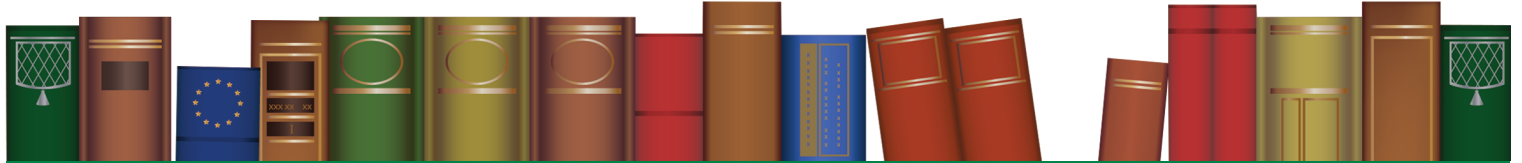




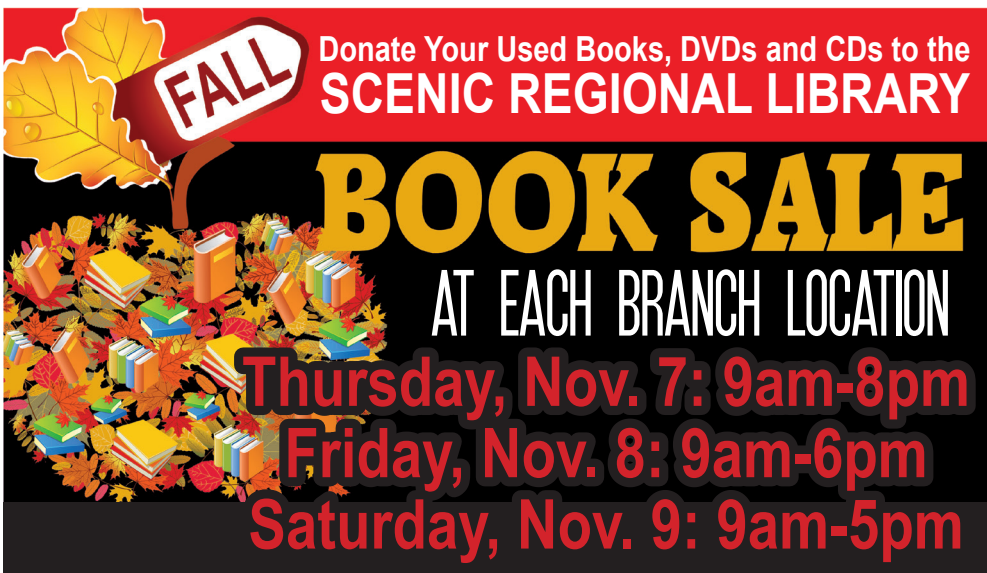
# THE Scenic Regional Library NEWSLETTER

*read, explore, grow*



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## Mark Your Calendars for the Fall Book Sale



Donate Your Used Books, DVDs and CDs to the  
**SCENIC REGIONAL LIBRARY**

# BOOK SALE

AT EACH BRANCH LOCATION

**Thursday, Nov. 7: 9am-8pm**  
**Friday, Nov. 8: 9am-6pm**  
**Saturday, Nov. 9: 9am-5pm**

Mark your calendars! Scenic Regional Library's fall book sale is back! From Thursday, November 7 to Saturday, November 9, join us at all nine locations and shop thousands of adult and children's books, CDs, and audiobooks. Call your local branch to schedule a time to volunteer. Book sale volunteers earn a \$5 voucher for free sale books for each hour they help. A special preview for Friends of the Library members will be on Wednesday, November 6, from 5 pm to 6 pm. All Friends of the Library members receive a 10% discount at the book sale and may attend the preview event.

## Library Accepting Board Game Donations



Do you have unused board games? The library is collecting donations of like-new board games with no missing pieces. The donations will be used as part of the library's new game collection, which will be available for check-out this Fall. Watch for more information about board game circulation in future newsletter editions.

## Cornhole Games Now Available for Checkout



Do you have a get-together coming up and need an activity? The library is now circulating cornhole sets! There are four sets available for checkout. Patrons must be 18 years or older to check

out cornhole and can keep it for two weeks, with one renewal available. There is a \$5-a-day fine if overdue. To reserve a cornhole set, visit [bit.ly/3Mx8mgj](http://bit.ly/3Mx8mgj), or call your local branch.



**All branches of Scenic Regional Library will be closed Monday October 14 for Staff Development Day & Columbus Day**



*Ahoy matey! Having fun with the rigamajig building set in Warrenton.*



*Patrons made cell phone holders with the mobile sewing lab at the Union branch.*



*Kids learning to knit during STEAM Station at the Hermann branch.*

## ALIVE Tech Drive at Franklin County Branches



### Accepted Donations:

- Phones
- Tablets
- Laptops
- Smart Watches
- Gaming Consoles
- Cameras

Throughout September, ALIVE will hold a Tech for Tech drive at the Franklin County branches of Scenic Regional Library. ALIVE is collecting old technology donations that can be turned into funds for services for survivors of domestic violence. Examples of donations include phones, tablets, laptops, smart watches, gaming consoles, and cameras. All data will be wiped. Cracked screens and chargers are not needed. iCloud locked iPads are not accepted. Please turn off iCloud lock prior.

ALIVE's mission is to provide counseling, emergency sanctuary and other critical services to adults and children impacted by domestic abuse, as well as to increase awareness in order to create a supportive community.

Donation boxes will be set up in the entryways of the library's Franklin County branches in New Haven, Pacific, St. Clair, Sullivan, and Union. For more information, contact Karen Damiano at [kmdamiano@alivestl.org](mailto:kmdamiano@alivestl.org).

## 4-H Fall Festival

The Franklin County MU Extension will host a Fall Festival 4-H Open House



# Extension

*University of Missouri*

Event on October 11 from 6 to 7:30 PM. The festival will feature project booths, games, snacks, and a petting zoo. All children ages 5 to 13 are welcome to attend. The event will be held at the Franklin County Family Resource Center Gym at 500 Clark Avenue in Union.

## 1000 BOOKS Before Kindergarten

*Congratulations to Union patron Aria for completing 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten! As a prize for finishing, she received her own book bag, which she gets to decorate.*







## September Anniversaries

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



Cindi, Library Assistant  
Sullivan Branch



Ann, Library Assistant  
Wright City Branch



Summer Reading Program prizes continue to be picked up. Here is an adult winner in New Haven.



Puzzle Races in Owensville.



Rachel O'Halloran from MU Extension came to the Pacific branch to give a presentation detailing the methods used to dehydrate foods.

## Last Month's Most Popular Titles

**1st** – *Stillwater Girls* by Minka Kent - Two sisters raised in fear are about to find out why in a chilling novel of psychological suspense from the author of *The Thinnest Air*.

Genres: Thriller, Mystery, Fiction

**2nd (tied)** – *The Exchange: After the Firm* by John Grisham - John Grisham delivers high-flying international suspense in a stunning new legal thriller that marks the return of Mitch McDeere, the brilliant hero of *The Firm*. Genres: Thriller, Mystery, Fiction

**2nd (tied)** – *It Starts With Us* by Colleen Hoover - Before *It Ends with Us*, it started with *Atlas*. Colleen Hoover tells fan favorite *Atlas's* side of the story and shares what comes next in this long-anticipated sequel to *It Ends with Us*. Genres: Romance, Contemporary, Fiction

**3rd** – *Fourth Wing* by Rebecca Yarros - Enter the brutal and elite world of a war college for dragon riders. Genres: Dragons, Fiction, Fantasy Romance.





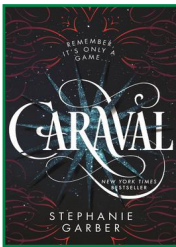
## Staff Picks



### "Familyhood" by Paul Reiser

I found this book at our Spring Book Sale and thoroughly enjoyed it. The title intrigued me, and I have always loved this comedian/actor. If you have kiddos, I suggest reading it! It was heartfelt, magical, and just plain funny! Parenting can be pretty dang hard some days, other days, it is pretty wonderful-and I have felt a lot of the emotions in the stories the author described: watching your beloved dog get older and slowing down (this chapter was titled My Dog's Father!), living in the moment...yet still wanting to capture everything digitally so you can look back, embarrassing your kids, struggling with choosing the best school for your kids, juggling having a relationship with your friends while being too impossibly busy to do so. Parts of the book brought me to tears, and still others made me laugh out loud. Also by Paul Reiser: "Couplehood" and "Babyhood".

-Review by Amanda, Administration

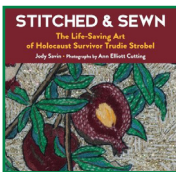


### "Caraval" by Stephanie Garber

"Come one, come all!"... this is the feeling behind the book "Caraval" by Stephanie Garber. She mixes fantasy and romance to create this sweeping YA novel you're sure to love! It all begins with magic- every year, in a faraway place, Legend, a legendary carnival master, invites a select group to come and play his Caraval game for a chance to win the prize: a granted wish. Every year, Scarlett Dragna hopes to be chosen. This year, she finally is and is accompanied by her sister and her sister's most recent beau... one whose dark eyes seem to look at Scarlett more than her sister. However, once her sister disappears upon arrival and her beau is always suspiciously in the wrong place at the wrong time, Scarlett wonders if there is more to the story this year than what meets the eye. After all, is it just a game?

The book "Caraval" drew me in from the very first page. It is the perfect mix of chaotic-carnival and fantasy-romance. Frankly, I found that once I picked it up, I simply couldn't put it down! I was dying to know: *Who would win Caraval? Whose wish would be granted? And WHO is Legend?* It twists and turns, magic seeping through, and leaves you wondering: is everything as it appears to be? Or could it all be more magical than it originally seems?

-Review by Genevieve, Sullivan



### "Stitched & Sewn: The Life-Saving Art of Holocaust Survivor Trudie Strobel" by Jody Savin, photographs by Ann Elliott Cutting

This beautiful biography tells the true story of Holocaust survivor Trudie Strobel. In 1941, four-year-old Trudie and her mother, Masha, were seized from their home, in Russia, by the Nazis. Trudie's father had been taken three years earlier and had never been seen again. Trudie and her mother were driven north to Poland along with other Jews to experience the horror of concentration camps and labor camps.

The biography tells of the hardships the two experienced and of the one skill which saved them. Masha was an extraordinary seamstress and her sewing skills were sought out by the Nazi soldiers and others. Trudie was taught to assist Masha, and together, they survived in a labor camp until they were liberated in 1945, before Trudie's seventh birthday.

Trudie and Masha eventually came to America. They lived in Chicago where Trudie met Hans Strobel. They were married and raised two sons. When Trudie's sons were in their twenties and had moved out, Trudie experienced a dark period. She stopped functioning. She couldn't eat. She couldn't sleep. She didn't know where she was. This went on for several months before her husband, Hans, found a psychiatrist for her. Trudie was able to regain her life by using her sewing skills to tell her story and the story of the Jewish people.

The book "Stitched & Sewn" showcases some of Trudie's works which are now in public and private collections. Trudie has created extraordinary tapestries showing moments in Jewish time, distinguished Jewish women of achievement, the four seasons, and various Jewish holidays spent with her family. She hand-crafted 11 dolls dressed in costumes Jews were forced to wear to identify them as targets for discrimination. She has stitched yarmulkes for friends, family, and synagogues. She has crafted many more works to tell her story and the story of the Jewish people.

This is a wonderful testament to a courageous woman and people. It is well worth the short time it takes to read.

-Review by Marilee, St. Clair





## Staff Picks



### **"The Wishkeeper's Apprentice" by Rachel Chivers Khoo**

Felix is just a kid. A part of an average family living in a small average town. But Felix is no ordinary kid. He has problems. The kind that can't be fixed with a hug or an extra helping of chocolate cake. Felix is the new kid. And to make matters worse, his best friend, his big sister, has started treating him like something she found under her sneaker.

Felix's problems seem almost unsolvable. Until one day, after a particularly drippy and disappointing soccer practice, Felix makes a wish. A big wish that will lead young Felix on an adventure. One that not only helps him find the answers to all these questions but the answers to so much more than he could possibly imagine. Felix finds out he is no average kid and his life is anything but ordinary.

I loved "The Wishkeeper's Apprentice" by the new author, Rachel Chivers Khoo. I found it as warm and as sweet as hot chocolate on a cold rainy afternoon. The writing transports you into a magical world from the first page, setting the tone for the whole book. The perfect read-aloud for kids or world-weary adults.

**-Review by Danae, Union**

## Owensville StoryWalk™ Now Open



The Owensville Memorial Park is officially home to a StoryWalk™, which consists of 16 signs placed along the walking trail. The ribbon cutting for the new feature of the park took place on August 19. The event featured speeches by Mayor Kevin McFadden, Parks Director Angela Lairmore, and Owensville branch manager Erica Mosley. The StoryWalk™ is a joint effort between the Owensville Friends of the Library and the Owensville Parks Department, with each contributing 50% of

the funding for the project.

The first story is *The Napping House* by Audrey Wood. 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. StoryWalk™ Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition (VBPC) and the Kellogg Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® exists across the U.S. and worldwide in 13 countries including Germany, Canada, England, Bermuda, Russia, Malaysia, Pakistan and South Korea!

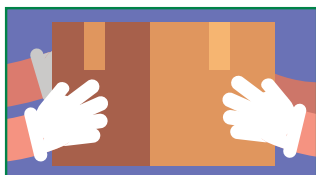


*Kids in Pacific got to search the entire community, including the library, for rubber ducks, thanks to the Pacific Police Department.*



*Grave cleaning in 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.



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## SCENIC SAYS!

Autumn is right around the corner!  
What is your favorite fall activity?

Who is your favorite author and why?

What is your favorite item in our Library of Things?

**Leah**  
Library Assistant,  
Union



"My favorite thing to do in autumn is curling up on the couch with a cozy blanket, a good book, and a hot cup of coffee!"

"Francine Rivers, hands down. Her books have changed me as a person and my outlook on life in general. With wonderful stories and unforgettable characters, she will always be my favorite author."

"I love Tonieboxes! There's nothing sweeter than seeing a kid's face light up at the front desk when they get to take some of their favorite characters home."

**Casie**  
Children's Programmer,  
New Haven



"I'm a sucker for all things FALL! And my favorites are the basics: bonfires, sunflower fields, apple picking, and of course, PUMPKIN PICKING!"

"I can't speak for all of her works, but the "Rockton" series by Kelly Armstrong is incredible writing. The world building, character development, humor and plots are all top-notch and had me hooked from the beginning!"

"I love our cake pans! I tell everyone about them all the time. People buy these pans for one-time use for a special occasion and then it sits forever. Being able to check one out through the library for a single use is such a unique resource we offer!"

**Lori Jane**  
Branch Manager,  
Pacific



"Football! I love watching my KC Chiefs!"

"There are too many to name, but Max Lucado is one of them."

"I love the telescope!"

**Mindy**  
Children's Programmer,  
St. Clair



"I LOOOOVVEEEE Fall! I love decorating and then watching ALL the scary movies!!!"

"Stephen King, I just love how his stories all connect in one way or another. Such an imagination, I don't know how he does it, but I'm here for it!"

"I've utilized the hotspots a handful of times. It's very helpful, as we live outside of high speed internet."





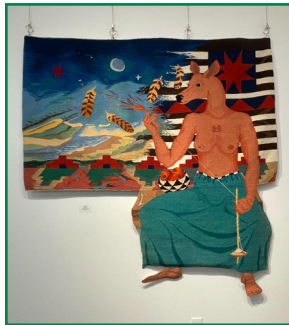
## Gallery at The Library Presents Awards at Reception

The Gallery at the Library, located in the Hermann branch of Scenic Regional Library, held the reception for its newest exhibit, "Fiber Connections: Missouri Fiber Artist (MOFA)," which features work from fiber artists all over Missouri. During the reception, awards were presented to artists who participated in the show for various categories, including "Best of Show," "Best Technique," "Most Expressiveness of Color," and more.

The Fiber Connections exhibit will run until October 18. The Gallery at the Library is free and open to the public, and all artwork is for sale. The exhibit is sponsored by Peoples Savings Bank.



**Best of Show**  
"Elderberry"  
by Kammy Downs



**Best Technique**  
"Spinster"  
by Janet Moore



**Best Surface Design**  
"Weirfesteria"  
by Stacey Heydt



**Most Expressiveness of Color**  
"Peacock with Slow Stitch"  
by Rhonda Schrum



**Honorable Mention**  
"Measure of the Year"  
by Jennifer Wax



**Honorable Mention**  
"Reflections"  
by Joyelle Proot



Kids having fun in storytime at the St. Clair branch.



Cherry and Jerry performing at the Sullivan branch.



Kids and Teens had a Nerf War in the St. Clair 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 1 1/2" book – \$150
- 10" x 2" book – \$250
- 9" x 3" book – \$350

Visit [www.scenicregional.org/foundation/](http://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	
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<b>BRANCH AFFILIATION</b> (Please select one)	<b>LEVEL OF MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>MEMBERSHIP GIFTS</b>	
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.	<u>Gold:</u> 21oz. metal water bottle	
		<u>Platinum:</u> 20-can cooler backpack	
		<u>Diamond:</u> \$150 donor wall book	
<b>WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?</b> (Select all which apply)		<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>	
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:	

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