

Branches

Campbell, 404 W. Grand
Cardwell, 113 N. Main
Clarkton, 113 S. Main
Holcomb, 210 W. Main
Hornersville, 502 School
Kennett, 209 N. Main
Malden, 1203 Stokelan
Senath, 108 N. Main



downloadable
audiobooks and eBooks

April Activities

Tuesday, April 18, at 10 am,
Genealogy Mtg

Tuesday, April 25, at 6 pm,
Story Time

Tuesday, April 25, at 7 pm,
Book Discussion



The man WHO DOES NOT READ
has no advantage over the man
WHO CANNOT READ
Mark Twain



This charming memorial is located near the entrance to the Kennett headquarters of the Dunklin County Library. Kevin Wade served the St. Louis Cardinal organization as Vice President of Ticket Sales.



Dunklin County Library

April 2017

Peanuts, Cracker Jack, & Baseball!

From the first pitch of spring training to the last out of the World Series 2017, baseball fans will bite their nails or tee-ter on the edge of their seats for an amazing double play or a down-the-third-baseline bunt. Fans will also focus on last year's World Series winning team to debate if a repeat can happen or will the Cubs have to wait another 108 years for a season winner. With the play-by-play on the radio or on the screen, fans can also nab a baseball book at the Dunklin County Library to enrich their fan experience or knowledge.

With one of the most distinctive voices in all of sports, Jack Buck began radio broadcasting Cardinal games in 1954. "Remembering Jack Buck" by Rich Wolfe contains wonderful stories celebrating this legend who could repeatedly share "That's a winner, folks!" at the end of a Redbird game. With almost five decades as an announcer, Buck saw the Cardinals through "Whitey Ball"



and the chase for Maris' home-run record.

Buzz Bissinger takes the reader into the head of one of the winningest managers in baseball. Tony LaRussa, who has a law degree, shares poignantly how his dedication to his career affected his marriage and his kids and when to encourage, punish, or reward players. "Three Nights in August" also

sheds light on Matheny's hiring as the next Cardinal skipper.

Bob Forsch's "Tales from the St. Louis Cardinals Dugout" takes fans into the clubhouse, out to the bullpen, onto the mound, up to the batter's box, around the base paths, along for the ride to spring training, and even on a fishing trip or two in this tribute to the long and storied tradition of St. Louis Cardinals baseball. He also tips his cap to Willie McGee and Jack Buck. But, his quips of Jim Kaat's tips for doctoring a baseball and clubhouse pranks on superstitious Juaquin Andujar make this book an engaging read for Cardinal fans.

All of these books and many more baseball books can be checked out at the Dunklin County Library.



David Baldacci's "Memory Man" is an engaging thriller that Clarkton librarian, Margaret Pilsing, recommends repeatedly. A well-written, fast paced novel with a quirky detective and complex characters, this selection entertains the reader with several real-life strategies.

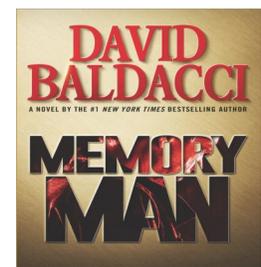
Other top suggestions from this librarian are John Grisham's "Pelican Brief" and Barbara Delinsky's "Coastal Road" because each book is high interest and simply a good story.

The Librarian's Lead

Margaret enjoys working in the Clarkton community. She believes books are a friend. Caring for books and sharing these friends with library patrons makes her happy. Monthly themes and book arrangement are two goals of this branch librarian.

Margaret wishes for increased library traffic and book circulation. Children will find the Clarkton library a welcome, enriching place.

The Clarkton branch is open Monday through Friday afternoon from 1 pm to 5 pm.



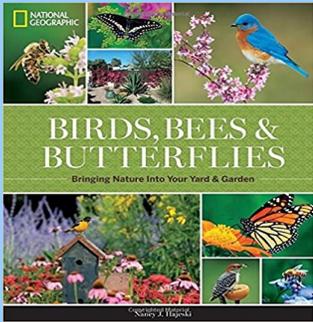
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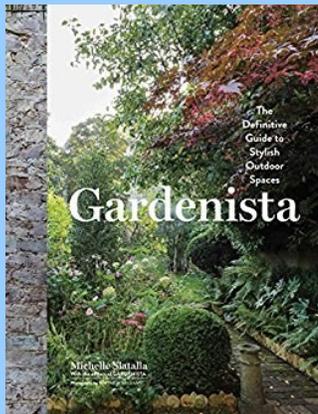
**26.6 million visits to
MO State Parks,
Cardinals, & Royals
baseball combined**

***does not include
17.6 million
virtual library visits**

Data obtained from
2016 Public Library Survey, 2016
Summer Reading Program, state
agencies, MOREnet



Need gardening help?
Check out these new books
at the
Dunklin County Library!



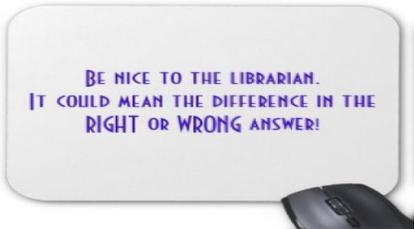
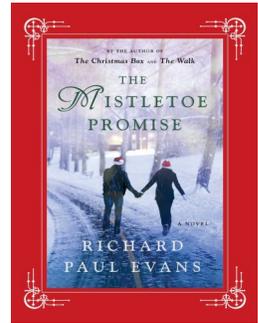
Story Time: Inch by Inch

The sly inch worm measures birds to evade being lunch in this sweet book by Leo Lionni. April Story Time is Tuesday, April 25, at 6 pm. Children will enjoy this gentle book and some fun activities along with a few take home surprises!



Author Richard Paul Evans Focus

The Book Discussion group has chosen the books of Richard Paul Evans for the meeting on April 25. Evans is known for his annual Christmas novels and the Michael Vey young adult series. Readers anticipate his new releases with conservative Christian themes and appealing to family values. Book Discussion meets the last Tuesday of each month at 7 pm.

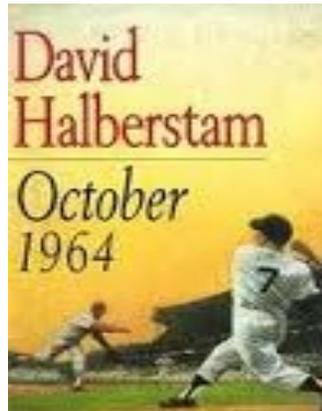


Check It Out by Gib Ennis

In 1994 baseball aficionados were delighted to see in book stores, and libraries, a book written by acclaimed writer, David Halberstam. The book was entitled, "October 1964."

Baseball was in a transitional period in 1964: Youngsters were moving out of the sandlots into the more organized game controlled by adults. The kids still used sewing machine oil to loosen the leather in their gloves; so when the ball hit the mitt, it stung, but stuck; that familiar oil scent, the crack of the bat, and dusty afternoons provided a lasting memory of the great game. An even more serious transition was that long excluded black players were now entering the majors.

In 1964 the New York Yankees were king of the hill. Their American League and World Series domination was so strong it created a love/hate fan base. Broadway took advantage of this by producing a musical called "Damn Yankees," which comically presented the fact that it would take the Devil himself to stop the Yankees.



This baseball selection and numerous others are available at the Dunklin County Library.

Great as they were, however, the Yankees were aging. They were also very slow in signing the black players where the National League had a head start. Meanwhile, the St. Louis Cardinals, after an 18 year drought in winning the World Series-were building a youth program based on speed & balance and complimented by veterans who knew how to win. They also had acquired some outstanding black players:

Practically stealing Lou Brock from the Cubs, they had also signed Curt Flood, Bill White, and the indomitable, Bob Gibson.

In "October 1964", David Halberstam writes about one of the most exciting National League pennant races in baseball history in which the Cardinals win on the absolute last game of the regular season. This advances them to the World Series against the highly favored Yankees, "Bronx Bombers."

Halberstam wrote about this period in a dazzling fast-paced style that segues so effortlessly it becomes difficult to find a stopping place. What a book to start the upcoming season with, when umpires all over the country will be shouting: "Play Ball!!!!"

