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- ♦ 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



Events

Wednesday, January 1: All library locations closed for New Year's Day!

Monday, January 20: All library locations closed for MLK Jr Day!

Thursday, January 23 at 4 pm in Kennett: Bootheel Writers Workshop

Tuesday, January 28 at 6 pm in Kennett: Story Time

Tuesday, January 28 at 7 pm in Kennett: Ennis Book Discussion

Wednesday, January 29 at 4 pm in Campbell: Story Time

Thursday, January 30 at 4 pm in Malden & Senath: Story Time

Dunklin County Library

January 2025

Jo Nell Minton, Director

Bootheel Writers Meeting

Do you have bits of scribbles stuck in a drawer? Do you have a storyline to which you keep adding action? Maybe you even have a notebook full of anecdotes from your childhood! If you are seeking support for a writing journey, please join Bootheel Writers.

Bootheel Writers is a writing group with a dynamic leadership to provide suggestions, publication hints, and encouragement. Carol Fisher and John Fisher, both published authors, will navigate writers through exercises and conversation to inspire the creative product to print.

The initial meeting will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 4 pm in the balcony area of the Dunklin County Library headquarters in Kennett. If you wish to attend, please call Julie at 573-888-3561 to register for this event. Writers should bring a notebook, pen or pencils, questions, ideas, and enthusiasm.

Carol Fisher is a retired English teacher who signed her first publishing contract a year before retiring. After retiring, she moved forward as a full

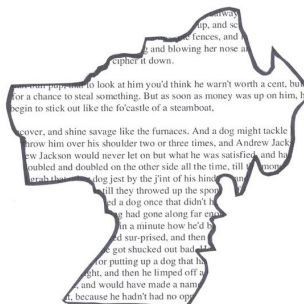
time freelance writer. *The American Cookbook: A History* explores the cookbook genre from 1796 until modern times. The first American cookbook was

"written" by a cook who could not read or write. After farming for more than thirty years in southeast Missouri, John C. Fisher began freelance writing in 1995. For several years, he wrote a column for

Missouri Life magazine. In 2003, the University of Missouri Press published Fisher's first book, *Catfish, Fiddles, Mules, and More: Missouri's State Symbols*. Another book, *Pot Roast, Politics, and Ants in the Pantry: Missouri's Cookbook Heritage*, followed in 2008, also with the University of Missouri Press. Fisher co-authored this book with his wife and writing partner, Carol Fisher. In 2011, McFarland published a third book, *Food in the American Military: A History*, also co-authored with Carol.

This volume won first place in the Missouri Writer's Guild Walter Williams Major Work award competition. Fisher's fourth book is *Southeast Missouri from Swampland to Farmland: The Transformation of the Lowlands*, and it is considered a valuable history of this bootheel region.

Future dates will be added at this first meeting.



Bootheel Writers

Renew and Reserve Books from Anywhere

With an internet connection anywhere, you can manage your Dunklin County Library account. You may renew your books one time, reserve books, and see your reading history and your fines.

The first step to using the DCL system is creating a username and password in the library. You may visit any library location to do this. Once this is set, access the library webpage at <dunklin-co.lib.mo.us>. You will find a hyperlink in the center of the webpage to access the online catalog. In the upper right corner of the webpage, an account box should be visible for username and password created at the library.

You will see a blue box "My Items" that opens a larger box to manage your library account. If you have "Items Out", you may check the box next to each item and then use the "Renew" box.

The "Reserves" tab is another important feature of the DCL system. Your reserves are easily visible, but making a book reservation is also simple. While looking in the catalog of books, you may discover a book for checkout. By either using a cursor or a touchscreen to select the book title, another tab will open. At this point, you may save the title to "My List" or "Reserve" the book. If reserving the title, you will select reserve and then you will confirm the location for pick up. Once this is done, you will be notified by a librarian when the book is ready or you may check your online account.

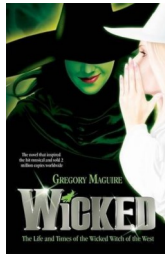
If you prefer to have an app on your phone, tablet, or computer, look for "Librista" and follow the instructions for locating your Dunklin County Library to enter your username and password for account management from this app. If you have questions, please call Julie at 573-888-3561.



Ennis Book Discussion for January

Join the discussion on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at 7 pm in the Kennett Headquarters reading room about *Wicked* by Gregory Macguire.

Years before Dorothy and her dog crash-land, another little girl makes her presence known in Oz. This girl, Elphaba, is born with emerald-green skin—no easy burden in a land as mean and poor as Oz, where superstition and magic are not strong enough to explain or overcome the natural disasters of flood and famine. Still, Elphaba is smart, and by the time she enters Shiz University, she becomes a member of a charmed circle of Oz's most promising young citizens.



But Elphaba's Oz is no utopia. The Wizard's secret police are everywhere. Animals, creatures with voices, souls, and minds, are threatened with exile. Young Elphaba, green, wild and misunderstood, is determined to protect the Animals even if it means combating the mysterious Wizard, even if it means risking her single chance at romance. Ever wiser in guilt and sorrow, she can find herself grateful when the world declares her a witch. She can even make herself glad for that young girl from Kansas.

Copies will be available at the front counter in Kennett, and this selection is available on the Libby app as an audiobook & ebook! Call 573-888-3561 to join the discussion! This activity is for adults ages 18 and over.



Most Checkouts of 2024

As we say goodbye to 2024, the Dunklin County Library is bringing you the most checked out books of the year. The librarians at each location in the county work diligently to put the books you want to read in your hands. Here are the books Dunklin County Library patrons have checked out most in 2024.

A wealthy businessman approaches Jack Morgan, head of Private, the world's largest investigation agency, with a desperate plea to track down his daughter and two grandchildren. At first, this seems to be a simple missing persons case but soon escalates into something much more deadly. *Missing Persons* by James Patterson is the first novel in a new series entitled, Private, and it was the fifth most checked out book of 2024.

Fragile Designs by Colleen Coble has engaging characters and a driving plot to make this the fourth most checked out book of 2024. Carly Harris is trying to adjust to life as a single mom after the unsolved murder of her husband. Carly discovers generational secrets in the attic including a treasure possibly worth millions of dollars in her grandmother's home. She asks her neighbor, Lucas, for help. They try to solve the mysteries uncovered in the attic, and they must deal with long-buried issues in their own families.

The third novel on the DCL checkout list of the year is *The Housemaid* by Frieda McFadden, and it is an intense page-turner with well-developed characters. Millie starts a new job as a housemaid for Nina and Andy Winchester, not knowing that her new start means working for a family with more dangerous secrets than her own. One day Millie tries on one of Nina's pristine dresses, wondering what it must be like to live a life like Nina's but when she is discovered she realizes her bedroom in the attic only locks from the outside. She reassures herself that the Winchesters have no idea who she really is or what she's capable of.

A thriller about an American covert assassin named Will Robie who always gets the job done is the second most checked out book of 2024. However, Will may have made his first and quite possibly his last mistake in his most recent job. His assignment is near Washington D.C. but something isn't right. He refuses to kill and now he may be the target. David Baldacci's *The Innocent* is a fast-paced, twisty novel that will have you searching for more novels by this author.

The Women by Kristen Hannah is the most checked out book for 2024. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, twenty-year-old nursing student Frances "Frankie" McGrath, impulsively joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path. As green and inexperienced as the men sent to Vietnam to fight, Frankie is overwhelmed by the chaos and destruction of war. Each day is a gamble of life and death, hope and betrayal; friendships run deep and can be shattered in an instant. The real battle lies in coming home to a changed and divided America.



January Story Time

January 2025 Story Time will feature the Katy Hudson's children's book entitled, *A Long Winter's Nap*. Every year Tortoise sleeps through winter. He assumes he isn't missing much. However, his friends are determined to prove otherwise! Will Tortoise sleep through another winter, or will his friends convince him to stay awake and experience the frosty fun of winter? This charming picture book will convince even the biggest winter grouch that winter can be magical if you have friends by your side.

Story Time will be Tuesday, January 28, 2025, in Kennett at 6 pm; Wednesday, January 29, 2025, in Campbell at 4 pm; and Thursday, January 30, 2023, at 4 pm in Malden and Senath. Games, activities, giggles, and a great story! Simple fun for a cold January day!

