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The Optimist Club of Wentzville-Lake Saint Louis has partnered with Lindenwood University to dedicate a new Lending Library at the Lindenwood University Ice Arena.

The library dedication took place at the Lindenwood University Ice Arena at 910 Main Plaza Drive in Wentzville, Mo., at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 21, 2018. In attendance were Liz MacDonald, dean of library services for Lindenwood University; Wentzville Mayor Nick Guccione; Wentzville Alderman Elect Michael Hayes, Ward 3; and Cyndy Schwab, Eastern Missouri Zone 6 Lt. governor from Optimist International.

The lending library provides gently used books for loan within the community. As the books are finished, they may be exchanged, and community members may donate books to the library. The Wentzville-Lake St. Louis Optimist Club will maintain the library to ensure it remains in good order and has books available. Materials for the construction of the Lending Libraries were donated by Lowes and Home Depot of Wentzville, Mo.

“The Optimist Club of Wentzville-Lake Saint Louis is very proud to partner with Lindenwood University for the dedication of this community lending library,” Club Secretary/Treasurer Dianne Ohlms said, “but most importantly, our club is proud to serve the children of our community because of this project.”

The Wentzville-Lake Saint Louis Optimist Club has been supporting the youth of Wentzville and Lake Saint Louis since May of 2017. Other programs and service projects the club provides include Holt Cross Country Turkey Trot, Kid's Craft Day at Schnucks in Wentzville, and scholarships for students in the Wentzville School District. For more information on the Wentzville-Lake Saint Louis Optimist Club at <https://optimistwsls.wixsite.com/wsls30562>.

Optimist International is one of the world's largest service club organizations with over 80,000 adult and youth members in almost 3,000 clubs in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, and Mexico and throughout the world. Carrying the motto "Bringing Out the Best in Youth, in our Communities, and in Ourselves," Optimists conduct positive service projects that reach more than six million young people each year. To learn more about Optimist International, call (314) 371-6000 or visit the organization's website at www.optimist.org.

Photo cutline: (from left) Ed Jurotich, Wentzville-Lake Saint Louis Optimist Club president elect; Dianne Ohlms, club secretary/treasurer; Cecil Raymer, master builder; Debbie Raymer, club historian; Cyndy Schwab, Eastern Missouri Optimist Zone 6 Lt. Gov.; Michael Hayes, Wentzville Ward 3 alderman elect; Nick Guccione, mayor of Wentzville; and Liz MacDonald, Lindenwood University dean of library services.