



Dunklin County Library

November 2025

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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

Dunkin County Hall of Honor Induction

The Dunklin County Library in Kennett hosted the Dunklin County Hall of Honor ceremony, Sunday, November 2, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

This year the Dunklin County Hall of Honor inductees are: Steve Bost of Poplar Bluff formerly Kennett; Steve Wallace of Malden; Bob Holder of Kennett; and James Randall Baker of Poplar Bluff formerly of Campbell.

After a 15-year career at Walmart moving as Manager to four different states, a desire for more family time led to a dream job with Missouri State Parks. Steve' Bost's lifelong experiences in the outdoors, enjoyment of history and science, and ability to work well with others, organize, and inspire has aided efforts to bring back the Ozark Chinquapin Tree that he was told no longer existed. Working as a Natural Resource Specialist - Park Naturalist, he knows how powerful information is and how it empowers people to make a difference. With his faith and family, Steve has a sincere desire to make the world a better place for future generations.

Steve Wallace's dedication and hard work to the

family business was the start of Steve's career in Malden Missouri, "Starting at the Bottom!" helping to expand in eight locations with over 500 employees. Wallace and Owen's Store Slogan "A Smile in every Aisle" is a tribute to his dedication and service to his community and others.

Bob Holder's faith has guided his life and service to others. He has been perhaps most visible as the Dunklin County Sheriff, an office he administered for 28 years with honesty, integrity, and compassion. His life has been devoted to community service and making the lives of those living there better. For

decades, he has visited hospitals and nursing homes each Sunday, which brought encouragement to patients and resident

Randall Baker's leadership has been guided by a strong faith in Jesus Christ and an honest, kind nature, making him a trusted and dependable figure for his family, friends, and the citizens of Campbell. He has consistently worked with integrity and conscientiousness in every role he has held. For his many years of service to the City of Campbell, the City Hall is now known as the J. Randall Baker City Hall.



November Events

Sunday, November 2 at 2 pm in Kennett: Dunkin County Hall of Honor Induction and Reception

Thursday, November 6 & 20 at 5 pm—Game Night

Tuesday, November 11—Closed for Veterans Day

Thursday, November 13 at 4 pm—Bootheel Writers

Saturday, November 15 at 10 am—Genealogy Meeting in Kennett

Wednesday, November 12—Virtual Story Time on Facebook & Instagram

Tuesday, November 25 at 7 pm in Kennett—Ennis Book Discussion

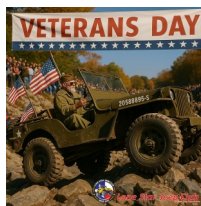
Thursday, November 27 and **Friday, November 28**—All locations closed for Thanksgiving!

Veterans Day at the Dunklin County Library

Veterans Day is a federal holiday recognized each November to celebrate and honor all U.S. veterans — deceased or living. No matter the day of the week, Veterans Day always falls on November 11 each year. It's also a federal holiday recognized nationwide. With 18.2 million vets living in the United States, it's a holiday most communities celebrate with festivals, parades, and recognition of local vets.

Originally called Armistice Day, that name changed in 1954 when

President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially switched it to Veterans Day. Each year on November 11 at exactly 11 am, Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia holds a Veterans Day event. It starts with a wreath-laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



Quilts of Valor will be displayed along with several military uniforms at the Dunklin County Library headquarters.

Veterans are invited to bring in a framed picture for display on the brick wall so the community may honor service and sacrifice on behalf of our nation and freedoms.

Free Reads on Libby for November

As the air turns crisp and the leaves begin to blaze, your Dunklin County Library has selected books perfect for cozy reading days. Discover new young adult titles featuring a sweet romance or a historical mystery. Look through the cookbooks for new recipes, a perfect spice blend, or a twist on an old favorite cookie. A heartwarming contemporary romance may be just the ticket while the wind blows. If you are driving several hours, an audiobook is a great way to pass the time. These books will capture that perfect fall feeling and they are available instantly on Libby through the month of November.

Let America's Test Kitchen help you plan a Thanksgiving holiday menu that is full of tried-and-true special dishes that are sure to become family favorites in this ebook *America's Test Kitchen Thanksgiving Playbook*.

Baking for the Holidays by Sarah Kieffer is a charming baking cookbook brimming with delicious, indulgent recipes, cozy winter photography, and lots of holiday cheer.

With an unexpected ending and surprises around every corner, author Charlie Donlea's *Twenty Years Later* is gripping and certain to relieve a reading slump.

A Manhattan photographer finds inspiration and new possibilities in a Gothic Rhode Island beach house in this

uplifting fall-set novel entitled *Picture Perfect Autumn* by Shelley Noble.

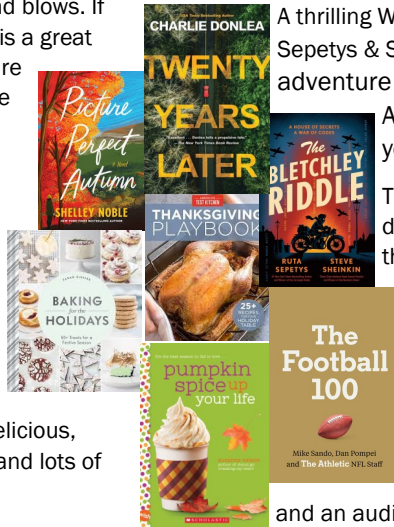
Suzanne Nelson's young adult romance, *Pumpkin Spice Up Your Life*, introduces a "latte" trouble in this story of first crushes, friendship, and everyone's favorite fall treat!

A thrilling WWII mystery, *The Bletchley Riddle* by Ruta Sepetys & Steve Sheinkin, is a code-breaking adventure filled with ciphers, secrets, and spies. And, humor! This novel is intended for young adults.

The best sportswriters in America rank and discuss the best players in NFL history in the book, *The Football 100*, by The Athletic & Jaime Lincoln Smith.

Libby enables children, teens, and adults to read electronic books and to listen to audiobooks from any device. A parent must provide permission for a child under the age of 18. Libby synchronizes all the devices together and even an ebook

and an audiobook. You do need a Dunklin County Library account to request a Libby account. For more information, call 573-888-3561 and ask for Julie. Or, fill out an ebook request form on the Dunklin County Library webpage (dunklin-co.lib.mo.us). And, it is free from the Dunklin County Library!



Ennis Book Discussion for November

Ennis Book Discussion meets Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at 7 pm in Kennett. *The Keeper of Hidden Books* by Madeline Martin is a heartwarming story about the power of books to bring us together, inspired by the true story of the underground library in WWII Warsaw.

Zofia and her best friend, Janina, must face the horrors of the Nazi occupation. As bombs fall and the city is looted, Zofia decides that books, too, need to be saved. With the danger escalating, Zofia not only works to salvage books from the wreckage and start a clandestine book club, but she also strives to protect Janina, even after Janina is forced into the newly formed ghetto. Though their lives grow more dangerous as the city nears liberation, Zofia and Janina never abandon their love of reading. Zofia must fight to save her friend and preserve her community and culture through the power of literature, the only weapon they have left.

Call 888-3561 to join the discussion! Books are available in Kennett. Also, ebook and audio available on Libby!

This activity is appropriate for those 18 years old and older.



November is Parade of American Music Month

Members of the Wednesday Music Club, a division of the National Federation of Music Clubs, celebrate November as Parade of American Music Month. Parade of American Music Month is a way to celebrate American music and composers, as well as give homage to those who came before us. Wednesday Music Club celebrates American music, American composers, and the oral traditions passed down through the generations.

Wednesday Music Club members work to create a dynamic musical and cultural environment in the local community through education and sponsorship of musical events. A proclamation will be signed by the Mayor of Kennett, and a display of American music books and local talent will be featured at the Dunklin County Library in Kennett.

Listen to George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*, Steven Sondheim's *Into The Woods*, or Aaron Copeland's *Appalachian Spring*. Celebrate the jazz genius, Duke Ellington while listening to one of his signature tunes, *East St Louis Toodle-oo*.

