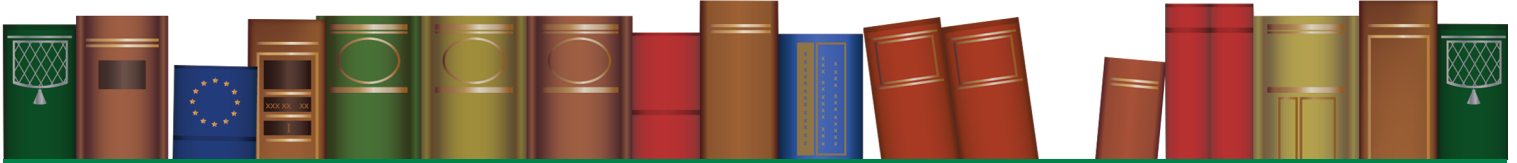




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Lindsley Appointed to Library Board



Martha Lindsley, Library Trustee for Crawford County

The Crawford County Commission has appointed Sullivan resident Martha Lindsley to serve on the Scenic Regional Library Board of Trustees. Ms. Lindsley will fill the remainder of the four-year term vacated by Leonard Butts, who resigned on August 6. The term expires on June 30, 2023.

Ms. Lindsley is a Sullivan branch library user and retired business owner. She operated Mid-Missouri Transportation, a medical transportation business, in Sullivan for thirteen years with her husband. Previously, she was coordinator of the Parents as Teachers program in the Sullivan School District for ten years.

When the Sullivan Municipal Library joined Scenic Regional Library in 2015, about one-third of the new territory was located in Crawford County. As a result, a trustee was appointed from the area to represent its residents on the Scenic Regional Library Board.

Library Board Votes to Move Ahead with New Hermann Branch

At their August 25 meeting, the Scenic Regional Library Board of Trustees voted unanimously to move ahead on plans for a new facility in Hermann. In February, the Library Board selected Horn Architects, located in Washington, to design the facility. However, the contract was tabled twice (in March and June) due to the library's uncertain finances in 2021 due to COVID. The contract with Horn Architects was approved at the August meeting.

The library purchased a 25,000 sq. ft. vacant building (the former Alco store building) in the Bavarian Hills Shopping Center in 2019 to renovate in Hermann. The library plans to convert approximately

one-third of the building into the new library, while seeking tenants for the remaining space. The final design will be completed and presented to the Library Board for final approval in February 2021. The library expects to begin construction on the project later in 2021.

The Hermann facility will be the final component of the library system's \$22 million system-wide building project, which began in 2016. New or expanded and renovated facilities in Warrenton, Wright City, Owensville, New Haven, Pacific, Sullivan, and St. Clair were opened between May and September 2018. The new Union branch and administrative offices were opened in August 2019.



The Yarbough family from New Haven donated 200 Wilton cake pans to the library. The donation will more than double the library's collection, increasing it from 137 cake pans to 337. The library began checking out cake pans in April 2019. The donated cake pans will be divided up and distributed to all the library's branches.



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Library Now Offering Mobile Hotspots

Scenic Regional Library now has mobile hotspots available for checkout at all branches. The purpose of the mobile hotspots is to provide free wireless Internet at home for people to use with their laptop or mobile device. People can use the Internet access for a wide range of needs, from telehealth (doctor's appointments) and virtual meetings to distance learning and emailing.

The devices will check out for 2 weeks, with no renewals allowed. Patrons can place a hold or request on a hotspot if they're all checked out.

The first 42 devices arrived at the branches in late August. The remaining 12 will be placed within the next few weeks. If demand warrants, the library will add 36 additional devices this fall, which would increase the total available to 90.

The library received funds (\$15,000) through a CARES Act grant which will fund the data costs for 42 of the 90 mobile hotspots in FY2020-2021. A second CARES Act grant is pending, which will fund an additional 12 devices.

While there is no cost to the library for the actual devices; the data costs are \$30 per month for each device. The carrier is T-Mobile. After FY2020-2021, the Library will have to fund the full data costs for all 90 devices, as the grant funding will end. The total data costs will be \$32,400 for FY2021-2020.

Many public libraries across the country and state have been taking advantage of CARES Act funding and adding mobile hotspots this summer.



Library Launches "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten"

On September 1, the library will launch a free program which encourages parents to read 1,000 books with their children before they start kindergarten.

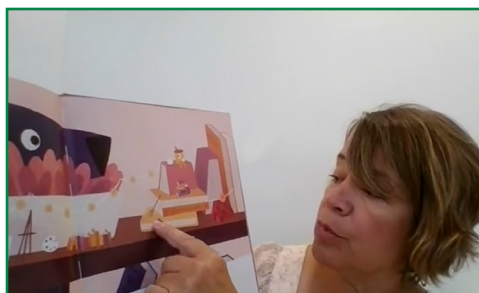
Studies have shown that a parent reading with their child provides a great opportunity for bonding. Reading together is also fun and creates life-long memories, whether they are reading books they own, picking them out on a visit to the library, or downloading them onto an e-reader device. Experts agree that children who learn the necessary skills early do better in school and later in life. Participating in "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" can help put a child on the right track.

While reading 1,000 books may sound like a daunting task, it's much easier than one may think. If a parent and child read just one book a night, they will read 365 books in a year. In two years, the number will grow to 730. In the third year, they will surpass the goal at 1,095 books. Considering that most children start kindergarten at age 5 or 6, they have more than enough time to complete the challenge.

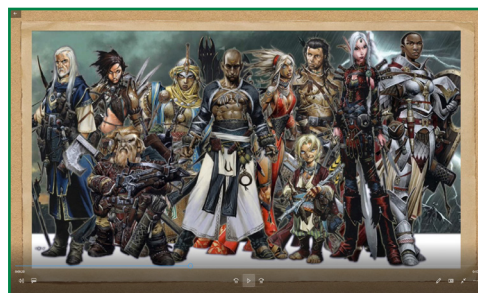
Parents can either visit their local Scenic Regional Library branch and pick up a reading log, or go to <https://scenicregional.org/1000-books-before-kindergarten/> and register online. Each time 100 books are read the parent and child can stop by their local branch to pick up a sticker for that page in their reading log.

After reading 1,000 books, a child will receive a "color-your-own" book bag that they can decorate to proudly carry their library books. The parent and child will also be featured in the library's newsletter and social media pages. Best of all, they will feel the pride of accomplishment of reaching this goal together.

"1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" <https://1000booksbeforekindergarten.org> is a national non-profit organization that promotes the literacy program, which has been adopted by thousands of public libraries across the country.



Miss Sherri read to our patrons during Owensville's weekly Virtual Preschool Storytime.



The New Haven branch presented a PowerPoint presentation about D&D history and rules of play for patrons to learn more about the game.



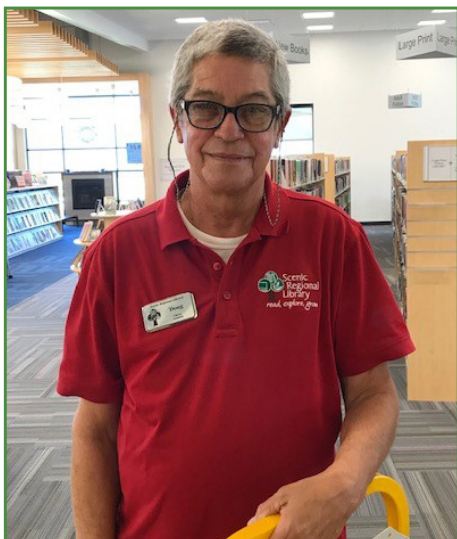
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Staff Spotlight: Doug, Library Assistant, Sullivan



How long have you worked for Scenic?
Since October 2019.

What made you want to work in a library?
While in college - many years ago - I worked as a student worker at the college library. I've been in love with libraries ever since!

What do you wish more people knew about the library? That we do LOTS more than just loan books. Movies, fishing poles, microscopes, and telescopes are available. Plus lots more - come in and take a look!

What is your favorite part of the job?
Why? Signing a child up for their first library card. It's wonderful to see the excitement on their faces every time!

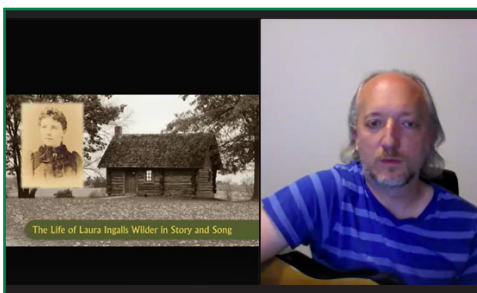
What are you currently reading or what are you reading next? I just finished reading *America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege and the Bridge to a New America* by Jim Wallis. Next up for me is *The Institute* by Stephen King.

What is your favorite book? Why? My favorite book is *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams. I relate completely with the protagonist Arthur Dent. (Does that make me strange?) Plus, I just like the number 42!

Is there anything else you would like people to know about you, your job, or your library branch? Sullivan branch is very different now than it used to be since our move to the new building. Sullivan residents who went to the old library and haven't been to our new facility should come take a look. You'll be amazed and glad you did!



Pacific branch showcased Robert Dean's woodworking, which featured amazing boxes, puzzles, toys and more!



John Notgrass offered a program allowing visitors to come on a virtual tour of places Laura Ingalls Wilder lived with photographs, stories, and songs that the Ingalls family enjoyed.

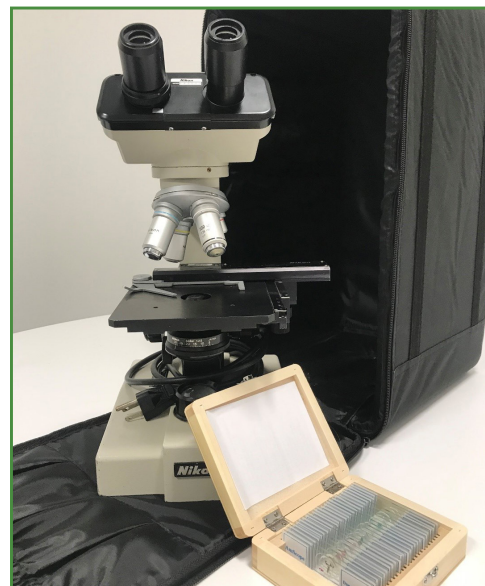
Microscopes Available at the Library for Checkout

Scenic Regional has seven Nikon Alphaphot microscopes available for checkout. Each microscope includes a set of twenty-five prepared slides, which contain samples of plants, insects, and animal tissues. They can be used to view a dog cardiac muscle, honeybee worker leg, human blood, pine leaf, sunflower stem, and many other specimens. The library also has 100-slide kits with even more specimens that can be checked out separately.

The microscopes are a great opportunity for children or adults who have a strong personal interest in science, or even for families who are homeschooling and want to incorporate another STEM element into their curriculum.

The microscopes check out for two weeks and have a \$5.00 per day overdue fee. The library has been checking out other specialty items for a few years, including cake pans, fishing poles, binoculars, and telescopes.

The microscopes were donated to the library by East Central College. The library plans to add two more to its collection in the coming weeks.



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september 2020 upcoming events

PROGRAM GUIDE

ALL BRANCHES

VIRTUAL ADULT PROGRAMS

The Forgotten Story of Slavery in Gasconade County Missouri

Thursday, September 3 at 5:00 pm

Wood Block Photo Transfer

Thursday, September 10 at 5:00 pm

Demonstration only.

Angkor Wat Presentation

Thursday, September 17 at 5:00 pm

Learn about the symbol of Cambodia and its historic temple.

C&S Folk Company

Thursday, September 24 at 5:00 pm

Guitar/fiddle duo playing Ozark music.

VIRTUAL BOOK CLUBS

Warrenton branch

Thursday, September 3 at 6:00 pm

Something in the Water by Catherine Steadman.

Hermann branch

Wednesday, September 16 at 4:30 pm

The Only Plane in the Sky by Garrett Graff.

Union branch

Thursday, September 17 at 6:00 pm

News of the World by Paulette Giles.

VIRTUAL KID & TEEN PROGRAMS

Kids Club

Every Monday at 4:00 pm

September 7-Labor Day, no program

September 14-Tie Dye Face Masks

September 21-Pumpkin Tape Painting

September 28-Fall Scarecrow

Take&Make

Branch Storytimes

Hermann-Every Tuesday at 10 am

New Haven-Every Tuesday at 10 am

3rd Saturday of Month at 10 am

Owensville-Every Wednesday at 10 am

Pacific-Every Thursday at 10 am

Every Monday at 7:30 pm

St. Clair-Every Thursday at 11 am

Sullivan-Every Tuesday at 10 am

Union-Every Wednesday at 10 am

Every Tuesday at 7 pm

Warrenton-Every Tuesday at 10 am

1st Saturday of Month at 10 am

Wright City-Every Wednesday at 10 am

Teen Programs

1st Wednesday of Month at 4:00 pm

September 2-Pokemon Game How to

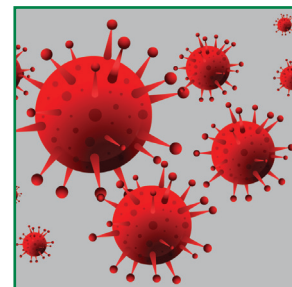
Additional COVID Restrictions at Wright City Branch

Due to its proximity to the Wright City Middle School, the library has imposed some additional COVID-related restrictions at the Wright City branch after school. During the school year, the branch can have as many as 50 to 60 middle school students in the building after school. Due to the size of the branch, the amount of traffic during the hours after school created concerns.

As a result, the library will limit the building capacity at the branch to 20 people at a time after school. In addition, visitors will be limited to 30 minutes on the public computers, and an hour in the building. A staff member will be stationed at the entrance to manage building capacity.

The restrictions will only be on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, from 2:15 to 5:00 PM; and Wednesdays from 1:15 to 5:00 PM (due to an early release on Wednesdays). School in Wright City began on August 24.

The full list of the after-school restrictions and related information can be found at www.scenicregional.org/wrightcityrestrictions.



Art Donation – Union Branch

The library received an art donation from Bob Hansen, former owner of the Hansen Abstract Office in Union, for the Union branch. The piece, entitled “The Readers”, was carved by a Zimbabwean artist for an exhibit at the Missouri Botanical Gardens in 2001.

Mr. Hansen’s mother helped organize the first lending library in Union in the 1930’s, along with other P.E.O. FO Chapter in Union members. She also served on the Union library’s original Board of Directors. The library was originally located on the upper floor of the Hansen Abstract Office building, owned by Mr. Hansen’s father.



The Readers.

**Scenic
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will be closed
Monday, September 7
for Labor Day**





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New Branch Managers Hired in Hermann and Union

Macee Jarvis has been hired as the new Union branch manager. Ms. Jarvis was hired at the library in August 2012 as a shelver. In 2013, she was promoted to part-time library assistant. She was the children's programmer at the Union branch from April 2017 until December 2017, after which she was elevated to assistant branch manager. During that time, she also served as interim manager at the New Haven branch from April to July 2019, and interim manager at the Hermann branch from July to August 2020. Ms. Jarvis earned her bachelor's degree in education from Central Methodist University in December 2019. She assumed the Union branch manager position on August 19.

Ms. Jarvis replaces Diane Disbro, who had served as the Union branch manager since 2013. Ms. Disbro has moved to the library's administrative offices to serve as the system's Circulation Coordinator.

Kasey Wright has been hired as the new Hermann branch manager. She replaced Tina Coates, who resigned in July. Ms. Wright assumed the Hermann branch manager position on August 17. She was hired as a part-time library assistant at the Hermann branch in March 2019 and became the library's full-time "floater" in September 2019. She has a bachelor's degree in music and resides with her family in Washington.



*Macee Jarvis,
Union Branch Manager*



*Kasey Wright, Hermann
Branch Manager*



August 21 marked one year since Union opened its doors to the new branch! Some generous patrons celebrated our anniversary of this important day by presenting a cake to the branch.



One of our teen patrons at Hermann won a prize for completing the Summer Reading Program. Good job!



"Kids Club: Kitchen Science" was hosted by the Sullivan branch. Kids were shown fun science experiments using items commonly found in your kitchen.



The St. Clair branch gave a tutorial on three different ways to preserve the wonderful deliciousness of your tomatoes. Patrons can stop by the branch and grab a FREE recipe booklet after watching the program.



Wright City Children's Programmer, Ms. Kayleigh, presented a LIVE virtual storytime all about a kid favorite: WORMS!

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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 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)		SIZE OF BOOK	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hermann Branch		<input type="checkbox"/> 8" X 1-1/2" - \$100	
<input type="checkbox"/> New Haven Branch		<input type="checkbox"/> 10" X 2" - \$200	
<input type="checkbox"/> Owensville Branch		<input type="checkbox"/> 9" X 3" - \$300	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Branch			
<input type="checkbox"/> St. Clair Branch			
<input type="checkbox"/> Sullivan Branch			
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OFFICE USE ONLY			
Date received: _____			
Amount received: _____			
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Union, MO 63084



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