



# Dunklin County Library

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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



## September Events

**Closed for Labor Day:** Monday,  
September 1

**Delta Fair Drawing Sign Up:**  
Monday, September 4 at each DCL  
location

**The Write Club:** Tuesday,  
September 9 at 4 pm in Kennett

**Bootheel Writers:** Thursday,  
September 11 & 25 at 4 pm  
in Kennett

**Medicare Workshop:** Tuesday,  
September 16 at 5 pm

**Deadline for Hall of Honor  
Submissions:** Tuesday, September  
16 at 5:30 pm

**Genealogy Meeting:** Saturday,  
September 20 in Kennett at 10 am

**Ennis Book Discussion:** Tuesday,  
September 30 in Kennett at 7 pm.

## Quilts at the Dunklin County Library

Get ready for a vibrant display of color and local talent at the Dunklin County Library this September! Starting on Saturday, September 6, 2025, the library headquarters will host an exhibition of beautiful quilts created by local artists.

As soon as you walk in, your eyes will be drawn to the quilts hanging from the second-floor balcony and over the windows.

One special quilt, created by Bertha Rooney Blanchard, honors the workers of the Ely Walker Factory and hangs near the entrance. Another, made by the Ladies Club of Hornersville, celebrates the 150th Anniversary of the U.S. Constitution with patriotic colors.



Many local quilters have contributed their works of art, including Bill Hook, Wilma Chilton, Cathy Bradford, Virginia Smith, Jeannie Brown, Elaine Pfeffer and others. Each quilt is a masterpiece, from the careful selection of fabric to the intricate

stitching, and many have a unique story behind their design.

The quilt was originally a strictly utilitarian article, born of the necessity of providing warm covers for beds, doorways, and windows. The earliest American quilts were so intimately connected to everyday life of the early colonists that no record of them exists.

Some quilters follow the craft in conventional form for leisure-time amusement or because it represents a tradition they find emotionally significant. Others have found in quilting an artistic medium they can manipulate to their ends, and have ultimately created new styles and techniques. One warning: quilting is addictive.

While you are at the library, be sure to visit the Hall of Honor on the second floor. This area is dedicated to celebrating individuals who have made significant contributions to Dunklin County.

## Ennis Book Discussion for September

The Ennis Book Discussion will meet Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 7 pm in Kennett Adult Reading Room. The selection for this month is *Eddie Winston is Looking for Love* by Marianne Cronin.

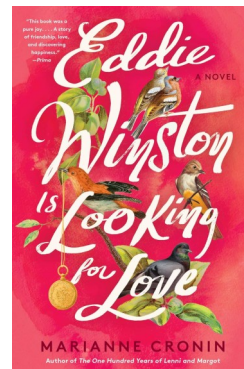
Eddie Winston is 90 years old. He's lived, he's loved, and yet he's still a perfect candidate for the "Kissless Wonder" award. A true gentleman and incurable romantic, he spends his days at a charity shop, archiving other people's failed relationships through a mountain of discarded love letters and half-eaten boxes of chocolates.

Enter Bella, a young woman who, at 24, has just lost the love of her life and is taking it surprisingly hard. When she discovers that Eddie, a man who's been alive since before color television, has never even had a peck on the cheek, she makes it her mission to get him kissed. This, of course, kicks off a grand

adventure, mostly consisting of failed online dating profiles, awkward encounters with confused seniors, and a surprisingly high number of car chases involving Rascal scooters.

A tale of friendship and kindness that reminds us that those we love are never forgotten and it is never too late to try again.

This activity is for adults 18 years old and older. Copies of this selection are available in Kennett, and the ebook and audiobook are available on the Libby app! If you wish to join Ennis Book Discussion, please call 573-888-3561!



## Delta Fair Fun in September



Want tickets to the Delta Fair? Children and adults may drop by any Dunklin County Library location and complete an entry form. One entry per person and one

entry per library system. Drawing will be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2025, at 5 pm at each library location. Each name drawn will receive an adult ticket and a child's ticket for entrance into the Delta Fair!



## Medicare Workshop

On Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 5 pm, at the Dunklin County Library in Kennett, a Medicare Workshop will be held.

At this workshop, you will learn about when and how to sign up for Medicare, the cost of Medicare, the penalties, and the coverage of each plan. This information is provided and presented through [Aging Matters](#).

[Aging Matters](#) is a not for profit agency for the eighteen counties of Southeast Missouri. The essential goal of our organization is to provide quality services to enhance the health, safety, and well-being of persons, age 60 and over, enabling them to live in their own homes for as long and independently, as possible.

Please call 573-888-3561 to register for this workshop as seats are limited. This presentation is for information purposes only!



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## Library Super Fans

After his death in July, Dan Pelzer's family discovered a handwritten list of 3,599 books he had read. His family created a website with scans of the list—over 100 pages long.

The website went viral, and the Columbus Metropolitan Library's Whitehill branch, where Mr. Pelzer was a devoted patron, took notice. The library transformed the list into a searchable PDF on their site and created displays featuring some of his favorite books. Mr. Pelzer borrowed most of his books from this Ohio branch.

Dan Pelzer's son, John, said his father was a voracious reader who vowed to finish every book he started. While the list spans many genres, Dan had a particular fondness for mysteries, especially books by authors like Sue Grafton and Robert Ludlum.

Dan began keeping the list in 1962 while he was in the Peace Corps in Nepal. However, his family did not discover the detailed record of his reading until the early 2000s when they saw him writing in it.

Dan Pelzer's final entry, *David Copperfield* by Charles Dickens, was dated December 30, 2023. His son, John, noted that Dan began losing his eyesight that year and had to stop reading, but his love for books and the library remained. John recalled that his father would "recoil" at the idea of being given a book as a gift, telling him, "John, I can get that from the library."

The Dunklin County Library is very much like the Whitehall Library because super library users exist here as well. Several of the super library user reading history has 1500 or more books, and that number may even be higher due to the current computer record system began in 2007. The library used a previous computer system, and library cards with copper plates were used for hand checking out books before computers.

Most super library users vary in their reading genres from mysteries to fantasy to non-fiction to romance. They also listen to audiobooks, read ebooks, and read actual books. Some readers note the love of holding and smelling a book. And, usually, for a true book lover, reading is preferred to television. Everyone can benefit from a break from phones, screens, and internet!

If you enjoy reading, set your own pace. Reading is not a race! Read the books, the newspaper, the magazines, the online articles, and such that fill your needs. Be like Dan Pelzer and get your books from your local library! Your Dunklin County Library also offers the Libby app for ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, and more with a library account. Free to residents of this county!



## Dunklin County Library Hall of Honor

Do you know someone who has made an impact in your community? The Dunklin County Library is accepting nominations for the 2025 Dunklin County Hall of Honor. The deadline for submitting nomination is Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

This person must be or has been a resident of Dunklin County. This person may have achievements or accomplishments in his/her occupation, trade, profession, or field of endeavor that are considered distinctive, creative, or unique. Additionally, this person could be a tremendously dedicated community helper who gives



tirelessly back to his/her fellow citizens.

Nomination forms for the 2025 Hall of Honor are available at each of the Dunklin County Libraries or online at [dunklin-co.lib.mo.us](mailto:dunklin-co.lib.mo.us).

Each week in the Daily Dunklin Democrat a Hall of Honor member will be featured. Inductees from previous years include Dubb Ford, Carol

Degraw, J.D. Faulkner, Dennis Nail, Narvel Felts, Norman Bartmess, Jane Rogers, R.K. Swindle, Larry Thomason, Leonard Younger and many notable others.