



## 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

## Activities

Thursday, January 1, 2026—  
**Closed for New Year's Day**

**Bootheel Writers:** Thursday,  
January 8 & 22 at 4 pm in Kennett

**Game Night:** Thursday, January 15  
& 29 at 4 pm in Kennett

Monday, January 19, 2026—  
**Closed for MLK Jr Day**

**Story Time:** *Stone Soup* by  
Heather Forest  
—Tuesday, January 27 at 6 pm in  
Kennett  
—Wednesday, January 28 at 4 pm in  
Campbell  
—Thursday, January 29 at 4 pm in  
Malden & Senath

**Ennis Book Discussion:**  
*The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters  
on Tuesday, January 27 at 7 pm in  
Kennett



Libraries will be  
closed Monday,  
January 19, 2026.

# Dunklin County Library

January 2026

Jo Nell Minton, Director

## Instant Borrowing on Libby App

If part of your New Year's resolution is to read more books, the Dunklin County Library has a few choices that may be appealing. Borrow one or all instantly on the Libby app! Visit your nearest DCL to sign up for the Libby app if you are not using it yet! These books will be available through January!

*A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II* by Sonia Purnell is a thrilling account of Virginia Hall who was a masterful American spy. Adult Nonfiction.

*Robert B. Parker's Stone's Throw*—A Jesse Stone Novel by Mike Lupica where the town of Paradise is rocked by the mayor's untimely death. Adult Fiction.

*The Water Keeper* by Charles Martin is a novel about heroism, heartache, and the power of love to heal all wounds. Adult Fiction.

*The Beach House* is Rachel Hanna's story about Julie and her life falling apart overnight, the Lowcountry is the place for second chances and new beginnings. Adult Fiction.

*All the Right Reasons* by Bethany Mangle is a humorous romance about a girl who joins her mother on a reality dating show for single parents. 8th grade +

Michelle Dalton's *Fifteenth Summer* has a teen unexpectedly finding romance during a summer vacation at a lake town. 8th grade +

*Travel Team* by Mike Lupica is the story of the boy with heart to play basketball but not necessarily the height. For grade 4th to 8th

*No Better Friend: A Man, a Dog, and Their Incredible True Story of Friendship and Survival in World War II* by Robert Weintraub relates the incredible true story of Frank Williams, a radarman in Britain's Royal Air Force, and Judy, a purebred pointer, who met as prisoners of war during World War II. 5th grade +

An ebook request may also be located on the DCL's webpage and emailed to the library director if a library account is already active. Go to: [dunklin-co.lib.mo.us](http://dunklin-co.lib.mo.us)



## The Pick for January Ennis Book Discussion

Join the discussion on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 7 pm in the Kennett Headquarters Reading Room about *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters.

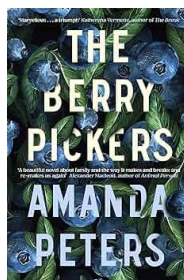
In July 1962, a Mi'kmaq family from Nova Scotia arrives in Maine to pick blueberries for the summer. Weeks later, four-year-old Ruthie, the family's youngest child, vanishes. She is last seen by her six-year-old brother, Joe, sitting on a favorite rock at the edge of a berry field. Joe will remain distraught by his sister's disappearance for years to come.

In Maine, a young girl named Norma grows up as the only child of an affluent family. Her father is emotionally distant, her mother frustratingly overprotective. Norma is often

troubled by recurring dreams and visions that seem more like memories than imagination. As she grows older, Norma slowly comes to realize there is something her parents are not telling her. Unwilling to abandon her intuition, she will spend decades trying to uncover this family secret.

If you wish to join the discussion, call 573-888-3561 and have your name added to the book discussion list. Books are available in Kennett! Ebook & audiobook are available on Libby!

This activity is for adults 18 years of age and older.





## Game Night Fun

Since Game Night began at the Dunklin County Library, one game has dominated the fun! The number of attendees has continued to grow. Hopefully, more people will join in the fun and different games will grow in popularity!

Hand and Foot is a lively, canasta-style card game that shines brightest when played with friends and family. Designed for groups—typically four to six players—the game uses multiple decks of cards and encourages teamwork, making it as social as it is strategic. Its name comes from the two sets of cards each player uses: the “hand,” played first, and the “foot,” which waits patiently for its turn.

The objective of Hand and Foot is to score points by creating melds, or sets, of cards with the same rank. Red and black threes add twists to the scoring, wild cards shake up strategy, and the timing of picking up your foot can make or break a round. While the rules may seem complex at first, most players find the rhythm quickly—and that’s when the fun really begins.

What truly sets Hand and Foot apart is its atmosphere. Games often stretch over several rounds filled with friendly banter, dramatic comebacks, and plenty of laughs. It’s a game that rewards planning but doesn’t take itself too seriously, making it perfect for game nights, holidays, or lazy afternoons. In Hand and Foot, the cards matter—but the company matters even more.



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## In Memory Of....

In 2025, the literary world lost several giants whose works transcended mere entertainment to become lifelong companions for readers. Their diverse legacies continue to inspire through humor, realism, and heart.

Bestselling American author Tom Robbins passed away in February 2025 at age 92. A cornerstone of the counter-culture movement and master of the "serio-comic" style, he blended psychedelic whimsy with deep philosophy. He is best remembered for unconventional classics like *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues* and *Jitterbug Perfume*.

English journalist and author Frederick Forsyth passed away on June 19, 2025, leaving a legacy of 18 meticulously researched novels. Initially writing out of financial necessity, he became a master of the thriller genre with classics like *The Day of the Jackal* and *The Odessa File*. His journalistic precision defined his work, leading to five major film and television adaptations.

Joseph Wambaugh, a former LAPD officer of 14 years, passed away on February 28, 2025, at age 88. His firsthand experience brought a gritty, authentic realism to his work, earning him three Edgar Awards and the title of Grand Master from the Mystery Writers of America. He is best known for the true-crime masterpiece *The Onion Field* and his novel *The New Centurions*. Beyond his books, Wambaugh was an influential screenwriter and educator who shaped the modern police procedural.

Sophie Kinsella (Madeleine Wickham) passed away in December 2025 after a battle with brain cancer. The author of over 30 novels, she is best known for the iconic *Shopaholic* series, which inspired a major 2009 film. A pioneer of the modern romantic comedy, Kinsella blended humor with heart to create smart, three-dimensional female characters. Her work served as a definitive gateway into the genre for a generation of readers, proving that stories about women could be both whimsical and thoughtful.

Fern Michaels passed away in November 2025 at age 92, leaving behind a prolific five-decade legacy. After starting her career in 1975, she authored over 200 romance and thriller novels, with 150 million copies in print across 20 languages. A true powerhouse of the industry, she famously began writing when her husband suggested she get a job; she eventually found massive success and continued publishing until her death, with several works still in the queue.

Peg Kehret, a beloved children's author of over 50 books, passed away on December 7, 2025. Her writing for middle-grade readers was profoundly shaped by her childhood battle with polio, which left her temporarily paralyzed at age 12. A resilient survivor, she drew from her life experiences and love for animals to create stories that became staples of recommended reading lists. Kehret, who encouraged teachers using her books in school, to mail her letters and she would respond.

## January Story Time

January 2026 Story Time will feature the Heather Forest children's book entitled, *Stone Soup*. Two hungry travelers arrive at a village expecting to find a household that will share a bit of food, as has been the custom along their journey. To their surprise, villager after villager refuses to share, each one closing the door with a bang. As they sit to rest beside a well, one of the travelers observes that if the townspeople have no food to share, they must be in greater need than we are. With this interactive story, children transform ordinary items into a marvelous soup, use creative problem-solving, and activate imaginative play.

Story Time will be Tuesday, January 27 at 6 pm in Kennett; Wednesday, January 28 at 4 pm in Campbell; and, Thursday, January 29 at 4 pm in Malden & Senath. Games, activities, giggles, and a great story! Simple fun for a cold January day!

