

Dunklin County Library

May 2025

JoNell Minton, Director of Dunklin County Library



Kindergarten Graduates Honored

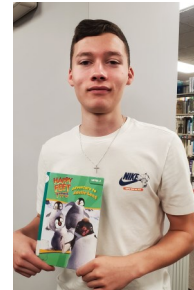
Each spring the Dunklin County Library honors the children in the county who have completed kindergarten by placing a new children's book in the library branch near their home. Labels are inserted on the inside front cover with the name of the student, the school, and the year of the kindergarten completion. The Kindergarten Program has existed since 1999.



Director JoNell Minton stated, "This Kindergarten Program emphasizes the importance of reading to the children and families of our county. The child is presented the book placed in the library for their graduation of kindergarten. The children are encouraged to return with their parents and family to check out their book or to read it in the library."

A book party is held at the local branches, and each school allows the children to visit and see the new books on display, hear about library programs, and hear words of encouragement for continuing their education and reading.

Children and young adults come into the libraries and ask about their kindergarten book. Often times seniors return to see their Kindergarten book. Dyson Watson, Kennett High School Senior, holds his book, *Happy Feet Two*.



Books selected for this program have library binding. These books may be designated by reading level or may be on the Accelerated Reader list. Many of the titles are non-fiction with an emphasis on earth science and outdoor adventure.

The book parties have begun, and libraries are open to show off these meaningful treasures for the Kindergarten Graduates of 2025.



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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May Events

- Saturday, May 3: Book Signing
with James D. Johnson in Malden from
10 am to 2 pm
- Tuesday, May 6 & 20 at 4 pm: The
Write Club in Kennett
- Thursday, May 8 & 22 at 4 pm:
Bootheel Writers in Kennett
- Tuesday, May 13: Bug Collecting at
4 pm in Kennett
- Memorial Day, Monday, May 26
CLOSED
- Tuesday, May 27: Story Time at
6 pm in Kennett
- Tuesday, May 27: Ennis Book
Discussion at 7 pm in Kennett
- Wednesday, May 28: Story Time
at 4 pm in Campbell
- Thursday, May 29: Story Time at
4 pm in Malden & Senath
- Thursday, May 29: Medicare 101
at 5 pm in Kennett

Top Left: Senath-Hornersville; Top Right: Dyson Watson; Middle Right: Kennett; Bottom Right: Campbell



"Color Our World" is the theme of the 2025 Summer Reading Program throughout the libraries of the DCL system.

- 1) Sign up for this fun, interactive reading program at the library nearest you beginning on June 9, 2025.
- 2) Set a goal of how many books you wish to read from the DCL library

system.

- 3) Begin reading books and write titles on your Reading Log.
- 4) Join your friends at the Kick Off and Story Time during July.
- 5) Celebrate your reading 20 books or more and enter your name for a grand prize!

Beat the summer heat and drum up reading achievement at the Dunklin County Library!

Story Time for May

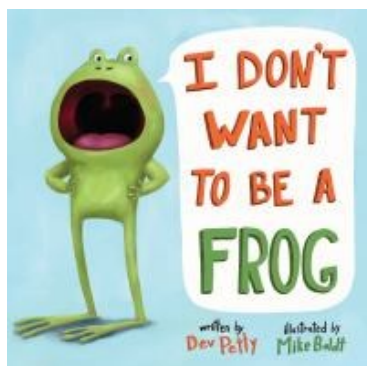
I Don't Want to be a Frog by Dev Petty and illustrated by Mike Boldt will be the focus of May Story Time at the Dunklin County Library.

Children participate in this delightfully funny story about self-esteem from a frog's point of view. Then, the children will learn about the life cycle of a frog, leap through a frog obstacle course, and more activities.

Young readers will identify with little Frog's desire to be something different, while laughing along at his stubborn yet endearing schemes to prove himself right. The hilarious sequels are *I Don't Want to Be Big!*, *There's Nothing to Do!*, and *I Don't Want to Go to Sleep!*.

Story Time will be held in

Kennett—05/27/2025
at 6 pm, in Campbell
on Wednesday,
05/28/2025 at 4 pm,
and in Senath and
Malden, on Thursday,
05/29/2025 at 4 pm.



Bug Collecting in May

On Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 4 pm, Dr. Michael Milam with the University of Missouri Extension Office will present “Bug Collecting”. Collecting insects is a great way to study and learn about these fascinating, tiny animals.



During this presentation, Dr. Milam will detail the vast bugs or insects living in southeast Missouri. He will also note common bugs as well as rare ones and beneficial bugs. Special consideration will be placed on “bug collecting” for school projects. This presentation will include information about attracting, identifying, storing, and pinning bugs for a collection.

Medicare 101

The world of Medicare can be intimidating! Get prepared before you turn 65 at the Medicare 101 workshop at the Dunklin County Library in Kennett on Thursday, May 29, 2025, at 5 pm.

This hour long workshop will offer easy to understand, comprehensive, informational tools to help guide you through the complex world of Medicare planning. Greg Greenwalt is the speaker for the U.S. Retirement Education Association, and he will cover which plans are available in this area and what each plan entails.

Please call 573-888-3561 to sign up for this free workshop.



Ennis Book Discussion for May

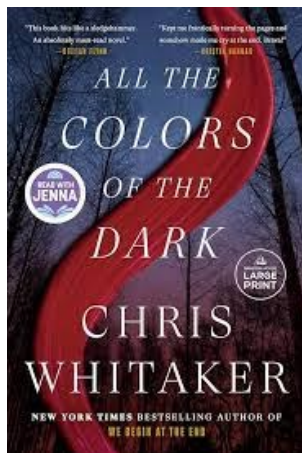
Ennis Book Discussion for May will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 7 pm. This month's book is *All the Colors of the Dark* by Chris Whitaker.

1975 is a time of change in America. The Vietnam War is ending. Mohammed Ali is fighting Joe Frazier. In the small town of Monta Clare, Missouri, girls are disappearing. When the daughter of a wealthy family is targeted, the most unlikely hero emerges—Patch, a local boy with one eye, who saves the girl, and, in doing so, leaves heartache in his wake.

Patch and those who love him soon discover that the line between triumph and tragedy has never been finer. Their search for answers will lead them to truths that could mean losing one another.

Book Discussion is open to all interested readers. A love of books and good conversation is required. Call 888-3561 to add your name to the Book Discussion list.

Available in print and large print in Kennett. Ebook & audio are on Libby!



Book Signing in Malden

On Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 10 am to 2 pm, James D. Johnson will have a Book Signing at the Dunklin County Library in Malden. His new book, *Gabriel il Profeta*, is available for checkout at the Malden location.

Mr. Johnson who is originally from Malden and who has recently returned to this area will have copies of his novel available that day for signing and purchase.

His thriller deals with demons and exorcism. Secretly raised and trained in the Vatican detailed in the "Book of Secrets," Gabriel becomes a person of interest to Cardinal Leonetti after being called "God's Reaper" during a failed exorcism. The Pope suspends Gabriel and sends him away for his safety. In Montana, Gabriel defies the Pope's orders secretly assisting others with paranormal issues, aided by Father McDunnough. Cardinal Leonetti, relentlessly searches for Gabriel, who plans to return to the Vatican. Discovering Leonetti's alliance with a dark entity obsessed with his nature, Gabriel confronts the Cardinal and the demon Nazzar in a final showdown, revealing his hidden abilities before the Church.

