



Dunklin County Library

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Library Got Game



If you're a fan of card games, checkers, and dominoes, then the Dunklin County Library in Kennett is the place to be! Join us for a night of fun with your friends and family on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 6 pm.

Game night at the library is the perfect mix of fun and enrichment—where laughter echoes between the bookshelves and every move sharpens your mind and builds connections. It's a place where learning sneaks in through play, and the quiet library turns into a hub of community, creativity, and just the right amount of friendly competition.

How about a friendly checkers competition! With two checker boards and checkers, opponents will challenge another player to the game's end. Each winner will advance until two players from each table remain, and one final game will be played. The "royalty" will be crowned at the end of play! Traditional checker rules will be reviewed before game play begins.

Dominoes is not just a child's game! Whether

the traditional double six domino sets or even

up to the double twelve domino sets, this game brings out the competitor in a player! Rules will be provided. End of game will be when a player is out of dominoes or time elapses!



Uno is one of the most popular card games today. This fun game will be available for registrants to challenge others to the finish! At this time, volunteers are being sought to teach the great card games of

Hand & Foot, Hearts, and Poker. Regular decks of cards will be available with printed rules if volunteers are found.



Registration required. Seats will be limited! Please call 573-888-3561 and register for which game you wish to play.

Players must be 15 years of age or older to participate. Light refreshments will be served.

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



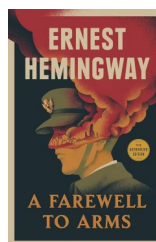
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October Book Discussion

October Book Discussion at the Dunklin County Library in Kennett will be Tuesday, October 28, 2025, from 7 pm. The selected book is *A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway.

A Farewell to Arms is the unforgettable story of an American ambulance driver on the Italian front and his passion for a beautiful English nurse. Set against the looming horrors of the battlefield - the weary, demoralized men marching in the rain during the German attack on Caporetto; the profound struggle between loyalty and desertion—this gripping, semiautobiographical work captures the harsh realities of war and the pain of lovers caught in its inexorable sweep. Ernest Hemingway famously said that he rewrote his ending to *A Farewell to Arms* thirty-nine times to get the words right.

Copies of the book and an audiobook on CDs are available in Kennett. The ebook and audiobook are available on Libby. Call 573-888-3561 to join the discussion



October Events

- Closed for Columbus Day October 13
- Bootheel Writers in Kennett on October 9 & 23 at 4 pm
- Game Night in Kennett on October 16 at 6 pm
- Genealogy Meeting in Kennett on October 18 at 10 am
- StoryTime in Kennett on October 28 at 6 pm
- Book Discussion in Kennett October 28 at 7 pm
- StoryTime in Campbell October 29 at 4 pm
- StoryTime in Malden & Senath on October 30 at 4 pm

Here's to October

October is a month of vivid transformation, as leaves burst into brilliant hues of yellow, orange, and red. It's the season of Halloween decorations, candy corn, and cheering on favorite teams whether on the football field or in the World Series. Almanacs have described October as a time of transition, signaling the close of the harvest and the beginning of winter preparations. From its glowing full moon to overlooked holidays, October is full of unexpected delights. As A.A. Milne wrote in 1920, "The end of the summer is not the end of the world. Here's to October."

In Latin, "octo" means eight—October's place in the Roman calendar when March was the first month. It is now the 10th month in the Gregorian calendar. October's full moon, known as the hunter's moon, was named by the Algonquin people as it signaled hunting season before winter.

Sweetest Day, the third Saturday in October, originated in Cleveland as a day for philanthropy and kindness. According to the State Library of Ohio, the National Confectioners Association initially called it "Candy Day" in 1916.

October Story Time

October Story Time will have children laughing and chanting along with the story book, *The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything*, by Linda Williams and illustrated by Megan Lloyd.

Once upon a time, there was a little old lady who was not afraid of anything! But one autumn night, while walking in the woods, the little old lady heard . . . clomp, clomp, shake, shake, clap, clap. And the little old lady who was not afraid of anything had the scare of her life!

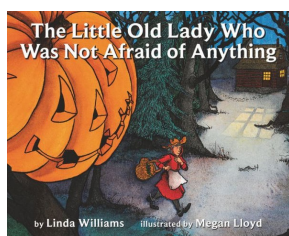
Children will love this classic tale and the sequence of the events as they participate in the storytelling. With games and crafts and few surprises, a fun October evening at the library will be memorable!

Story Time

In Kennett: Tuesday, October 28, 2025,
at 6 pm

In Campbell: Wednesday, October 29, 2025,
at 4 pm

In Malden & Senath:
Thursday, October 30,
2025, at 4 pm



On the Edge of Your Seat!

Classic novels of suspense are rewarding to read. By reading these thrillers, you see where modern suspense storytelling began. Writers like Edgar Allan Poe, Wilkie Collins, and Daphne du Maurier were experts at building tension without cheap tricks. The use of pacing, mood, and psychology keep readers hooked. Classic suspense explores fear, obsession, guilt, and morality. These deeper themes make the stories stick with you long after you finish.

Whether it's Victorian worries about science and society or mid-20th century unease about identity and power, these classic novels provide a window into the fears and anxieties of past eras. A well-told tale of dread or mystery transcends time even if some of the language is dated. These tales of suspense sharpen your reading senses. Because they often move slower and build suspense more subtly than modern thrillers, they train you to notice detail, foreshadowing, and subtext.

Classic novels of suspense to re-visit or read for the first time!

The Woman in White by Wilkie Collins (1859)

One of the earliest mystery novels, full of twists, deception, and a mysterious woman dressed in white.

The Turn of the Screw by Henry James (1898)

A governess becomes convinced that the children in her care are being influenced by ghosts. Psychological suspense that keeps readers guessing.

The Hound of the Baskervilles by Arthur Conan Doyle (1902)

Sherlock Holmes tackles a terrifying case involving a family curse and a monstrous hound haunting the moors.

The Thirty-Nine Steps by John Buchan (1915)

A man is drawn into a conspiracy and must stay one step ahead of both the law and a mysterious spy ring. Fast-paced and thrilling.

Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier (1938)

A young bride moves into her husband's grand estate, only to find the presence of his late wife haunting every corner. Gothic suspense at its finest.

And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie (1939)

Ten strangers are invited to a remote island... and one by one, they die. A masterclass in pacing and suspense.

Strangers on a Train by Patricia Highsmith (1950)

Two strangers meet and discuss trading murders—what could go wrong? A chilling tale of psychological manipulation.

