

**AUG-SEP 2015**

## EARLY LITERACY IS EASY WITH RACING TO READ



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Weekly storytimes at the Christian County Library are all fun and games, and that's exactly what makes them so valuable. Storytime and other library activities designed just for children 0-6 years old include lots of books and rhymes, songs, hands-on activities, and interaction between children and their caregivers. These are the types of activities that promote early literacy.

Early literacy, in a nutshell, is what children know about reading and writing before they learn how to

read and write. Children with these early literacy skills are prepared for success when it's time to attend kindergarten and beyond. While early literacy has always been a part of library storytime, the Christian County Library is adopting the Racing to Read initiative launched by the Missouri Secretary of State's Office, supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and created by the Springfield-Greene County Library District. Racing to Read helps parents and caregivers recognize easy and fun ways to bring early literacy activities into their daily lives.

Racing to Read includes five Roads to Reading: Love Books, Tell Stories, Play with Letters, Sing and Rhyme, and Talk and Read. Families visiting the library and attending storytime and other programs for young children will see these themes in action, find opportunities to employ early literacy activities right in the library, and learn about easy ways to incorporate them in their own lives.

Check page six and seven of this newsletter for more on the Roads to Reading and a schedule of Racing to Read programs, including a brand new weekly storytime at the X Center in Nixa beginning in September.

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### Christian County Library

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### HOURS

MON - THU 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

FRI & SAT 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SUN Closed

### Clever Public Library

Hwy 14 in Clever across

from Dollar General

417.743.2277

### HOURS

MON - FRI 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

SAT 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUN Closed

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Labor Day

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# LIBRARY COMMUNITY COURSES

## INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS

### Part I: Meet the Computer

Pre-Registration: Opens 7/20/15

**AUGUST 10, 2015**

5:30 - 6:30PM

Learn how to turn on the computer and discover its various parts and their purpose. Learn how to use a mouse and a laptop computer touchpad to navigate, brush up on the keyboard, and find ways improve your typing skills.

### Part II: Software

Pre-Registration: Opens 8/3/15

**AUGUST 17, 2015**

5:30 - 6:30PM

Learn about software: how is it related to hardware and what job does it perform? Discover the most common operating systems and the differences between them, and learn to manipulate "windows" to make your computer time more productive and less frustrating.

### Part III: Settings

Pre-Registration: Opens 8/10/15

**AUGUST 24, 2015**

5:30 - 6:30PM

Learn the tasks you can perform from your computer's control panel, including changing your desktop settings to give your computer a more customized look. Add and remove programs, and learn how to enable power-saving and accessibility features.

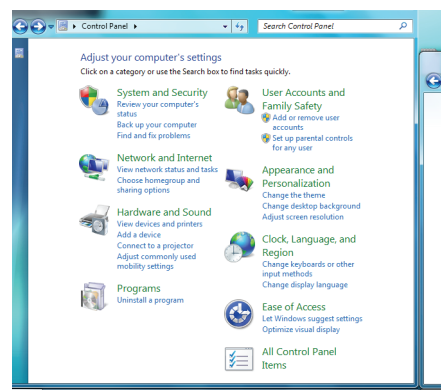
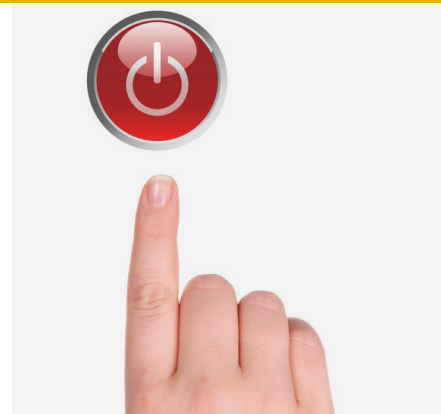
### Part IV: Shortcuts

Pre-Registration: Opens 8/17/15

**AUGUST 31, 2015**

5:30 - 6:30PM

Learn to use copy and paste functions to copy text and photos, and save, move or share them. Learn how to keep your files organized neatly so you can recover information on your computer easily, including creating, renaming, and deleting folders. Discover how to search for files that you have saved on your computer, and learn what keyboard shortcuts are and how to use them to more quickly perform common functions.



For events requiring pre-registration please visit <http://christiancountylibrary.blogspot.com> or call (417) 581-2432.



# INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET

## Part I: Get Connected

Pre-Registration: Opens 8/7/2015

**AUGUST 29, 2015**

10:00-11:00AM

Find out what equipment you need to connect to the internet, and how to choose an Internet browser. Learn basic internet navigation within your browser, such as going directly to a page by entering the URL and, moving back and forth between pages.

## Part II: Searching

Pre-Registration: Opens 8/22/2015

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2015**

10:00-11:00AM

Find what you need on the Internet. Learn the best searching techniques, discover the most popular search engines and learn how they work, and discuss how best to phrase your search strings to get better results.

## Part III: Online Communications

Pre-Registration: Opens 8/29/2015

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2015**

1:00-2:00PM

Why all the fuss surrounding Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest, and YouTube? Find out how people communicate on the internet, and learn how you can use these tools to keep in touch with family and friends, learn more about your interests, and engage with the world using social media, email, chat, blogs, and more. \*NOTE THE TIME CHANGE

## Part IV: Cyber Security

Pre-Registration: Opens 9/5/2015

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2015**

10:00-11:00AM

Avoid and prevent computer viruses, malware, and spyware. Pay bills or shop online while protecting your information. Learn how to protect yourself online by being aware of common scams in this class addressing online security techniques and tools.

## NEED EXTRA HELP WITH COMPUTERS? BOOK A TRAINER!

Book a free 30 minute one-on-one session with a library technology instructor. Request an appointment online at <http://christiancountylibrary.blogspot.com> or call the library at (417)581-2432. Provide your name, contact information, and what you'd like to discuss with us. Our instructors will call you to set up a time after receiving your request. We'll help with any technology topics that are within our knowledge and assist you find the resources you need to learn more.





# PROGRAMS for ADULTS

## Coloring and Cookie Tasting

Adults

Pre-Registration: Opens 7/25/15

**AUGUST 15, 2015**

10:00 - 11:00AM

Coloring books are not just for kids anymore. Come enjoy some adult coloring time and cookie tasting to relax and relieve stress. Materials are provided. Bring cookies to share, and you'll be entered to win a prize.



## Crafty in Christian County: Fall Centerpiece

Adults

Pre-Registration: Opens 8/8/15

**AUGUST 29, 2015**

2:00-3:00PM

Thinking fall? Create a simple and beautiful pumpkin centerpiece from an old book to grace your table for autumn. Materials are provided.



## CCL Cookbook Club

Adults

Pre-Registration: Opens 8/22/15

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2015**

1:00-2:00PM

**New this fall!** Do you love cookbooks, cooking, and conversation? Join the CCL Cookbook Club. Each month we'll pick a theme and select some related cookbooks from the library collection. Stop by the front desk anytime to choose a recipe from the featured cookbooks, then meet us the second Saturday of each month in the Netzer Room at the library with your prepared dish to share and discuss.



## Market Your Small Business for Free with A to Z Databases

Adults

Pre-Registration: Opens 8/17/15

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2015**

10:00-11:00AM

Learn how you can use A to Z Databases for free with your library card to create targeted mailing lists and sales leads and help grow your small business.



For events requiring pre-registration please visit <http://ccladult.blogspot.com> or call (417) 581-2432.







# PROGRAMS for TEENS

## Ready to Learn?

Teens 12-18 years  
Pre-Registration: Not Required

**AUGUST 14, 2015**

8:30 - 5:00PM

Go back to school in a style all your own! Stop by the library anytime on August 14 for a back to school make-and-take craft. You can make items to personalize your locker, desk, or notebooks!

## Bristle Bots

Teens 12-18 years  
Pre-Registration: Opens 8/13/15

**SEPTMEBER 3, 2015**

4:00- 5:30PM

Have you ever wanted your own robotic pet? Why not make one yourself! Stop by the library to make robots out of tooth brushes! Once we are done, we will have a bristle bot race!

## Banana Art

Teens 12-18 years  
Pre-Registration: Opens 8/27/15

**SEPTMEBER 17, 2015**

4:00- 5:30PM

Want to learn a new and easy way to add some flair to your lunch or snack? Then come to the library to learn how to make edible art with a banana! Bring an image you would like to transfer to your banana or print one off here. When you're done, you can show off your art to your family and friends before you eat it!

For events requiring pre-registration please visit [http:// cclteens.blogspot.com](http://cclteens.blogspot.com) or call (417) 581-2432.

## TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

**For TEENS 12-18 years:** TAB members hang out with friends, eat, help plan library services for teens, and participate in library volunteer opportunities that will look great on future job and college applications. Sound like fun? Apply for a spot on the Teen Advisory Board at the library or online at <http://christiancountylibrary.org>.

**AUGUST 27, 2015**  
4:00PM

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2015**  
4:00PM

## TEEN BOOK CLUB

**For TEENS 12-18 years:** Join the Teen Book Club, meeting every first Friday. Find out what we're reading this month at <http://cclteens.blogspot.com>.

**AUGUST 7, 2015**  
3:30PM

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2015**  
3:30PM

## GEEKS UNITED

**For TEENS 12-18 years:** Enjoy anime, graphic novels, fantasy, sci-fi and all things geeky? Join Geeks United! Meet fellow geeks and share your interests. Registration opens three weeks in advance.

**AUGUST 21, 2015**  
3:30PM

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2015**  
3:30PM





# PROGRAMS for CHILDREN

## Ready to Learn Make and Take

Children - All Ages

Pre-Registration: Not Required

**AUGUST 14-15, 2015**

ALL DAY

Visit the Christian County Library and create a craft to help you get in the school spirit.

## Friday Bristle Bot Building Challenge

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2015**

Children - 7-11 years old

3:30-4:30PM

Pre-Registration: Opens 8/14/15

Get in gear for this robot-themed program. Design and build your own mini robot and challenge other builders to a race!

## Saturday Bristle Bot Building Challenge

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2015**

Children - 7-11 years old

2:30-3:30PM

Pre-Registration: Opens 8/14/15

Get in gear for this robot-themed program. Design and build your own mini robot and challenge other builders to a race!

## Recycled Robot Make and Take

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2015**

Children - All Ages

All Day

Pre-Registration: Not Required

Come to the Christian County Library to create your own 'robot' out of recycled materials!



## 5 ROADS TO READING

### LOVE BOOKS



Have fun reading books you and your child enjoy.

### PLAY WITH LETTERS



Find print everywhere. Play with words and letters.

### SING AND RHYME



Play with sounds, songs and rhymes.

### TALK AND READ



Explore lots of words with your child.

### TELL STORIES



Create stories, play make-believe and let your child be a storyteller.

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## WEEKLY STORYTIMES for CHILDREN

### **Preschool Storytime**

Children - 3 to 6 years old

Pre-Registration: Not Required

**TUES. AND WED.**

**AUG. 11 - SEPT. 30**

**10:30AM**

Join us for fun and interactive stories, songs, games, and crafts that help develop early literacy skills, and learn more about how to implement early literacy activities in your own home. This is a Racing to Read storytime.

### **Nixa Storytime at the X Center**

Children - All Ages

Pre-Registration: Not Required

**FRIDAYS**

**SEPT. 4-25**

**10:30AM**

Join us at the X Center in Nixa, 701 N. Taylor Way, for a brand new weekly storytime! We'll read books, sing songs, and learn about Racing to Read early literacy skills all while having a great time.

### **Lap Time at the Library**

Children - 0 -2 years old

Pre-Registration: Not Required

**THURSDAYS**

**AUG. 13 - SEPT. 24**

**11:00AM**

This storytime is just for babies and toddlers. Bring your little one for stories, songs, rhymes, and playtime just right for the youngest children, and take home early literacy tips to implement at home. This is a Racing to Read Storytime.

### **Clever Library Storytime**

Children - All Ages

Pre-Registration: Not Required

**SATURDAYS**

**AUG. 15 - SEPT. 26**

**10:00AM**

Come each Saturday to the Clever Public Library for a Racing to Read storytime. We'll read stories and do fun activities as we practice the early literacy skills that help children be ready to read.

## MONTHLY PROGRAMS for CHILDREN

### **Wii Wednesdays**

Children - All Ages

Pre-Registration: Not Required

**WEDNESDAY**

**AUG. 19 and SEPT. 16**

**1:00-5:00PM**

We're breaking out the Nintendo Wii and our games in the children's area! Come join us for an afternoon of video game fun.

### **Paws for Reading**

Children - All Ages

Pre-Registration: Not Required

**MONDAY**

**AUG. 17 and SEPT. 21**

**3:30-4:30PM**

Bring young or reluctant readers to read to dogs, specially trained by The Alliance of Therapy Pets. Children are more comfortable reading to a pet who never makes fun of them, never corrects them, and always enjoys their time together.





# MOVIES

## "Strange Magic"

Audience: Children and Families

Rated: PG • Runtime: 99 min. • Information & Poster from IMDB

Goblins, elves, fairies and imps, have misadventures sparked by the battle over a powerful potion.

**AUGUST 1, 2015**

1:30PM



## "Tinkerbell and the Legend of the NeverBeast"

Audience: Children and Families

Rated: G • Runtime: 76 min. • Information & Poster from IMDB

Fawn believes you can't judge an animal by its fangs, so she befriends a huge and mysterious creature known as the NeverBeast. While Tinkerbell and her friends aren't so sure about this scary addition to Pixie Hollow, the elite Scout Fairies set out to capture the monster before he destroys their home. Fawn must trust her heart and take a leap of faith if she hopes to rally the girls to save the NeverBeast.

**AUGUST 22, 2015**

1:30PM



## "Cinderella"

Audience: Children and Families

Rated: PG • Runtime: 105 min. • Information & Poster from IMDB

When her father unexpectedly passes away, young Ella finds herself at the mercy of her cruel stepmother and her daughters. Never one to give up hope, Ella's fortunes begin to change after meeting a dashing stranger.

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2015**

1:30PM



# LIBRARY NEWS

## LIBRARY RECEIVES LSTA COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT GRANT

The Christian County Library was awarded a Public Library Collection Development grant the amount of \$17,175.36, made available with funds from the Library Services and Technology Act appropriated by Congress and administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Missouri Secretary of State. The purpose of the grant is to update and expand the library's fiction collection for children and teens. Grant funds purchased more than 1500 items, including board books, picture books, chapter books, novels, audiobooks, and graphic novels for kids and teens. Have you used some of our new materials for children? Share your opinion about them with a staff member, or pick up a survey at the library or online at <http://cclkids.blogspot.com>.

## TEEN AREA RIBBON CUTTING SLATED FOR AUGUST 12

The Christian County Library is pleased to announce the debut of a new teen area on August 12, 2015. With brightly-colored shelving and furniture, the teen area is the new location for young adult fiction books and audiobooks, including the newly-expanded collection of graphic novels. This will be the first time the Christian County Library offers a space dedicated just for the use off teens. The library will host the Nixa and Ozark Chambers of Commerce for a joint ribbon cutting on August 12 at 12:30 p.m.

