



Dunklin County Library



“People can lose their lives in libraries. They ought to be warned.”
—Saul Bellow

Training, Jobs, & More

Based on what a person hears from the media and the general public, everyone needs a college degree. However, there are numerous opportunities other than a traditional 4-year college program for high school graduates. Ultimately, goals must be considered. For some professions, college is absolutely the right choice. Options are available, varied, and full of potential!

There are over 22 million individuals who are self-employed in the USA. With drive, initiative, and a quality product, starting a business may equal success. With a computer and an internet connection, a business opportunity may be launched from the comfort of your home and with little startup costs. In the book, *How to Set up your own Small Business* by Max

Fallek, legal needs, accounting, and pitfalls are addressed to prepare the entrepreneur. This book is available at the Dunklin County Library.

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education selected a new high school equivalency test that replaced the GED starting January 2014. Missouri's current high school equivalency test was developed by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) and is called the HiSET®. The HiSET® exam consists of five subtests (content areas): Math, Science, Social Studies, Reading, and Writing. Each branch of the Dunklin County Library has a *HiSET Exam Power Practice* book in the reference section. Also, this practice book is available for purchase for \$16.

Job Corps is a free education and training

program that helps young people learn a career, earn a high school diploma or GED, and find and keep a good job. For eligible young people at least 16 years of age that qualify as low income, Job Corps provides the all-around skills needed to succeed in a career and in life.

Vocational training is one important way of contributing toward the cultivation of the many different talents. For those enrolled at the Kennett Career and Technology, whether the students be secondary, adult, or post-secondary, the opportunity is available to prepare for the world of work. Vocational education at the KCTC is perhaps best summarized in the motto, "Prepare Today for Tomorrow's Pay."

Congratulations to all the graduates in Dunklin County. Learning never ends!

May 2017



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



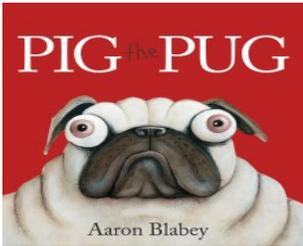
May Activities

Tuesday, May 16:
Genealogy Meeting 10 am

Tuesday, May 30:
Story Time 6 pm

Tuesday, May 30:
Book Discussion 7 pm

May Story Time



Tuesday, May 30, 2017
6 pm

Stories, Sing-a-longs,
Crafts, Games, & Laughs!!

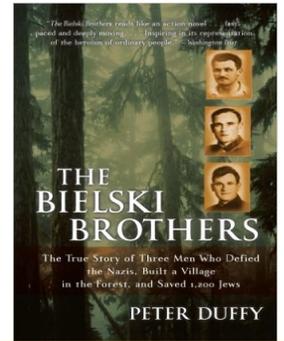
Kindergarten Honored with Books

Each year, since 1999, the Dunklin County Library places a children's book in honor of each graduating kindergarten student in the county. JoNell Minton, DCL Director, stated "At the end of each year, the library adds to its collection of children's book through this program." The books are placed in the library location nearest the school that the child attended. Labels are inserted on the inside front cover with the names of the kindergarten students, the school, and the year of kindergarten graduation. A book party is held at the local branches, and each school allows the children to visit and see the new books. All the books designated for the honorees this year are on the Accelerated Reader list. "This program is immensely important to us to introduce the library and reading to these young patrons," Ms. Minton added.



May Book Discussion: *The Bielski Brothers*

For Book Discussion on Tuesday, May 30, 2017, at 7 pm, the participants have selected *The Bielski Brothers* by Peter Duffy. This true story of three brothers who witnessed their parents and two other siblings being led away to their eventual murder in 1941 in Eastern Europe. These brothers fought back by establishing a village in the dense forest and waging a guerilla war of wits against the Nazis. Book discussion is open to all interested readers, and the group meets the last Tuesday of each month at 7 pm.



Check It Out by Gib Ennis

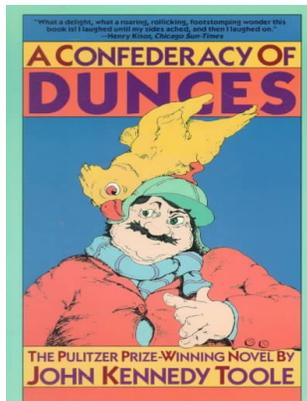
Read "A Confederacy of Dunces" and find out if you belong to a cult.

Some years back a young man drove his automobile to a remote area. He parked and then ran a hose from the exhaust through a small opening in the window of his car. He then turned on the engine.

After the suicide a distraught mother found a smeared carbon copy of a manuscript. She thought it was good and pressured a reluctant Walker Percy to read it. Percy was then a teacher of English at Loyola University. Percy started the book as a courtesy, but after three readings he became incredulous. The book simply couldn't be this good. He arranged to have the book published. In 1981, John Kennedy Toole's "A Confederacy of Dunces" won a posthumous Pulitzer Prize for fiction.

Scenes in the book take place in the rambunctious city of New Orleans. The protagonist (or antagonist if you will) is Ignatius Reilly, a college educated intellectual slob who thinks the modern world lacks proper geometry and theology. Elephantine in size, Ignatius is subject to eating binges. Constantly swollen with flatulence, his moods dependent on either

the opening or closing of his pyloric valve. He spends his time in bed carefully recording his fulminations against society in dozens of Big Chief writing tablets. Ignatius



believes that everyone should be "lashed" except himself.

Letters between Ignatius and his girlfriend, Myrna Minkoff, are priceless. Myrna lives in the Bronx where she leads a hippy life of sexual liberation, a practice she gives enthusiastic energy. She believes sex will free Ignatius from his neurotic behavior. This is somewhat hampered by the fact that Ignatius believes in sexual abstinence. Above all people, Ignatius believes that Myrna should be "lashed."

Finally leaving his bedroom, a room so foul even his long

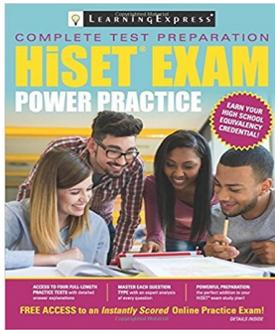
suffering mother was hesitant to enter, Ignatius adventures into the entrepreneurial world, his first endeavor as a street hot dog vender. The trouble is Ignatius eats up all the profit. Then he goes to work as a file clerk at the Levy Pants Co. where Ignatius creates all sorts of havoc. All this gives Ignatius a chance to meet a host of people each of whom is either confused, inept, or drowning in doubt yet always hilariously funny.

Readers will have to agree that "A Confederacy of Dunces" is an independent venture, quite different from other Pulitzer Prize winners in fiction. Critical approval or not, there are some who read the book and have nothing favorable to say about it. Then there are the "cultists" who may have read the book three or four times, and think it is a comedic masterpiece.

There have been several successful stage adaptations to "A Confederacy of Dunces," but none finding national fame. A movie was in the talking for a while using the considerable talents of the actor, John Candy, to play Ignatius Reilly. But Candy's untimely death ended that prospect.



This practice book for the HiSET examination is available in each branch of the Dunklin County Library in the Reference Section. Not available for checkout!



The Dunklin County Library will be closed in observance of Memorial Day on Monday, May 29, 2017.

