



Dunklin County Library

March 2025

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Read about Ireland in March

Millions of Irish people emigrated to the US, creating a significant population with Irish ancestry, fostering a sense of shared heritage. Americans are interested in Ireland due to the historical ties and shared cultural values. This month read these books with no waiting on Libby!

Now a Netflix film, *The Wonder* by Emma Donaghue, details the story of an English nurse who is brought to a small Irish village to observe what appears to be a miracle, a girl said to have survived without food for months and soon finds herself fighting to save the child's life.

Callahan Garrity is the owner of a cleaning service that tidies up after Atlanta's elite. She's also a former cop and a part-time sleuth. Callahan gets caught in a liquor store holdup on the way home from a St. Paddy's Day party, one of her best friends is shot. Now, she must prove that the case is more than it seems in *Irish Eyes* by Mary Kay Andrews.

Jody Hedlund's *Calling on the Matchmaker* is a historical romance based in St. Louis yet featuring Finola Shanahan who destroys every chance of marriage her parents attempt. The candidate for mayor believes an alliance with this family will increase his possibilities of election while the attraction to Finola grows.

An Irish Country Doctor is a charming story about a young doctor who works as an assistant to a general practitioner in 1960s Northern Ireland. The book is part of Patrick Taylor's Irish Country series.



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



Estate Planning is for Everyone!

University of Missouri Extension of Dunklin County, in partnership with the Dunklin County Library, is hosting an informational course in estate planning on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This course will be held at the Dunklin County Library, located at 209 North Main Street in Kennett, MO. Participants may register in advance by visiting <https://extension.missouri.edu/events/estate-planning-whats-the-worst-that-can-happen-dunklin-county> or by calling (573) 888-4277. Walk-in attendees are also welcomed! There is NO COST to attend this course.

In this course, participants will see a fictional family who has done no estate planning. As life circumstances occur, participants will see the unintended consequences of having done no estate planning. After we learn what

all goes wrong, we will examine the tools available in an estate plan, and then apply those tools to our fictional family to see how it might have changed their outcome.

The purpose of the course is to demonstrate the importance of estate planning in general, but also to give participants more knowledge about estate planning tools and how they might apply so that they are better prepared when they meet with their own estate planning attorneys. This course will be taught by a licensed attorney with 20 years of experience in probate and estate planning.

March Events

- Estate Planning on March 11 at 4 pm @ Kennett
- Virtual Story Time beginning March 12 on Facebook
- Bootheel Writers meet March 13 and March 27 at 4 pm @ Kennett
- Genealogy Mtg March 15 at 10 am @ Kennett
- Spring Gardening on March 18 at 4 pm @ Kennett
- Ennis Book Discussion @ Kennett March 25 at 7 pm



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Virtual Story Time

During the month of March, children should gain parent permission and follow the Dunklin County Library on Facebook. Virtual Story Time will be posted on March 12, 2025.

Children can listen to St. Patrick's Day books. With ordinary items found around the home, children may construct a craft plus learn a few riddles and knock-knock jokes to share.



Since March is the time to begin planting seeds for vegetable and flower gardens, children will find simple steps to follow for growing a favorite vegetable or starting seeds for spring and summer flowers. Recipes will be shared for little hands.



Spring forward on March 9, 2025, at 2 am. An extra hour to play in the sun!!

Ennis Book Discussion for March

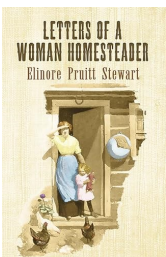
The Ennis Book Discussion for March will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at 7 pm. This month's book is *Letters of A Woman Homesteader* by Elinore Pruitt Stewart.

As a young widow with a small child, Elinore Pruitt left Denver in 1909 and set out for Wyoming, where she hoped to buy a ranch. Determined to prove that a lone woman could survive the hardships of homesteading, she initially worked as a housekeeper and hired hand for a neighbor, a kind but taciturn Scottish bachelor whom she eventually married.

Spring and summers were hard, she concedes, and were taken up with branding, farming, doctoring cattle, and other chores. But with the arrival of fall, Pruitt found time to take her young daughter on camping trips and serve her neighbors as midwife, doctor, teacher, Santa Claus, and friend. She provides a candid portrait of these

and other experiences in twenty-six letters written to a friend back in Denver.

The Ennis Book Discussion is open to all interested readers 18 years old and over. Call 888-3561 to add your name to the Book Discussion list.



Spring Gardening Seminar

Dr. Mike Milam, with the University of Missouri Extension Office of Dunklin County, will present information on Spring Gardening on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 4 pm in the balcony area of the Dunklin County Library in Kennett.

Spring gardeners willing to put in a bit of effort can jump-start this year's vegetable or flower garden by starting seeds indoors. Tender seeds need the right amount of heat, light and water to germinate and thrive. The depth of planting seeds is vital as well. Starting seeds early has many benefits. Purchased plants have a different timeline. However, the work is always worth the effort and the joy of growing your own garden whether flowers or vegetables.

Want to learn more about gardening? Do you have a passion for sharing gardening information and making your community a more beautiful place? The University of Missouri Extension has a master gardener program. More information is available at: <https://extension.missouri.edu/programs/master-gardener>



March is the Month for....

Ah, March, in like a lion, out like a lamb, or so the saying goes. That's not the only saying attributed to the moody month. For the Northern Hemisphere, March ushers in spring.

Spring makes its appearance in March with the vernal equinox, and with it comes a lot of activity in nature. Birds migrate. Animals begin to mate. Plants begin to grow. Even the full moon gets involved. The full moon in March is called the Worm Moon. It earns this name because of all the insects beginning to hatch.

March Madness kicks into high gear as basketball enthusiasts cheer on their favorite teams. Whether cheering on a local high school team or their college and professional players, fans wear their colors and watch every nail-biting game. Baseball and softball fields green up and players run the bases.

Beware the Ides of March. When the world used the Roman calendar, the middle of each month was called the "Ides." What makes March so special? Well, the 15th was always the midpoint in March, and in 44 BC an oracle predicted Julius Caesar's downfall to be no later than the Ides of March.

In the United States, St. Patrick's Day has been celebrated since before the country was formed. At times, the holiday has been a bit more of a rowdy one, with green beer, parades, and talk of leprechauns. However, in Ireland, St. Patrick's Day takes on a more solemn mood. It wasn't until events in the United States broadcast in Ireland that some of the Yankee ways spread across the pond.

One Irish-American tradition not common to Ireland is corned beef and cabbage.

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