



THE Scenic Regional Library NEWSLETTER

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Owensville Lions Club Donates Funds for AED Device


At their meeting on November 5, the Owensville Lions Club presented a \$2,000 donation to Library Director Steve Campbell to purchase an AED device for the Owensville branch. An AED is a portable, life-saving device designed to treat people experiencing sudden cardiac arrest, a medical condition in which the heart stops beating suddenly and unexpectedly. The Hermann branch also has an AED device, which the Hermann Area Ambulance District donated.

The library is seeking funds from service organizations and grants to place an AED device at every branch.



From left, Lions Club member Scenic Regional Library Trustee Bob Nierbruegge, Ricky Hacker, Library Director Steve Campbell, and Lions Club members Diane Lairmore and Dr. Jeri Hardy.

Friends of the Library Membership - A Gift That Keeps On Giving

		
Gold	Platinum	Diamond
Insulated 21oz Bottle	20 Can Cooler Backpack	\$150 Voucher for Donor Wall Book

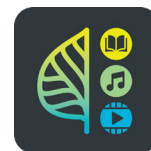


Do you have a library lover in your life? Consider a unique gift that gives all year long: a membership to their local Friends of the Library group! Memberships start at \$25. Friends' members receive early access and discounts to the bi-annual book sale, recognition, and more!

Friends of the library members will also receive membership gifts for the Gold, Platinum, and Diamond membership levels. Those who purchase a \$50 membership will receive a Friends of the Library-branded 21 oz. insulated water bottle, while \$100 memberships will receive a branded 20-can cooler backpack. The gift for the Diamond level membership is a \$150 voucher for a donor wall book, which is the starting price for the books. Those who receive the voucher can purchase a free \$150 donor wall book or apply the voucher toward a \$250 or \$350 donor wall book. To learn more about a Friends' membership and to purchase one, visit us at bit.ly/3No9js2.

Big Changes for Online Catalog

On December 1, the library's online catalog will be replaced with Aspen. Similar to the current system, Aspen also offers an enhanced "discovery layer" that allows patrons to search both physical items and digital resources—such as those available through Libby, Hoopla, and research databases—in a single search. Aspen also features an app that will continue to allow patrons to place holds and renew items.



Aspen LiDA





Patrons enjoyed making Book Pumpkins at the Owensville branch.



St. Clair branch's Teen Homeschool Group painted D&D miniatures and picked a title for their first Book Club.



The Wright City branch and Wright City Cemetery Memorial Society hosted an amazing cemetery walk and discussion about local history in the area.



The Pacific branch hosted a full house for Bingo Night!

30 Tonieboxes Added to Collection

Scenic Regional Library has added 30 more Tonieboxes to its collection, making 55 Tonie kits that are now circulating. Since adding 25 kits to its collection in late 2023, the Tonieboxes have proven popular, with each kit averaging seven holds at any time. Extremely popular kits, such as superheroes, princesses, and Paw Patrol, have had a second kit added with this expansion. New kit themes include music, travel, dinosaurs, comedy, and more.



A Toniebox is a durable audio player designed for small children to play stories and songs. Each Toniebox has a charger, an instructional insert, and six Tonie figures containing individual stories and songs. To use the Toniebox, simply turn it on and place one of the figures on top of the box.

Tonieboxes may be checked out for two weeks, with one renewal. To place a hold on a Toniebox, call your local branch or visit us at scenicregional.org/tonieboxkits.

Library SMS Messaging Change

Missouri Evergreen recently transitioned to Message Bee, a new SMS notification service implemented to address the library's previous issues with text notifications. All messages will now come from a single number: (660) 324-0279. Patrons are encouraged to save this number in their contacts. Please note that blocking or marking this number as spam will prevent text notifications. For any questions, please reach out to your local branch.

Check Out a Cake Pan for the Holidays!

With the holidays approaching, don't forget the library has specialty cake pans available for checkout! With 150+ designs, there is truly something for everyone. The library began offering cake pans in 2019. The collection consists of various shapes, such as multiple holiday-themed pans, Darth Vader, Harry Potter, a train, a Christmas tree, and a T-shirt.



Each pan can be borrowed for two weeks and renewed once. Borrowing a cake pan is free, but if it is returned dirty, there is a \$5.00 cleaning fee. If a particular cake pan is unavailable at a patron's local branch, they can place a hold on it, like they would a book or DVD. To view the entire collection or to put a pan on hold, visit us online at scenicregional.org/cakepans.



November Anniversaries

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



Stacy, Trainer and Adult Education Instructor, Administration



Erica Mosley, Branch Manager, Owensville Branch

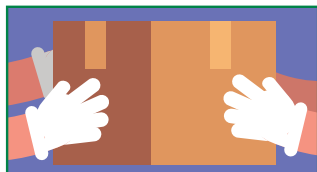


Sarah, Marketing Specialist, Administration



Stephanie, Children's Programmer, Wright City

Library Seeks Donations



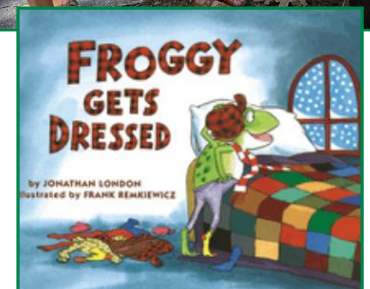
Scenic Regional Library is always accepting donations of gently-used books, DVDs, music CDs, and books on CD! Most donations will be sold at our semi-annual book sale. Have a lot? Call ahead of time, and we will help you carry them in! Contact your local branch for more details.

Owensville StoryWalk™ Updated

The StoryWalk™ located at Owensville Memorial Park, will be updated in mid-November with a new story, "Froggy Gets Dressed", by Jonathan London. The StoryWalk™ consists of 16 signs along a one-mile walking trail. Each sign contains a page of a children's book.

The project is a partnership between the Owensville Friends of the Library, Owensville Parks & Recreation Department, and Scenic Regional Library. The Owensville Friends of the Library and Owensville Parks & Recreation Department shared the project's cost. Scenic Regional Library will provide a new book for the StoryWalk™ each quarter.

The StoryWalk™ promotes early literacy, physical activity, and family time together in nature. It's a fun and educational family activity that can bring joy to the community as people take a stroll and enjoy successive pages from a children's story along the path.





Computers for Sale

The library has the following computers available for purchase for \$50 each. All computers come with a power cord, mouse, and keyboard (no monitor). The computers can be picked up at the Scenic Regional Library administrative offices in Union or sent to any branch for pickup. If interested, contact Denise by emailing dedwards@scenicregional.org or by phone at 636-583-0652 (ext. 1012) between 9 am-3 pm, Monday-Friday. Cash or checks payable to Scenic Regional Library.

HP 280 G2 SFF (small form factor) towers



Intel Core i3-6100 processor 3.70 GHz, 4.0 GB RAM, 500 GB hard drive, DVD-RW, Microsoft Windows 10 Professional 64-bit (updating is strongly suggested), HDMI and VGA connections.

Lenovo ThinkCentre M710e Towers



Intel Core i5-7400 Processor 3.0 GHz. 8.00 GB RAM. 1 TB HDD. DVD RW. MS Windows 10 Pro 64-bit. VGA/DVI/HDMI connections.

Last Month's Most Popular Titles

1st – *Verity* by Colleen Hoover - Lowen Ashleigh is a struggling writer on the brink of financial ruin when she accepts the job offer of a lifetime. *Whose truth is the lie?* Stay up all night reading the sensational psychological thriller that has readers obsessed.

Genres: Thriller, Mystery, Romance, Fiction

2nd – *Too Late* by Colleen Hoover - A story about a woman caught in a dangerous web of obsessive love, trying to find a way out before it's too late.

Genres: Romance, Thriller, Fiction

3rd (tied) – *If It Bleeds* by Stephen King -A collection of four new novellas —*Mr. Harrigan's Phone*, *The Life of Chuck*, *Rat*, and the title story *If It Bleeds*— each pulling readers into intriguing and frightening places.

Genres: Mystery, Westerns, Fiction

3rd (tied) – *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah - Alaska, 1974. Unpredictable. Unforgiving. Untamed. For a family in crisis, the ultimate test of survival.

Genres: Historical Fiction, Contemporary, Romance

3rd (tied) – *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens - For years, rumors of the “Marsh Girl” haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet fishing village. Kya Clark is barefoot and wild; unfit for polite society. So in late 1969, when the popular Chase Andrews is found dead, locals immediately suspect her.

Genres: Mystery, Historical Fiction, Romance



Gentle Yoga for All in Gerald

Scenic Regional Library, in partnership with the Gerald Area Library, will host a free Gentle Yoga for All program in Gerald on Thursday, December 5, at 6 p.m., at the Legion Hall, 430 W. Fitzgerald Ave.

Melissa Duchatschek, owner of Present Moment Yoga in Washington, will present a gentle yoga session with meditation, guided breathwork, and postures suitable for all levels and abilities. Attendees should bring a yoga mat and water.

This program is for adults and is limited to 20 attendees. Registration is required. To RSVP, call 636-583-0652, EXT. 1001, or register online at bit.ly/4ehNtB2.





Staff Development Day

All Scenic Regional Library locations were closed on Monday, October 14, for the library's annual staff development day. The event, held at the Union branch, utilized the library's multiple meeting rooms and children's areas throughout the day for staff to attend various breakout sessions.

The sessions covered many topics, including readers' advisory, presentations from community organizations, sign language basics, artificial intelligence, genealogy, and more.

The Scenic Regional Library Foundation donated \$2,000 in gift cards for the staff, which were given away in a drawing at the event in increments of \$50, \$75, and \$100. United Bank of Union provided the gift cards for free, a value of over \$300.



Nicole Helm & Megan Crane discussed their magical partnership as author Hazel Beck and their brand new book at the Warrenton branch.



Amanda taught Union patrons how to make a beautiful pie they took home and baked.

Touch of Hope Drive in November



Throughout November, all branches of Scenic Regional Library will collect essential hygiene items and gently used purses to benefit the Touch of Hope Purse Project. Touch of Hope's mission is to comfort women in times of need with compassion, dignity, and even a little style by providing an "almost new" purse or reusable bag filled with all the essentials.

Touch of Hope also provides care bags to the library to distribute to those in need. The bags contain essential hygiene items. Boxes will be available for donations at each branch's entryway.

Donations:

- Body wash
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Razors
- Lotion
- Combs
- Deodorant
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Floss
- Tampons
- Pads
- Other essential hygiene items
- Gently used purses



It felt like you were stepping back into the Roarin' 20s at the Sullivan Glittersby Murder Mystery Party! The costumes were amazing.



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SCENIC SAYS!

What is your favorite Thanksgiving food??

You're sitting in front of a fireplace with a cup of hot chocolate. What book do you choose to read and why?

What made you want to work in a library?

Shea
Children's
Programmer,
Union



"My Mamaw's mashed potatoes. There isn't much I wouldn't give to have a mountain of mashed potatoes on my plate."

"I have a leather-bound copy of Edgar Allan Poe's most famous work. I would pull that out and read "Annabel Lee" over and over because it's comforting and sad all at once."

"When I was little, books were my favorite escape from reality. My public librarian always helped me pick the perfect escape. I realized I wanted to be a part of that when I grew up."

Judy
Library
Assistant,
St. Clair



"The dish I MUST make this year is a loose strawberry/walnut Jell-O concoction from my childhood. (not vegan)."

""The Archie McPhee Catalog", or the current year's "World Almanac"."

"I was a school Librarian prior to retirement, and everyone said this would be easy. It's not, but I still love it."

Christy
Associate
Director of
Youth and
Outreach
Services,
Administration



"Homemade egg noodles in turkey gravy."

"I don't reread much, so I would say it would be the newest book by one of my favorite authors, Christopher Moore."

"Fate - I was working in my college library and they asked me to go get my master's and come back to be their librarian. I'm in public libraries now and have never regretted it."

Miranda
Library
Assistant,
Warrenton



"Chocolate Pecan Pie :)."

""Skipping Christmas" because hot chocolate gives me the warm and fuzzies of Christmas!"

"I have always loved the smell of books! I enjoy the weight of a book in my hands and especially love a brilliantly designed cover. *Bonus - I am able to share my love of books and get some great recommendations from my co-workers and from the patrons!"



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, 2024 – September 30, 2025 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	
LAST NAME			
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PHONE NUMBER		EMAIL ADDRESS	
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FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	LAST NAME	
STREET ADDRESS		EMAIL ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
BRANCH AFFILIATION (Please select one)	LEVEL OF MEMBERSHIP	MEMBERSHIP GIFTS	
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 <input type="checkbox"/>	Silver - \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> Gold - \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Platinum - \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> Diamond* - \$500 <input type="checkbox"/> *Lifetime Membership Up to \$10 in book sale volunteer vouchers can be applied toward any level of membership dues.	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <u>Gold:</u> 21oz. metal water bottle </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <u>Platinum:</u> 20-can cooler backpack </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <u>Diamond:</u> \$150 donor wall book </div> </div>	
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP? (Select all which apply)		OFFICE USE ONLY	
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"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> New Application <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Date Received: <input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Amount Received:	

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