



Dunklin County Library

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Jo Nell Minton, Director

New Website Revealed July 7

The Dunklin County Library is thrilled to announce the launch on July 7, 2025, of its redesigned and enhanced website, offering patrons a more comprehensive and engaging online experience. The new digital platform, accessible starting, promises to revolutionize how the community interacts with their Dunklin County Library, providing 24/7 access to a wealth of resources and services.

The culmination of weeks of concentrated work by library staff, the new website boasts a sleek, modern design and improved navigation, making it easier than ever for users to find what they need. From the comfort of their homes, patrons can now effortlessly browse the library's catalog, renew books, reserve books, and manage their accounts.

"We are incredibly excited to introduce our new website to our library community," stated JoNell Minton, Library Director. "This launch represents a major step forward in our commitment to providing accessible and up-to-date resources for everyone. Our goal was to create a digital space that truly reflects the vibrant and dynamic nature of our library, and we believe we've achieved that."

Other key features of the new website include monthly calendars, newsletters, online resources, quick access to information, and more.

"In today's digital age, a strong online presence is crucial for any public institution," added Terry Bruce, Technology Coordinator. "This new

website will not only serve as a vital tool for our current patrons but also attract new users who may not have realized the full scope of what the Dunklin County Library has to offer."

The Dunklin County Library's new website is supported by Missouri Ploud (public libraries in the cloud) which provides websites to small and rural libraries hosted by the vendor, Enfold Systems. The Missouri State Library offers

one-on-one training to new Ploud libraries to teach staff how to personalize their website before they go live. It is up to the Ploud library how their website looks and functions, while the State Library provides the tools.

This project is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

The Dunklin County Library invites everyone to explore the new website [dunklin-co.lib.mo.us]. Your library provides free access to books, information, and educational programs for all ages.

Committed to fostering a love of reading and lifelong learning, the Dunklin County Library continues to adapt and innovate to meet the evolving needs of patrons.

Same web address! Completely redesigned!

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



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Events

- July 4: Closed for Independence Day
- July 8: The Write Club for Teens at 4 pm in Kennett
- July 10: Bootheel Writers at 4 pm in Kennett
- July 21: Celebration Party- 1 pm in Kennett & 3 pm in Senath
- July 22: The Write Club for Teens at 4 pm in Kennett
- July 23: Celebration Party-1 pm in Malden & 3 pm in Clarkton
- July 24: Bootheel Writers at 4 pm in Kennett
- July 25: Celebration Party-1 pm in Holcomb & 3 pm in Campbell
- July 28: Celebration Party-1 pm in Hornersville & 3 pm in Cardwell
- July 29: Book Discussion at 7 pm in Kennett

Ennis Book Discussion

Ennis Book Discussion for July will be held on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at 7 pm. This month's book is *The Demon of Unrest* by Erik Larson.

Larson's book vividly recounts the chaotic five months between Abraham Lincoln's election in November 1860 and the Confederacy's attack on Fort Sumter, which ignited the Civil War.

Despite Lincoln's victory in a divided nation, he was powerless to stop Southern states from seceding over slavery. Larson's highlights the tragic missteps, ego clashes, and betrayals of this period, which Lincoln himself described as almost unbearable.

Ennis Book Discussion is an adult activity for those patrons 18 years old and over. Call 888-3561 to add your name to the Ennis Book Discussion list. Copies are available in Kennett or on Libby.



Here's to the Red, White, & Blue

"You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4, not with a parade of guns, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness." Erma Bombeck, the humorist, author, and nationally syndicated columnist made this statement about Independence Day. Many towns have beauty pageants, barbecues, concerts, speeches, and fireworks. The core of any Independence Day celebration in a town is a strong sense of community spirit and patriotic pride.



Happy
4th of
July!

Future Reads

Our Last Wild Days by Anna Bailey—A young woman who searches for answers after her estranged friend is found dead in the bayou of their rural Louisiana hometown.

The Safari by Jaclyn Goldis—A wealthy family is drawn together on a South African safari, only for a series of shocking murders to rock their exclusive compound.

Don't Forget Me, Little Bessie by James Lee Burke—An epic story through the eyes of fourteen-year-old Bessie Holland who fights against potentially overwhelming forces.

The River is Waiting by Wally Lamb—A young father grapples with unbearable tragedy as he searches for hope, redemption, and the possibility of forgiveness.

Where Secrets Lie by Colleen Coble & Rick Acker—The second book in the Tupelo Grove series with Savannah ready to give her ex-husband a second chance yet many obstacles stand in the way.

Beach House Rules by Kristy Woodson Harvey—A novel focusing on mother-daughter relationships, small-town drama, and the strength that comes from leaning on a community of women when life gets turned upside down.

Return to Sender by Craig Johnson—With the suspense and usual touch of humor, Walt Longmire is recruited by the Wyoming Postal Inspector to investigate the disappearance of a mail carrier.

Tell Them You Lied by Laura Leffler—A dark debut novel about a tumultuous friendship gets turned on its head when one of them goes missing and the other may be to blame.

Summer Reading: Color Our World

The 2025 Summer Reading Program at the Dunklin County Library will host kick off parties for this year's theme, *Color Our World*. Your local county libraries will host exciting activities, events, and fun and enriching programs like reading challenges through July.

DCL Director, Jo Nell Minton said, "Improving access to reading and exposure to educational opportunities in the summer is vital to keeping students engaged. These safe, creative, and stimulating summer programs can open the door for families to discover how much local libraries have to offer."

Minton continued, "Our libraries offer free, fun, and enriching reading programs to ensure that the joy of learning does not end with the school year. Children who participate can enhance their reading skills, prevent summer learning loss, and go back to school better prepared for a successful year. I encourage all families to check out what their local libraries are doing this summer and jump into summer reading." It's not too late to join the fun!

Kids, do not say, "I'm bored!" Tell your parents, "I want to go to the library!" Come join the fun and let's create colorful, harmonious communities throughout Dunklin County!! These programs are suitable for all children!

Celebration Parties will be held:

Monday, July 21: 1 pm in Kennett & 3 pm in Senath

Wednesday, July 23: 1 pm in Malden & 3 pm in Clarkton

Friday, July 25: 1 pm in Holcomb & 3 pm in Campbell

Monday, July 28: 1 pm in Hornersville & 3 pm in Cardwell

For every 20 books a child reads, his or her name is entered into a drawing for a grand prize at the library of participation. Children may participate at one Dunklin County Library location only.



Returning in August after the Summer Reading Program, Story Time will be held in Kennett on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at 6 pm. Campbell Story Time will take place on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at 4 pm. Malden and Senath will have Story Time on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 4 pm.

Continue the reading success from the summer and the fun, games, and crafts will continue, too!

Bring a friend to Story Time!



If you can read, you can do anything!

