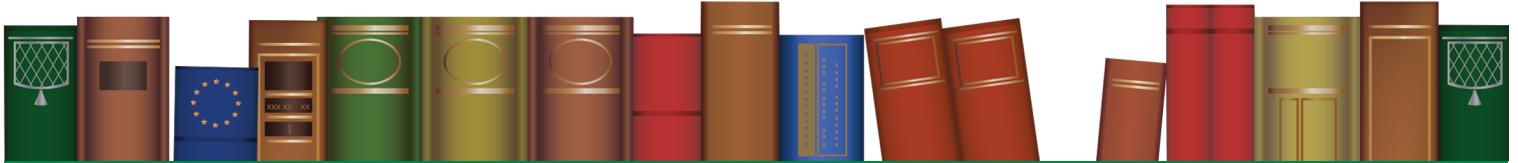




THE Scenic Regional Library NEWSLETTER

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Narcan Vending Machine Placed at St. Clair Branch

In partnership with PreventEd, Scenic Regional Library St. Clair branch, the Franklin County Community Resource Center in Union, and the Mercy Clinic Primary Care building in Washington will all be receiving a vending machine that will dispense free Narcan, a lifesaving medication that is given to individuals experiencing a drug overdose.

The three vending machines and the Narcan are being supplied to the participating locations by PreventEd. The goal of the vending machines is to provide Narcan in a convenient way at no cost to residents of Franklin County, so they can carry the life-saving drug.

The machines were delivered to their locations on Monday, September 11, and are expected to be filled with Narcan by October 1.

In 2021, 49 people died by overdose in Franklin County, 257 people were evaluated by the ER after experiencing an overdose, and data tells us many more were never reported. Accidental overdoses happen both by people misusing substances and people who are prescribed opiates.

No library funds will go toward the cost of the vending machine nor the Narcan. The funds for the machine are being provided by PreventEd. PreventEd utilized funding from the Health Resources & Services Administration's Rural Communities Opioid Response Program. The grant has allowed PreventEd to provide a Certified Peer Specialist program, stigma reduction activities, and much more over the last five years. The medication has been provided by the Department of Mental health, using the Opioid Settlement Funds allocated to Missouri.

Currently, many Narcan vending machines exist within the country at health departments, jails, libraries, etc. - including Missouri, with machines already being present in Lake Ozark, Lebanon, Camdenton, Waynesville, and Poplar Bluff. There are no public reports of people vandalizing or misusing the machines.

For more information regarding the vending machines, visit prevented.org.



Narcan Vending Machine Locations

Scenic Regional Library St. Clair branch
515 E Springfield Rd, St Clair, MO 63077
Located behind the branch

Franklin County Community Resource Board
501 West End Ave #106, Union, MO 63084
Located behind the building, in the tunnel

Mercy Clinic Primary Care - Patients First Drive
901 Patients First Drive Suite 3800, Washington, MO 63090
Located in the parking garage



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Union Branch Selected as Business of the Month

The Union branch of Scenic Regional Library was selected as the Union Area Chamber of Commerce's September Business of the Month. The Business of the Month program is designed to recognize businesses that are members of the Chamber of Commerce. The program was previously known as "Business Spotlight," but was changed to "Business of the Month" in the Summer of 2022.



From left, Kathryn Gaither, Chamber Director, presented Steve Campbell, Library Director, and Renny Canaday, Union Branch Manager, with a "Business of the Month" sign that will be displayed throughout September.



Congrats to the lucky Owensville winners of the LCD writing tablet. Good job guys for completing your summer reading!

Richards Hired as New Hermann Branch Manager

The library has hired Tiffany Richards as the new Hermann Branch Manager. Before accepting her position at Scenic Regional Library, Richards worked at St. Louis County Library for 12 years - starting as a library clerk.

After she graduated from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee with her Masters in Library Science, she became a reference librarian and the Assistant Manager of the Reference Department, and then the Assistant Manager of the Sachs branch in Chesterfield. She then worked as the Branch Manager for the Johnsville Library in Blaine, Minnesota.

Richards recently moved back to the area. She has two cats, Gordy and Gerdy, and is a mixed media artist. In her free time, she travels to see art and museums, and volunteers in wildlife rehabilitation, focusing on song birds.



Library Holds Staff Appreciation Banquet

The library held its annual employee appreciation banquet on Saturday, August 26, at Union City Park. The event was sponsored by Schroeder Insurance and was catered by Front Street Catering in New Haven. A drawing was held during the event, and each staff member who attended received either a gift card or a vacation day. The gift cards handed out contained either \$50, \$75, or \$100. Each of the library's nine Friends of the Library groups donated \$175 to fund the gift cards, and United Bank of Union provided the debit cards and \$250 for activation fees.



Members of the St. Clair branch staff pose with their prizes from the Staff Appreciation Banquet. Back row from left, Mindy Myers, children's programmer, Alesia Cullen, branch manager, and Jacquie Oermann, adult programmer. Front row from left, Marilee Krier and Judy Walter, library assistants.



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Staff Spotlight: Mindy, Children's Programmer, St. Clair



How long have you worked for Scenic

One year and two months.

Can you share a little bit about your background before you came to work at the library?

Before working at the library, I had experience as a stay-at-home mom, a children's crisis nursery worker, and a preschool teacher.

What made you want to work in a library?

I have always loved the library! I have been visiting Scenic Regional Library in St. Clair since I was a kid, back when it was a tiny little brick building. When the opportunity arose, that St. Clair was hiring for a Children's Programmer, I jumped at that chance. It is such a dream to have one of my favorite places turn out to be my place of employment.

What do you wish more people knew about the library?

You can utilize the library for so much more than books (although the books are a huge perk)! Have a trip planned that you need a passport for? Call the library; we provide passport photos and assist with your application! Needing to earn your Astrology Badge for Girl Scouts? Call the library and reserve a telescope! Job searching? Check out one

of our data-enabled Chromebooks to take home and build a resume for free through our website! Want to learn a new language? Your library has resources for that! It's also a wonderful place to meet new people and make friends! This is just the tip of the iceberg of what the library can do for you!

What is your favorite part of the job? Why?

There are so many amazing parts to this job it's hard to choose! I really enjoy planning fun programs and, of course, seeing my amazing coworkers, but I'd have to say my most favorite part of this job is the connections I've made with families, teachers, and the youth of our community. To see the recognition on a young patron's face when out and about is just priceless! "I know you, you're the library lady!"

What upcoming program are you most excited about and why?

I'm hosting a Family Movie Night on Friday, September 29— I'm so excited for (it)! I will be showing a favorite childhood classic of mine: *The Sandlot*! We will have popcorn and some baseball-themed fun. My last Family Movie Night was a huge success, so I'm very much looking forward to this one!

What are you currently reading or what are you reading next?

I just finished reading the book "The Bees" by Laline Paull. I discovered this book by using our Library's online resource, Ebscohost, for finding book "read-a-likes." "Watership Down" by Richard Adams is my all-time favorite story, and this book was recommended to be similar. This story is about life on the inside of a bee hive told from a bee's perspective. The main character, Flora, is on the lowest level of the hierarchy in the hive, but her curiosity and talents lead her to bigger and better things. . . until she threatens the fertility of the hive's Queen. This is a very detailed, ominous story, and I will never look at bees the same way again!

Any hobbies or interests outside the library?

Aside from reading, I am a huge fan of Horror Movies, playing video games (Hogwarts Legacy was amazing!), watching my two daughters play sports, spending time outside with my family, and cuddling with my two cats named Baby and Johnny and my two dogs named Rocky and Hagrid.

Is there anything else you want people to know about you, your job, or your library branch?

Just that if you haven't been to our library branch in a long time, stop by! You'd be amazed at how the library has evolved; there is something here for everyone! As the children's programmer, I offer a variety of free programs for kids and teens monthly, so keep an eye on our event calendar!



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Our patron and member of Daughters of the American Revolution— Valley of the Meramec Chapter, Katherine Kratky, set up this beautiful display at Pacific Branch in observation of Constitution Day and Citizenship Day in September.



A blast was had by all at Wright City's Pokémon Bingo! A big THANK YOU to everyone who came!



Patrons at the Union branch sewed waist aprons. Some wonderful comments said during the program: "I feel accomplished" and another ; "My Mother will be so proud."

Library Sponsors Book Buddy Program

Scenic Regional Library has donated \$525 to Book Buddy, a Community Literacy Foundation program. Each month, Book Buddy distributes 110 books to 39 schools and public libraries. The program has been ongoing for 21 years and was formerly known as Book Buzz.

Each school and public library participating in the program receives three new hardcover books per month. Dawn Kitchell, owner of Neighborhood Reads, and Chris Stuckenschneider, Book Buddy Coordinator, choose the books.

The program is funded by many sponsors throughout the county. "We can't thank our sponsors enough for their support. They reach deep to provide funds that enable us to purchase quality books for students," said Stuckenschneider. The sponsors include businesses, individuals, and service organizations.

"This grassroots program owns our hearts. It's a benevolent project that proves the inherent goodness of those who care and give so much to area students. The Community Literacy Foundation appreciates the trust our sponsors have in us as we endeavor to bring great books to young readers " Stuckenschneider added.

For more information regarding the Community Literacy Foundation and Book Buddy, visit communityliteracyfoundation.org.



Wright City Branch Hosts Diapers and Wipes Drive



Throughout September, the Wright City branch of Scenic Regional Library will be collecting diapers and wipes for the Wright City Parents as Teachers Missouri Curriculum Partner. Wright City Parents as Teachers promotes optimal early development, learning, and health of young children by supporting and engaging their parents and caregivers. The program starts from birth and goes to school entry.

The organization offers free personalized home visits for families, and parents value this resource for the information on activities that encourage their child's development.

A collection box for the diapers and wipes will be located inside the entry way of the Wright City Branch.

Big Machines at ECC

The Union branch of Scenic Regional Library and East Central College will hold their annual Big Machines program on Saturday, September 23, from 10am to noon.

The event will be held in the lower parking lot at East Central College and will feature a variety of large vehicles and equipment from different companies and organizations, including First Student, the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, the Union Ambulance District, KFAV, and more. No registration is required for this program.

Big Machines

**Saturday
September 23
10am - 12pm**

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Have you heard about 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten? Studies have shown that reading with your child provides a great opportunity for bonding. 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 your child on the right track and will create life-long memories for both of you.

The program is simple— either pick out books at home or at the library, then start reading to your pre-kindergarten-age child and keep track! Storytime books and participating in the Summer Reading Program also count toward their total! After completing the program, your child will receive a color-your-own book bag to decorate and will be featured in the library's newsletter and social media pages. To get started, visit scenicregional.org/kids/1000-books-before-kindergarten, or contact your local branch.

These awesome kids recently completed the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program! They each received their own book bag to decorate. Congratulations, everyone!

CONGRATULATIONS!



For more information about 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, or to register your child, visit www.scenicregional.org/kids/1000-books-before-kindergarten.



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Lila and Mira



Elly



Ansel



Evelyn and Saverio



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			
<input type="checkbox"/> Wright City Branch			
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, 2023 – September 30, 2024 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			
STREET ADDRESS		CITY	
STATE		ZIP CODE	
PHONE NUMBER		EMAIL ADDRESS	
If this membership is a gift for someone else, please provide your information:			
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BRANCH AFFILIATION (Please select one)		LEVEL OF MEMBERSHIP	
Friends of the Hermann Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Bronze – \$10 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Friends of the New Haven Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Silver – \$25 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Friends of the Owensville Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Ruby – \$50 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Friends of the Pacific Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Gold – \$100 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Friends of the St. Clair Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Platinum – \$250 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Friends of the Sullivan Branch <input type="checkbox"/>		Diamond* – \$500 <input type="checkbox"/>	
Friends of the Union Branch <input type="checkbox"/>			
Friends of the Warrenton Branch <input type="checkbox"/>			
Friends of the Wright City Branch <input type="checkbox"/>			
		*Lifetime Membership	
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP? (Select all which apply)		Office Use Only	
Volunteer at the Fall Book Sale <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> New Application	
Volunteer at the Spring Book Sale <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	
Volunteer at other events <input type="checkbox"/>		Date Received:	
Volunteer at my local branch <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cash	
Serve on the local Friends of the Library's <input type="checkbox"/>		Amount Received:	
Governing and Planning Committee <input type="checkbox"/>			

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