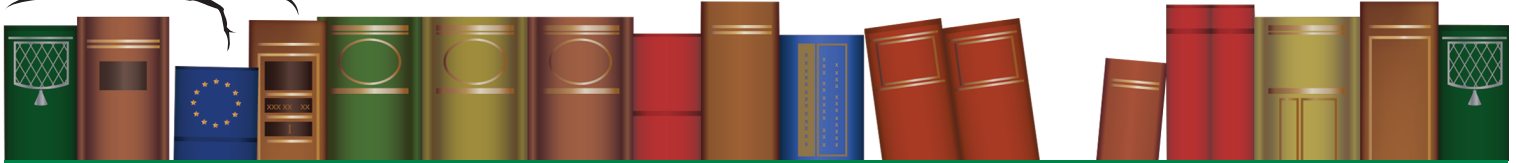




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## LIBRARY HOURS

### Hermann • 573-486-2024

M, W & F 9am-6pm  
T & Th 9am-8pm  
Sat 9am-5pm

### New Haven • 573-237-2189

M, W & F 9am-6pm  
T & Th 9am-8pm  
Sat 9am-5pm

### Owensville • 573-437-2188

M, W & F 9am-6pm  
T & Th 9am-8pm  
Sat 9am-5pm

### Pacific • 636-257-2712

M, T & Th 9am-8pm  
W & F 9am-6pm  
Sat 9am-5pm

### St. Clair • 636-629-2546

M, T & Th 9am-8pm  
W & F 9am-6pm  
Sat 9am-5pm

### Sullivan • 573-468-4372

M, T, Th 9am-8pm  
W & F 9am-6pm  
Sat 9am-5pm

### Union • 636-583-3224

M-Th 9am-8pm  
F 9am-6pm  
Sat 9am-5pm

### Warrenton • 636-456-3321

M-Th 9am-8pm  
Fri 9am-6pm  
Sat 9am-5pm

### Wright City • 636-384-1136

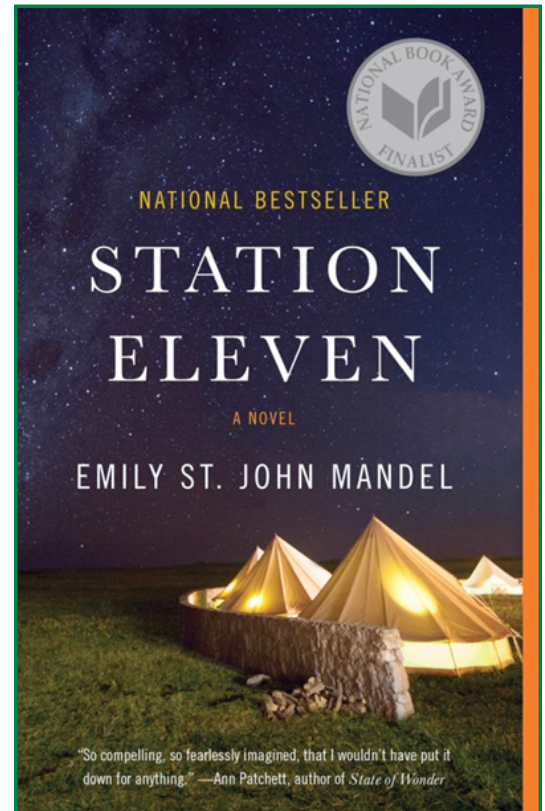
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## NEA Big Read

The library's NEA Big Read is going strong! Over 1,500 copies of *Station Eleven* have been given away to the public and local high schools. The NEA Big Read's goal is to get as many people as possible in the library's communities to read and discuss the book.

NEA Big Read programming kicked off on September 24, however, there are still plenty of book discussions and programs remaining on the schedule. Scenic Regional Library and its partners will have 14 more book discussions and 40 more adult and family programs along the themes of *Station Eleven* throughout October and early November. The programs include escape rooms, survival tactics, seed collecting, primitive basketry, music, acting, and more.

The NEA Big Read Programming Brochure contains all the programs, along with dates, times, locations, and other details. A print copy can be picked up at any Scenic Regional Library branch and the Washington Public Library. The NEA Big Read programming brochure can also be found online by visiting [www.tinyurl.com/BigReadPrograms](http://www.tinyurl.com/BigReadPrograms).



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*Missouri Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft was the keynote speaker at the Union branch grand opening.*

## Grand Opening of New Union Branch Draws Huge Crowd

On September 14, the library held its grand opening for the Union branch and administrative offices. Presiding Commissioner Tim Brinker, Missouri State Librarian Robin Westphal, and Missouri Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft were the guest speakers. Secretary Ashcroft spoke about libraries now serving as vital community centers.

The library estimated that at least 500 to 600 people attended the event; the door counter at the branch showed 800 visitors. Free children's activities at the event included a bounce house, air

brush tattoos, and balloon artists. The balloon artists and air brush tattoo artist were asked to stay an extra half hour to accommodate the long lines of children. Music was provided by C&R Sound. In addition, 99.9 FM KFAV did a live remote broadcast from the event.

Union branch Friends of the Library members operated a free concession stands and handed out hot dogs, drinks, chips, and popcorn during the celebration. The group of volunteers distributed 460 hot dogs at the event.



*(pictured, left to right) Union branch Friends of the Library members Mary Wesche, James Schwentker, Caroline Rehling, Mikala Becker, Ashley Campbell (with Isabel and Ian), Jennifer Schwentker, and Susan Richardson operated the free concession stand at the grand opening event.*



*An estimated 500-600 people attended the grand opening.*



*The Union grand opening event.*



*The ribbon cutting with the Union Area Chamber of Commerce at the Union branch grand opening.*





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## Library Foundation Sponsoring NEA Big Read Art Contest for Teens and Adults

The Scenic Regional Library Foundation is sponsoring an NEA Big Read art contest for teens and adults. Participants will submit a piece of artwork using any form of media that is related to the theme of *Station Eleven*, by Emily St. John Mandel. The Foundation is providing \$500 in prize money for the event.

The contest has two age categories, ages 13-17 and 18 and older. Participants must live in Scenic Regional Library's district and complete a contest entry form. Entrants for the ages 13-17 category must have a parent or guardian sign their contest entry form. There is a maximum of two entries per participant; a contest form for each entry is required. Participants must deliver entries to a Scenic Regional Library between Monday, October 7, and Saturday, October 12, 2019, at 5:00 PM.

All entries will be exhibited at Scenic Regional Library's Union branch from October 15 through November 4. They will also be displayed at East Central College during "An Evening with Emily St. John Mandel" on Tuesday, November 5.

Awards will be given on Wednesday, October 30, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. A panel of judges from East Central College will select Best of Show in the youth and adult categories, as well as six Awards of Excellence overall.

A Best of Show prize, which will include a \$100 gift card to an art and craft supply store, will be awarded for each age category. In addition, six Awards of Excellence will be given to other notable submissions among both age categories. The Awards of Excellence will include a \$50 gift card to an art and craft supply store.

For more information, including an entry application and submission specifications, visit [www.scenicregional.org/art](http://www.scenicregional.org/art).



*Credit: joelschoontanisart.com*



*Mr. Rich entertains this little ball of fire giving the teacher a few minutes to search for some great books. All in a day's work on the bookmobile.*



*These young patrons (and our director) had a great time at the St. Clair branch learning to play chess.*



*The Wright City branch staff enjoying Legacy Drugstore Ice Cream at Strassenbash - Wright City!!*





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*Director Steve Campbell presents long-time Scenic Regional employee Sheryl Duffer with a gift for twenty-five years of service. Ms. Duffer worked for many years at the Union branch, and now works in the library's Technical Services Department.*



*Innsbrook residents Sharon and Walt Dieckmann donated \$500 to the library for a bench in front of the Wright City branch. The donation was in celebration of the couple's fiftieth wedding anniversary.*



Call or stop by your branch for upcoming Bicentennial programming and details.

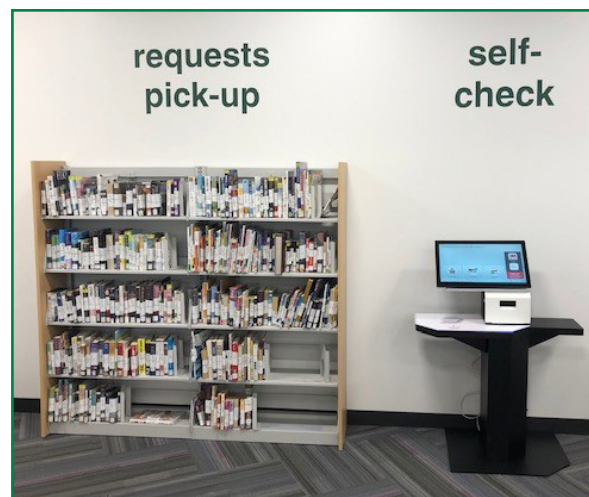
## Library Adds Self-Check in Union and Owensville

The library was awarded two grants by the Missouri State Library this summer for self-check systems. The self-check system at the Owensville branch was installed on September 20. It was purchased with a Technology Ladder Grant, which provided \$8,337 toward the system. The self-check system at the Union branch was installed on September 13. It was purchased with an Edge Action Plan Grant, which provided \$6,238 toward the system. The cost of each self-check system is \$10,400.

The library already has self-check systems operating at the Warrenton, Wright City, Pacific, Sullivan, and St. Clair branches since last year. The new technology has been enormously popular. Approximately twenty-percent of the library's checkouts at those branches is being done with self-check.

Some people have expressed concern that self-check will result in library employees losing their jobs; however, the library has actually increased staffing at the branches over the past year since self-check was introduced. Usage is up over 35% at the library's new facilities and self-check helps ease the increased workload. Self-check also allows library staff additional time to assist patrons in other ways, such as more outreach and programming, as well as assisting patrons on the public computers.

The grants were awarded by the Missouri Secretary of State and Missouri State Library. The Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), the major federal grant program for libraries, is provided through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).



*2019 is the year of the Franklin County Bicentennial. These 15 bicentennial banners packed with information about Franklin Co 1819-2019 are traveling throughout the county. Here they are displayed at the New Haven branch.*

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## Former Directors Sallie Hancox and Ken Rohrbach Honored at Union Grand Opening

During the Union branch grand opening, Director Steve Campbell announced that the three meeting rooms would be named after the library's three previous directors: Lucy Lomax, Sallie Hancox, and Ken Rohrbach. Ms. Hancox and Mr. Rohrbach were unaware of the honor until the announcement.

Ms. Hancox began working at the library in 1965 and was director from 1975 to 2008. Mr. Rohrbach began working at the library in 1971 and was assistant director from 1975 until 2008, then director from 2008 to 2011. Ms. Lomax, who created the regional system, served as director from 1959 until 1975. She passed away in 1977.

Framed prints of Ms. Hancox and Mr. Rohrbach's Senior Life Times articles will hang outside the entrance of each room; the articles chronicle their careers and accomplishments. In addition, the names of the three rooms appear over their entrances in large, vinyl lettering: Lucy Lomax Room, Sallie Hancox Room, and Kenneth Rohrbach Room.

Director Steve Campbell attributed the

library's successful 2014 tax levy increase campaign and other achievements to the foundation built by Ms. Hancox and Mr. Rohrbach in its communities over the previous three decades.



*Former Scenic Regional Library directors Sallie Hancox and Ken Rohrbach.*



*We danced, sang songs and read some silly stories for Building Block Book award nominees at storytime at the Hermann branch.*



*Thank you to Ken Johnson who shared "A Look Back At Missouri Dance Halls" at the Sullivan branch.*



*The Warrenton branch staff all dressed up in their cruising best for the Staff Appreciation banquet.*



*Teens playing Giant Kerplunk during Teen Game Day at the Union branch.*



*We love to see caregivers getting involved in storytime! Here are moms and grandmas helping out at craft time during storytime at the Pacific branch.*





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*St. Louis Sound authors, Steve Pick and Amanda Doyle shared a sights-and-sounds musical tour through the rich history of St. Louis musicians, bands, venues, radio stations, and more with Warrenton branch patrons.*



*These stuffed animal friends got caught reading during the "Stuffed Animal Sleepover" at the St. Clair branch.*



*We sang about our Teddy Bears and made a special bear in it's cave craft at storytime in the Sullivan branch.*

## Why You Should Go to Storytime

### 1. Field Trip!

Let's face it. Sometimes, young kids just need to get out of the house and let someone else be in charge. Storytime is a great opportunity to stretch their legs, get a change of scenery, or break up the monotony of the day. If anything, it's free. What's better than that?

### 2. Socialization and Learning

Reading at home is important, but reading in a group setting is, too. If kids see other kids listening and enjoying a book, it may encourage them to sit and listen as well. Being in a group also gets them ready for school. Listening to other adults read—besides mom and dad—further increases kids' literacy and language skills. If anything else, they may make some new friends—including the librarian.

### 3. Library Literacy

If kids are comfortable around the library at an early age, they will be comfortable using the library at a later age. Through interactions with the librarian, kids learn the different types of books that are out there, how to find them, and the amazing stories waiting to be discovered. Hopefully, if we are doing our jobs right, they'll know librarians are not scary—we're here to help!

### 4. Education for Parents

By attending storytime, parents and caregivers are already supporting a child's learning. If adults sit and listen with their children, they can be a good model for listening to a story. Plus, the librarian can also be a model for adults! They can learn good oral reading skills, how to engage kids, and some fun activities to go along with books.

### 5. It's Fun!

Stories are fantastic adventures. Sharing them is the best part of our job. And you know what? Storytime is more than just books. It's songs and actions and crafts and games! It can be all kinds of things wrapped up in a nice literary, educational bundle.

## So look up your branch's storytime -- and then go!

Hermann - Tuesdays at 10am

New Haven - Tuesdays and 3rd Saturday  
of the month at 10am

Owensville - Wednesdays at 10am

Pacific - Thursdays at 10am

St. Clair - Thursdays at 11am

Sullivan - Tuesdays at 10am

Union - Wednesdays & Saturdays at 10am

Warrenton - Tuesdays at 10am

Wright City - Wednesdays at 10am





## Staff Spotlight: Grace • Shelver, Union



**How long have you worked for Scenic?** One year.

**What made you want to work in a library?** My love for books and the inviting environment.

**What is your favorite part of the job?** My coworkers are totally awesome!

**What do you wish more people knew about the library?** Even though we have a ton of awesome amenities, we also have an amazing selection of books! You can always ask a staff member for some great recommendations.

**What are you most excited about with the new building?** I am very excited to see new faces, as well as all the children having a spot of their own.

**What are you currently reading?** I am currently reading *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Steven Chbosky.

**What is your favorite book? Why?** My favorite book is *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* by Jules Verne. I love the storyline and Captain Nemo is truly an interesting character. The book showed me how reading can take you to another world.

**Is there anything else you would like people to know about you, your job, or Scenic Regional Library?** Come in and say hi!

## Pacific Friends' Group Hold Ghost Hunt as Fundraiser

The Pacific branch Friends of the Library are having a ghost hunt as a fundraiser at the "Old Diamonds" in Villa Ridge. The two-hour event, led by paranormal experts Dan Terry and the Paranormal Task Force, will be held on Saturday, October 12, from 7:00 to 10:00 PM.

Tickets are \$25.00 per person and must be purchased in advance at the Pacific branch. There is a limit of 45 participants. Participants are required to bring a flashlight, but are also welcome to bring their cameras or ghost-hunting equipment. The "Old Diamonds" site is located at 100 Old Highway 100 in Villa Ridge, Missouri. For more information, contact the Pacific branch at 636-257-2712.

The Diamonds was originally opened in Villa Ridge along I-44 as a small roadside stand called the Banana Stand in 1923. It wasn't re-named The Diamonds until it grew into a restaurant in the 1930's. It billed itself the "World's Largest Roadside Restaurant" and in 1947 served nearly 1.5 million customers. A fire destroyed the building in 1948. The Diamonds was rebuilt and thrived until the early 1970's when a new, even larger location was built down the road. The original location was sold and re-named the Tri-County Truck Stop, which closed in 2006. The building still stands and is said to be haunted. Supposedly, there is an apparition at the old restaurant, as well as another presence nicknamed George.



*These little pirates had a swash-buckling good time at "Pirate Storytime" in the Wright City branch.*



*Patrons learned to quilt at the Union branch this month. These quilts will be donated to Grace's Place here in Union when finished.*



*Some small friends of the library were helping to water the outdoor garden at the New Haven branch.*



## 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.scenicregionallibraryfoundation.org](http://www.scenicregionallibraryfoundation.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.

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.**

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



## 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" - \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> 10" X 2" - \$200 <input type="checkbox"/> 9" X 3" - \$300	
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  
304 Hawthorne Drive  
Union, MO 63084





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April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020 Membership Year

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

FIRST NAME		DATE	
MIDDLE INITIAL	LAST NAME		
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CITY			
STATE		ZIP CODE	
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<b>BRANCH AFFILIATION (Please select one)</b>		<b>LEVEL OF MEMBERSHIP</b>	
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Friends of the Union Branch <input type="checkbox"/>			
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Friends of the Wright City Branch <input type="checkbox"/>			
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