit collection or for more information.

# **Library Provides Drop Off Locations for** Warners' Warm-Up Coat Drive



 $\mathrm{T}$ he library's Union and Pacific branches will serve as drop-off locations for this year's annual Warners' Warm-Up Coat Drive. The organization is asking for donations of new or gentlyused coats of all sizes-for men, women, and especially for children. All the coats collected in

Union and Pacific will stay in Franklin County. This year's two-week collection period will begin on October 25 and continue until November 7.

Former St. Louis Rams quarterback Kurt Warner and his wife Brenda launched the coat drive in 2001 as a one-day drive prior to a Rams game and it has evolved into a two-week St. Louis metropolitan area-wide effort with hundreds of drop-off locations on both sides of the river. The Warners' Warm-up Coat Drive collects over 15,000 coats each year.

# Teaming up to keep the Bi-State warm since 2001



Things are getting a little spooky at the Sullivan branch. Come check out the fun Halloween displays and decorations!



These young readers tried out some of the new furniture at the branch and enjoyed a good book before storytime in Union.



Young St. Clair patrons had so much fun with the Rigamajig during "Read, Build, & Play!"

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Scenic Regional Library will be closed Friday, November 1 for its 5th annual staff development day.



Scenic Regional Library branches will be closed November 28-29 to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday.



Master Gardener, Jodie Fleer, discussed foraging, collecting seeds, medicinal plants, and more during "Surviving with Seeds" at the Warrenton branch.

# Library Releases FY 2018-2019 Annual Report

Director Steve Campbell presented the library's annual report for the 2018-2019 fiscal year to the Franklin, Gasconade, and Warren County commissioners at their meetings in October.

The library opened seven new facilities last year, which had a significant impact on traffic and usage. It's nine branches had 415,671 visitors during the past fiscal year, which represented an 11% increase.

Circulation (materials being checked out) experienced an even larger increase. The library checked out 566,368 physical materials (books, DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks on CD)—an 18% increase. Usage was actually significantly higher than the overall average at some branches. The Sullivan branch experienced a 66% increase in usage; New Haven branch, 48%; and Owensville branch, 21%. In addition to physical items, 130,582 digital items (e-books, e-audiobooks, digital magazines, digital music, and digital videos) were checked out or streamed; a 10% increase.

Internet usage at the library has also skyrocketed in the new buildings with more comfortable seating, power stands by all the tables and chairs, and study rooms. In addition, many schools are providing students with Chromebooks (laptops). While Internet usage on the library's desktop computers only increased 6% to 51,015, Wi-Fi grew by a staggering 183% increase to 59,482.

The library continues to provide extensive outreach to daycares, preschools, and schools. Staff at the library's nine branches made 435 outreach visits to 25,609 children in FY 2018-2019.

Programming for all ages continues to grow and draw larger crowds. Last year, the library offered 751 adult programs. 15,863 people attended the programs, a 22% increase from the previous year. However, since FY 2015-2016 the attendance figure has tripled. The library also offered 941 youth programs reaching 23,841 children and teens—394 more programs than last year (a 72% increase).

Some other notable figures in the report include card registrations and self-check usage. In the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the library issued 9,439 new cards, a 28% increase.

The full annual report can be found on the library's website:

https://scenicregional.org/about-us/library-reports/annual-report/.



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# Staff Spotlight: Lori Jane Branch Manager, Pacific



How long have you worked for Scenic? I started in March of 2015, I believe, so about four and a half years.

You recently transferred from the Sullivan branch, how long were you there and in what position did you serve? I served there for three years as the branch manager.

What made you want to work in the Pacific branch? I live in Pacific and the commute was long and hard on my old

What opportunities are you most excited about with your transfer to the Pacific branch? I'm excited about getting to know the patrons and working with the Chamber of Commerce and the Historical Society.

What made you want to work in a

library? I worked for Borders Books for 16 and a half years and I loved the job. Working at a library is similar but you don't have the pressure of selling.

What is your favorite part of the job? Working with Ali, Amy, Barb, Dianne, Nan and Sharon. They are wonderful to work with and they work well together.

What do you wish more people knew about the library? Where it's located (across from Agape House) and what fantastic services we offer, including passport and notary service.

What November program are you most excited about and why? I'm excited about the turkey cookie event on Tuesday, November 19 at 6 pm. Who wouldn't want to decorate a cookie and eat it?

What are you currently reading or what are you reading next? I'm reading Ruta Sepetys' Out of the Easy. I love her books. They are poignant and sometimes sad but always hopeful.

Is there anything else you would like people to know about you, your job, or Scenic Regional Library? Me--I have been to all 50 states because my family was in the military. Library--If you want a title, we will work very hard to get it to you. If it's not carried in our libraries or the Missouri Evergreen libraries, Paul will work hard to find it at other libraries outside our system or he will purchase it. How many places will do that for you?! Support your local library!

> Red Cross Corps-St. Louis, spoke to kids at the Warrenton branch about emergency preparedness, and then they all received pillowcases to color and keep their emergency supplies in!



The Wright City Fire Protection District stopped by the branch to let the kids check out the new truck!



Pacific patrons enjoyed a concert of music from Shakespeare's time. Afterward, they were able to check out period instruments.



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### **HERMANN** BRANCH

Call: 573-486-2024

Please register for programs. PROGRAMS

**STEAMTime Storytime** 

Tuesday, November 5 at 10:00 am

Storytime

Every Tuesday at 10:00 am

Sugar Skulls

Tuesday, November 5 at 3:30 pm Come on over and color a sugar skull to share at home! Day of the Dead is October 31-November 1 and celebrated with sugar skulls.

80's Trivia Night

Saturday, November 9 at 5:00 pm costumes encouraged.

**International Games Week** 

Saturday, November 9 at 9:00 am-5:00 pm Drop in anytime and play games to help us celebrate! All ages.

Game Time!

Tuesday, November 12 at 3:30 pm Have a friendly competition at the library!

Babaloo

Tuesday, November 26 at 4:00 pm A one-man musical comedy act for kids.

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The New Haven community has been so generous in stocking the little food pantry. You can bring donations directly to the pantry which is located at the east corner of the building or bring them into the library.

# **NEW HAVEN** BRANCH

Call: 573-237-2189

Please register for adult programs. ADULT PROGRAMS

Armchair Traveler: Peru

Thursday, November 7 at 6:00pm

Book Bingo

Friday, November 8 at 2:00pm

**Book Club** 

Wednesday, November 20 at 5:00 pm Nine Perfect Strangers by Liane Moriarty.

Wild Edibles of Missouri

Thursday, November 21 at 6:00 pm

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Pre-School Storytime Every Tuesday at 10:00 am Saturday, November 16 at 10:00 am

**International Games Week** 

Saturday, November 9 at 9:00 am-5:00 pm Drop in anytime and play games to help us celebrate! All ages.

Kid's Club - Macramé

Saturday, November 16 at 1:00 pm

Teen Dungeons & Dragons: Battle Royale Saturday, November 23 from 11:30 am to 4:30 pm

Babaloo

Tuesday, November 26 at 6:00 pm A one-man musical comedy act for kids.

# **OWENSVILLE** BRANCH

Call: 573-437-2188

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

The Art of Napkin Folding Thursday, November 7 at 6:30 pm

Songs That Got Us Through The War And Beyond: 40's to 60's Saturday, November 9 at 2:30 pm

Tea Time Travelers' Book Club Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30 pm Old Man and The Sea by Hemingway.

**Walt Disney in Missouri** Thursday, November 21 at 6:30 pm

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS
Lil' OWLs Storvtime

Lii' OWLs Storytime Every Wednesday at 10:00 am

Read, Build, & Play (All ages!) & International Games Week Saturday, November 9 at 9:00 am-5:00 pm Drop in anytime and play games to help us celebrate!

Rahaloo

Monday, November 11 at 6:00 pm A one-man musical comedy act for kids.

**TEEN CLUB: Help Us Trim Our Tree** *Wednesday, November 27 at 2:00 pm* Use old books to make ornaments. Materials provided.

# LIBRARY FIRE DRILL

The library will conduct a systemwide fire drill on Thursday, November 7 at 3:30 PM. The public will be asked to exit the buildings and remain in the parking lot until given the "all clear" signal. The mandatory drills are expected to

last about 15 minutes and will include all branches and the administration building. Local fire districts will be involved in the drills.

-ALL BRANCHES-Thursday, November 7 3:30 PM



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# **PACIFIC** BRANCH

Call: 636-257-2712

Please register for adult programs. ADULT PROGRAMS

Mahjong & More Every Monday at 10:00 am

Fraud Watch and Identity Theft Thursday, November 7 at 6:00 pm

**Book Club** 

Tuesday, November 12 at 6:00 pm The Latecomers by Helen Klein Ross

**Thanksgiving Cookies** (Limit 20) *Tuesday, November 19 at 6:00 pm* 

Music of Tobey Fisher: Big Band Era Thursday, November 21 at 6:00 pm

### KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

**Storytime (Toddlers-Kindergarten)** Thursdays at 10:00 am

Kids Club (Grades 1-5) 1st & 3rd Monday at 4:00 pm

TEENS: Paint An Apocalyptic Scene from Station Eleven Monday, November 4 at 6:00 pm

International Games Week
Saturday, November 9 at 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Drop in anytime and play games to
help us celebrate!

**Babaloo** 

Friday, November 22 at 5:00 pm A one-man musical comedy act for kids.



The beautiful fall weather provided for a little patio time after Owensville storytime.

# ST. CLAIR BRANCH

Call: 636-629-2546

Please register for adult programs. ADULT PROGRAMS

**DIY: Paper Roses** 

Thursday, November 7 at 6:00 pm

**Book Bingo** 

Monday, November 11 at 11:00 am

**Book-to-Movie Club** 

Thursday, November 21 at 5:00 pm

# KID & TEEN PROGRAMS Read, Build, & Play

1st Saturday each month at 11:00 am November 2: Tinker Toys

Homeschool

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 11:00 am November 6: Talent Show November 20: Christmas card making for stationed/deployed military members.

Pre-School Storytime Every Thursday at 11:00 am

International Games Week Saturday, November 9 at 9:00 am-5:00 pm Drop in anytime and play games to help us celebrate! All ages.

Won't You Be My Neighbor? Monday, November 18 at 6:00 pm

Babaloo

Monday, November 25 at 6:00 pm A one-man musical comedy act for kids.

Pillows with Purpose: No-Sew Pillows Saturday, November 23 at 2:00 pm

# SULLIVAN BRANCH Call: 573-468-4372

Please register for adult programs. ADULT PROGRAMS

As the Page Turns Book Club Thursday, November 7 at 6:00 pm Persuasion by Jane Austen.

A Man Time Has Forgotten
Tuesday, November 12 at 6:00 pm
Learn of the life of General Harney
and his contributions to the US.

Pinterest Craft Night: Christmas Cards

Tuesday, November 19 at 6:00 pm Create two adorable and festive cards for Christmas!

## KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

**Storytime (preschool-age children)** Every Tuesday at 10:00 am

Homeschool Group: Create CAB Artist Trading Cards Monday, November 4 at 10:00 am

Kids Club: Babaloo Thursday, November 21 at 6:00 pm A one-man musical comedy act for kids.

### **FAMILY PROGRAMS**

International Games Week Saturday, November 9 at 9:00 am-5:00 pm Drop in anytime and play games to help us celebrate! All ages.



Doris Malone gave a talk on the art of basket weaving and displayed her beautiful collection during the Sullivan program!



We learned so many useful survival skills at the New Haven branch thanks to George Crawford.

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# **UNION BRANCH**

Call: 636-583-3224

Branch Closing Early

Tuesday, November 12, 5:00 pm Closing early for Naming Rights Auction.

Please register for adult programs. ADULT PROGRAMS

Take-a-Ticket (18+ years)

Wednesday, November 6 from 10:00 - 3:00 pm 30 min. sessions by appointment.

Sharing the Sound and History of Franz Schwarzer Zithers

Thursday, November 7 at 6:00pm Bicentennial program.

**Using Cloud Library** (18+ years) Tuesday November 19 from 10:00 - 11:00 am

**Hooked on Books** 

Thursday, November 21 at 6:00 pm Discuss Red Mountain by Boo Walker.

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS
Shrinky Dink: Teen Edition

Wednesday, November 6 at 4:00 pm

**International Games Week** 

Saturday, November 9 at 9:00 am-5:00 pm Stop by to play new or favorite games!

Babaloo

Monday, November 25 at 4:00 pm A one-man musical comedy act for kids.

Read, Build, Play!

Tuesday, November 26 at 4:00 pm Construction playtime!

## **WARRENTON** BRANCH

Call: 636-456-3321

Please register for adult programs.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Chicks with Sticks (Crochet/Knitting)

Tuesdays at 1:00 pm

**Mat Pilates** 

Wednesday, November 20 at 5:00 pm Bring a mat and clean socks.

Living with Juvenile Arthritis
Thursday, November 7 at 6:00 pm
Make a heating pad to take home.

The 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's Tuesday, November 12 at 6:00 pm

Luella's Farm Kitchen

Tuesday, November 19 at 6:00 pm Meet the author-books available.

Scenes of Historic Wonder

Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00 pm Meet the author-books available.

A Novel Bunch Book Club Wednesday, November 27 at 2:00 pm

KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Pre-School Storytime Tuesdays at 10:00 am

**International Games Week** 

Saturday, November 9 at 9:00 am-5:00 pm Drop in anytime and play games to help us celebrate! All ages.

**Babaloo** 

Wednesday, November 20 at 6:00 pm A one-man musical comedy act for kids.

# **WRIGHT CITY BRANCH**

Call: 636-384-1136

Please register for adult programs. ADULT PROGRAMS

**Adult Book Bingo** 

Thursday, November 7 at 1:00 pm

**Book Club** 

Monday, November 11 at 6:00 pm We will discuss The Forty Rules of Love

**Against All Odds** 

Thursday, November 21 at 6:00 pm Come hear the real life stories of amazing people who defied the odds and survived the impossible.

**Ugly Christmas Sweater Party**Saturday, November 30 at 4:00 pm
You provide the sweater, we provide the ugly. Prize for ugliest sweater!

### KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

**Storytime (Preschool-Kindergarten)** Wednesdays at 10:00 am

**International Games Week** 

Saturday, November 9 at 9:00 am-5:00 pm Drop in anytime and play games to help us celebrate! All ages.

Kid's Card Making

Saturday, November 9 at 1:00 pm

Babaloo

Wednesday, November 20 at 4:00 pm A one-man musical comedy act for kids



Thank you Shakespeare St. Louis for allowing us to perform King Lear and enjoy the intrigue, mystery, mayhem, and murder during "Bard in a Box" at the Owensville branch!



These young friends read to Sadie during "Reading to Rover" at the Union branch October 24.

# 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:

- $8" \times 11$  book \$100
- 10" x 2" book \$200
- 9" x 3" book \$300

Visit www.scenicregionalfoundation.org 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.



# Purchases are tax deductible.

Donor wall "books" can be purchased throughout the construction project and will be unveiled at the grand opening of each new branch library.

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& Diane Lairmore

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# Scenic Regional Library Foundation Donor Wall "Book" Order Form



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☐ New Haven Branch	Branch	□ 10" × 2" - \$200
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Wright City Branch	Branch	☐ Cash

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

Friends of the Library 304 Hawthorne Drive Union, MO 63084



# SCENIC REGIONAL LIBRARY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020 Membership Year

All information submitted is considered confidential and will never be given or sold to any other individu company, or organization.

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP? (Select all which apply)  Volunteer at the Fall Book Sale  Volunteer at the Spring Book Sale  Volunteer at other events  Volunteer at my local branch  Serve on the local Friends of the Library's  Governing and Planning Committee			□ New □ Rene Date Re	eceived:				

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.