

Dunklin County Library

June 2025

Jo Nell Minton, 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



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June Events

Monday, June 2—Sign up for the Summer Reading Program

Monday, June 9—Start counting books for the Summer Reading Program

Tuesday, June 10 & 24—The Write Club at 4 pm

Thursday, June 12 & 26—Bootheel Writers at 4 pm

Monday, June 16—Summer Reading Kick Off Parties begin

Thursday, June 19—CLOSED for Juneteenth

Tuesday, June 24 at 7 pm—Ennis Book Discussion



The 2025 Summer Reading Program theme is “Color Our World”! For 2025, the Dunklin County Library invites you to embark on a journey of art and creativity, celebrating the myriad ways in which art enriches our lives. Our program is designed to inspire and engage readers of all ages through a diverse array of artistic expressions.

Art has the power to transform, uplift, and connect us all. It allows us to see the world through different lenses, fostering empathy and understanding. Our 2025 theme, “Color Our World,” encourages us to embrace the beauty of art in all its forms, creating a colorful tapestry of experiences for everyone.

The Dunklin County Library offers the summer reading program for children, teens, and adults. Sign up at your nearest library beginning on Monday, June 2, 2025. Start counting books checked out from the Dunklin County Library on Monday, June 9, 2025.

Teens will receive a packet of activities to complete and return to the library. Also, they are encouraged to participate in **The Write Club**, a teen creative writing project.

Adults may participate as well by signing up and recording books on a “bingo” type card. They

may wish to participate in “Bootheel Writers”, the adult creative writing project at the Dunklin County Library.

By reading 20 or more books, children will receive a reading certificate, a reading medal, and a treat bag. Readers may set a higher goal for additional awards and incentives. For every 20 books read, children will enter their name into a drawing for a grand prize at the library location of participation. Children may participate at only one location.

Kick off parties begin Monday, June 16, 2025, in Kennett at 1 pm and in Senath at 3 pm. Tuesday, June 17, 2025, the parties will be in Malden at 1 pm and in Clarkton at 3 pm. Then, on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, parties will be at 1 pm in Hornersville and at 3 pm in Cardwell. All libraries will be closed on Thursday, June 19, 2025, for Juneteenth. On Friday, June 20, 2025, parties will be in Holcomb at 1 pm and in Campbell at 3 pm.

To celebrate reading success, parties will be held in July. July 21: 1 pm in Kennett & 3 pm in Senath; July 23: 1 pm in Malden & 3 pm in Clarkton; July 24: 1 pm in Hornersville & 3 pm in Cardwell; and July 25: 1 pm in Holcomb & 3 pm in Campbell. The grand prize will be awarded at this event.

Ennis Book Discussion for June: *The Gatekeeper* by James Byrne

The June selection for the Ennis Book Discussion is *The Gatekeeper* by James Byrne. This thriller introduces a smart, mysterious hero in a non-stop plot.

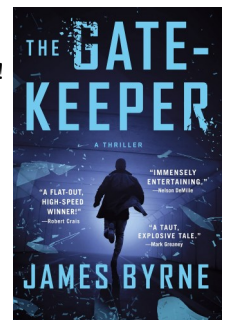
Desmond Aloysius Limerick (“Dez” to all) is a retired mercenary, and enthusiastic amateur musician, currently in Southern California, enjoying the sun and sitting in on the occasional gig, when the hotel he’s at falls under attack. A skilled team attempts to kidnap the Chief legal counsel of Triton Expeditors, a major military contractor – in fact, Petra Alexandris is the daughter of the CEO – but their meticulously-planned, seamlessly executed scheme runs into the figurative ‘spanner-in-the-works,’ Dez himself.

After foiling the attack, and with nothing better to do, Dez agrees to help Alexandris with another problem she’s having – someone has embezzled

more than a billion dollars from her company and left very few tracks behind. But Dez is a gatekeeper – one who opens doors and keeps them open – and this is just a door of another kind. And the door he opens leads to a dangerous conspiracy involving media manipulation, militias, an armed coup, and an attempt to fracture the United States themselves.

Ennis Book Discussion meets Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 7 pm in Kennett. Call 573-888-3561, request a copy, and join the discussion!

Books are available in Kennett. Ebook and audiobook are available on Libby, the free Dunklin County Library ebook and audiobook app.



Celebrate Dad on June 15

Father's Day is Sunday, June 15, 2025! Father's Day celebrates and honors the men who have embraced the essential role of fatherhood. On this day, we also thank fathers and father figures (uncles, grandfathers) for the sacrifices they make, for embracing the responsibility of nurturing and raising children, and for their devotion to their families.

There are several ways to commemorate this wonderful day and make dad the happiest—most include just being together!

2. Get a new jigsaw puzzle for Dad and mix the gift with an activity. A customized jigsaw puzzle of family pictures would make the whole thing more corny.
3. Keep the best memories of your father and father figures alive by writing them down or recording them.
4. Create a series of competitive games for the whole family to play. Extra points if there are prizes.
5. Make a handmade gift! Enough said!
6. Take a short trip to a new location or a historical locale—as long as you are together!

A father is someone who carries pictures where his money used to be.

Steve Martin

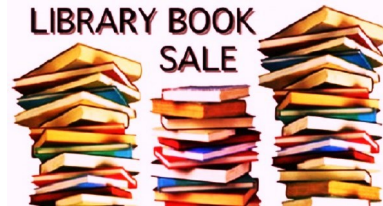
Book Sale

Saturday, June 7, 2025

8:30 am to 2:30 pm

\$5 per box

Kennett Headquarters



Starting a Book Series! When you have found the book series for that captures your interest, you don't want to put it down! This list is the first book in what could be your next serious relationship!

One for the Money by Janet Evanovich

16 Lighthouse Road by Debbie Macomber

Devil in a Blue Dress by Walter Mosley

First to Die by James Patterson

At Home in Mitford by Jan Karon

The Cold Dish by Craig Johnson

Still Life by Louise Penny

The Black Echo by Michael Connelly

Killing Floor by Lee Child

Verna Green Book Signing

A Book Signing with Verna Green will be held on Saturday, June 28, 2025, from 10 am to noon at the Dunklin County Library Kennett headquarters.

Verna Green is a resident of Dunklin County who has written two inspirational books. She is active in church, and she is kept busy with her six children and 15 grandchildren. Additionally, Verna is a motivational speaker and an encourager to others in seeking spiritual answers to today's issues.

God is Greater than the Storm's of Life is Verna's



first book. This book is full of spiritual, uplifting and life changing poems to impact others about Christ who changed her life.

In her second collection of spiritual poems entitled, *He is The Potter And We Are The Clay*, Verna writes of the transformative power of God's word and how it uplifts the soul. Through each verse, Green encourages readers to live with purpose, walk in faith, and embrace the strength found only in Him.

Verna will have books available for purchase and signing the day of her Book Signing.



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All locations of the Dunklin County Library will be closed on Thursday, June 19, 2025, in observance of Juneteenth.

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