

April 2025

Dunklin County Library

Jo Nell Minton, Library Director



Locations

Campbell, 404 W. Grand
573-246-2112

Cardwell, 113 N. Main
573-654-3366

Clarkton, 205 W Hwy 162
573-448-3803

Holcomb, 105 W Main St
573-792-3268

Hornersville, 502 School
573-737-2728

Kennett, 209 N. Main
573-888-3561

Malden, 1203 Stokelan
573-276-3674

Senath, 108 N. Main
573-738-2363

April Activities

Tuesday, April 8 & 22—**The Write Club** at 4 pm in Kennett

Thursday, April 10 & 24—**Bootheel Writers** at 4 pm

Tuesday, April 15—**Grow-N-Go** at 4 pm in Kennett

Tuesday, April 22—**Earth Day**

Thursday, April 24—**Story Time** at 4 pm in Malden & Senath

Tuesday, April 29—**Story Time** in Kennett at 6 pm

Tuesday, April 29—**Ennis Book Discussion** at 7 pm

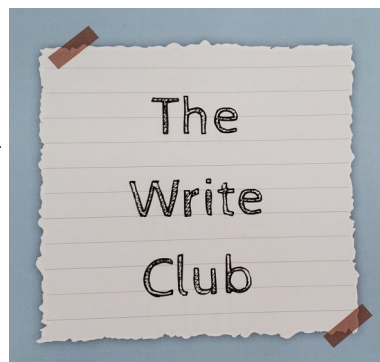
Wednesday, April 30—**Story Time** at 4 pm in Campbell

Creative Writing at the Dunklin County Library

Encouraging adults and young adults to write creatively are new activities at the Dunklin County Library. A main goal of the two writing projects is an enriching and extremely fun experience at the library.

Bootheel Writers is an adult creative writing group held twice monthly at the Kennett headquarters of the Dunklin County Library. This writing group has dynamic leadership to provide suggestions, publication hints, and encouragement. Carol Fisher and John Fisher, both published authors, navigate writers through exercises and conversation to inspire the creative product to print. Through the previous weeks, participants have written poems, personal memoirs, and historical details.

The Write Club is a 9-week teen creative writing group



that will be held every other week in Kennett. This group begins on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 4 pm. Encouraging young people to write and use various techniques, Library Assistant Director Julie Orf will guide exercises through detailed processes, games, and activities for a written product. Area teachers are welcome to share this workshop information with their students and to assist in the activities. Most importantly, young writers hopefully will have a memorable experience and continue the writing process after the program concludes.

The writing experience in a library, being surrounded by stories, seems like a natural combination. Interested individuals are encouraged to call the Kennett headquarters at 573-888-3561 and sign up for either writing group.

Story Time Grows in April

Anywhere Farm by Phyllis Root will be the focus of April Story Time at the Dunklin County Library.

A farm doesn't have to mean a big field far away in the country. You can plant a farm anywhere you like! In a can or in a cup, a bucket or a shoe, on a window or a balcony, or even in an empty lot. You can turn almost anything anywhere into a home for green growing things

Children will listen to this entertaining story. Crafts and games will highlight this fun hour about gardening! Plus, children will take home a plant

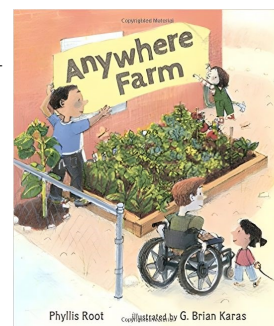
to water and to tend.

Story Time will be held:

Malden & Senath—
04/24/25 at 4 pm

Kennett—
04/29/25 at 6 pm

Campbell—
04/30/25 at 4 pm



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Grow-N-Go

The Dunklin County Library is thrilled to announce the launch of "Grow-N-Go," a free workshop to plant seeds and take home. Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 4 pm in Kennett.

This activity offers patrons access to seeds, including vegetables, herbs, and flowers, fostering a culture of sharing, sustainability, and local food production.

"Grow-N-Go is more than just seeds; it's about growing together," says Library Director Jo Nell Minton. "We're providing seeds tailored to our region's unique growing conditions, ensuring everyone, from beginner to expert, can experience the joy of gardening."

Register for this activity at 573-888-3561 in order to make certain that supplies are available.

Get Your Hands Dirty!

Gardening is a fantastic way to connect with nature, develop valuable skills, and enjoy the fruits (and vegetables!) of their labor.



Ennis Book Discussion on April Evening!

The April date for the Ennis Book Discussion will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 7 pm. This month's book is The Secret Book of Flora Lea by Patti Callahan Henry.

In the war-torn London of 1939, fourteen-year-old Hazel and five-year-old Flora are evacuated to a rural village to escape the horrors of the Second World War. Living with the kind Bridie Aberdeen and her teenage son, Harry, in a charming stone cottage along the River Thames, Hazel fills their days with walks, stories, and games to distract her young sister. One story is for her sister alone about a magical land.

The unthinkable happens when young Flora suddenly vanishes while playing near the banks of the river. Hazel blames herself for her sister's disappearance, and she carries that guilt into adulthood as a private burden she feels she deserves.

Twenty years later, Hazel is in London, ready to move on from her job at a cozy rare bookstore to a career at Sotheby's. Her tidy

life is turned upside down when she unwraps a package containing an illustrated book called *Whisperwood and the River of Stars*. Hazel never told a soul about the imaginary world she created just for Flora. Could this book hold the secrets to Flora's disappearance? Could it be a sign that her beloved sister is still alive after all these years?

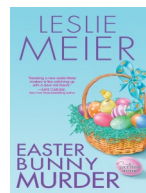
Ennis Book Discussion is open to all interested readers. A love of books and good conversation is required. Call 888-3561 to add your name to the Ennis Book Discussion list. Books and audiobook are available in Kennett.



NOVELS WITH NO WAITING ON LIBBY

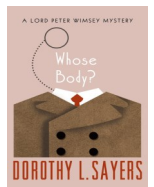
Avoid the wait for trending books! The Dunklin County Library has 'skip-the-line' options available now. The following books will be available through the end of April with no waiting on Libby!

Leslie Meier's *Easter Bunny Murder* is a fun-to-read cozy mystery. Easter turns deadly in Maine, and Lucy Stone investigates a murder at a rich estate, suspecting family betrayal.

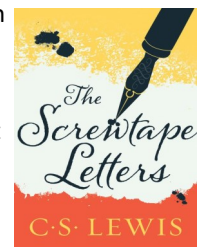


Published in 1923, *Whose Body?* By Dorothy L. Sayers stands the test of time as a thrilling mystery. Lord Peter Wimsey, a traumatized war veteran turned amateur detective, investigates the mysterious death of a body found after a financier's

disappearance. He suspects a deeper conspiracy involving prominent citizens. Teaming up with Inspector Charles Parker, he unravels a complex murder plot.



C.S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters* uses a series of letters from a senior demon to his nephew to explore human nature. Through this devilish perspective, the book offers a witty look at the subtle ways humans are tempted.



If you do not have a Libby account, stop at your nearest Dunklin County Library and sign up for this free ebook service.