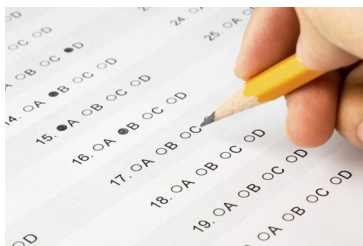# Christian County LIBRARY

March 2013 Classes, Events, and News

Online Test Prep, Computer and Software Tutorials, and More!

Most of us have to take a standardized test at some point. Test preparation materials can be expensive, but the Christian County Library offers an online database called *Learning Express Library* with courses and practice tests to help you prepare for many standardized tests, including the ACT, SAT, GED, GRE, ASVAB, and many more. *Learning Express Library* is free to use with your Christian County Library card. The database also contains self-paced tutorials on many software programs, basic computer use, and workplace skills to help you prepare for your future. Plus, there are tools for students elementary school age through college to help practice the basic skills they need to be successful in school. Visit http://christiancounty.lib.mo.us/databases.html. You can search for classes and tests using the search box. To begin learning, you'll need to create a user account with your library card number as the username and a password of your choosing. You can add your favorite tests and courses to your account so you'll have quick access to them every time.

Book Signing with Author Kitty Sutton

Kitty Sutton, author of *Wheezer and the Painted Frog*, will be at the Christian County Library on **Saturday, March 30th, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** to sign her book and discuss her work. Kitty has been writing for many years and in 2011, Inknbeans published her historical Native American murder mystery, the first in a series featuring Wheezer, a Jack Russell Terrier and his Cherokee friend, Sasa.

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Library Hours

Monday-Friday
8:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Friday-Saturday
8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Closed Sunday

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Library Community Courses

Library Community Courses provide lifelong learning opportunities for the citizens of Christian County. Classes are free.

Start Your Family Tree
Saturday, March 2nd, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Location: Netzer Room, Christian County Library
Begin at the beginning. This class covers the basics of tracing your family history for anyone who would like to start working on their genealogy, and for those who would like to get the work that they have already done organized in order to continue their research. Registration required. Call (417)581-2432.

Digital Photo Sharing Basics
Monday, March 4th, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Location: Netzer Room, Christian County Library
Do you have digital pictures that you want to share with family and friends online? Learn how to get your pictures from your computer hard drive onto Facebook or sent through e-mail. Plus, learn about other free photo editing and photo sharing options available online. Registration required. Call (417)581-2432.

Introduction to E-Mail
Saturday, March 9th, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Location: James Room, The Center, Nixa
This class is for those who have never had an e-mail account or would like to know more about using e-mail. We will go over the basics of e-mail, set up an account, and practice sending and receiving a few messages. Registration required. Call (417)581-2432.

Microsoft Word Basics
Monday, March 18th, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Location: Netzer Room, Christian County Library
This class teaches students basic word processing tasks in Microsoft Word 2007 and 2010, including creating, printing, and saving documents, formatting text, plus an overview of some of the more advanced features available in the program. Registration required. Call (417)581-2432.

Cyber Security
Saturday, March 23rd, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Location: James Room, The Center, Nixa
Would you like to get online but are afraid to catch a virus? Would you like to begin paying bills or shopping online but are afraid that a cyber criminal will steal your credit card or other personal information? Learn how to be more careful and aware while online and using your e-mail. This class will address computer and internet security techniques. Registration required. Call (417)581-2432.

Microsoft Excel Basics
Saturday, March 30th, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Location: Netzer Room, Christian County Library
Does adding, subtracting, multiplying, or dividing long lists of numbers sound terrifying? Relax and let Excel do the work for you. Crunch those numbers, add charts and graphs, calculate your monthly budget, or keep a tidy address book. In this Library Community Course you will learn the basics of using the Excel spreadsheet program. Registration required. Call (417)581-2432.

View the Library Community Course schedule and register online anytime at http://christiancountylibrary.blogspot.com!

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Adult Programs and Library Community Courses

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Start Your Family Tree* 10am CCL
3	4 Digital Photo Sharing Basics* 5:30pm CCL	5 Hands-On Computer Learning Lab 4:30-6pm CCL	6	7	8	9 Introduction to E-mail* 2pm Nixa
10	11	12 Hands-On Computer Learning Lab 4:30-6pm CCL	13	14	15	16 Friends of the Library Meeting 10am
17	18 Microsoft Word Basics* 5:30pm CCL	19 Hands-On Computer Learning Lab 4:30-6pm CCL	20	21	22	23 Cyber Security* 2pm Nixa
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CCL Kids, Teens, and Family Calendar
March 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 Preschool Storytime 10:30 a.m.	6 Preschool Storytime 10:30 a.m.	7 O.C. Storytime 10:30 a.m.	8	9 Game Day* 12-5 p.m.
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins	11 Pets as Listeners* 4:00 p.m.	12 Preschool Storytime 10:30 a.m.	13 Preschool Storytime 10:30 a.m.	14 O.C. Storytime 10:30 a.m.	15	16 Friends of the Library Meeting 10:00 a.m.
17 HAPPY ST. PATTY'S DAY	18	19 Preschool Storytime 10:30 a.m.	20 Preschool Storytime 10:30 a.m.	21 O.C. Storytime 10:30 a.m.	22	23 Free Movie: *Thunderstruck* (PG, 90 min.) 1:30 p.m.
24	25 Pets as Listeners* 4:00 p.m.	26 Preschool Easter Party* 10:30 a.m.	27 Preschool Easter Party* 10:30 a.m.	28 O.C. Storytime 10:30 a.m.	29	30
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Programs for Children, Teens, and Families

Storytimes

Preschool Storytime
Stories, songs, and crafts help develop early reading skills. Geared toward 3-5 year olds. Younger children welcome.
- Tuesdays and Wednesdays, March 5th-20th, 10:30 a.m.

Storytime @ the OC
Join Miss Lucinda from the Christian County Library for storytime at the Ozark Community Center.
- Thursdays, March 7th-28th, 9:15 a.m.

Preschool Easter Party

Bring your child to celebrate Easter at the library with games, treats, and stories. Each child should bring six plastic candy-filled eggs and a basket to participate in our egg hunt. Registration required. Call (417)581-2432.
- Tuesday, March 26th, 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 27th, 10:30 a.m.

Movie Day

Saturday, March 23rd, 1:30 p.m. Join us for a free movie and free popcorn and punch. This month's movie is **Thunderstruck** (2012, rated PG, 90 minutes).

From IMDb.com: A basketball star, played by Kevin Durant, switches talent with a klutzy 16-year-old fan.
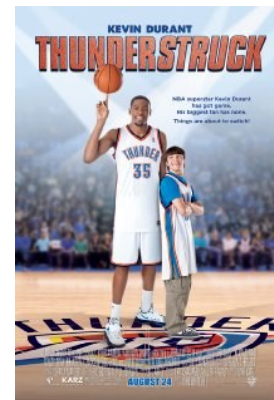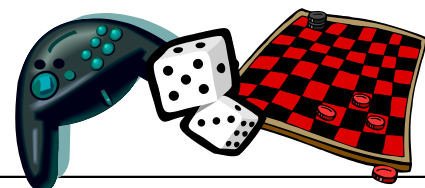
Pets as Listeners

Bring young or reluctant readers to our PALS program to read to Pepper, a dog specially trained by Pet Therapy of the Ozarks. Similar programs have seen students who are reading below grade level raise their competency to at or above grade level. Children are more comfortable reading to a pet who never makes fun of them, never corrects them, and always enjoys their time together. Registration required. Call (417)581-2432.
- Monday, March 11th, 4:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 25th, 4:00 p.m.

Game Day @ Your Library

Bring the whole family to enjoy refreshments and play games of all kinds, including board games, card games, and Nintendo Wii on the big screen in the Netzer Room. Registration required. Call (417)581-2432.
- Saturday, March 9th, 12:00-5:00 p.m.

Hands-On Computer Learning Lab

Get one-on-one computer help from library technology staff with…

- Setting up an e-mail address
- Learning to use a library database
- Résumé formatting and online job application questions
- Craig's List and Facebook questions
- And much more!

Open Lab in Netzer Room, Christian County Library 4:30-6:00 p.m. Tuesdays in March

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Do Libraries Still Matter in the Internet Age?

A recent television commercial for an insurance company features a man and woman talking. The woman says, "They can't put anything on the internet that isn't true." Then, the woman's date, who is supposedly a French model she met on the internet, appears. He's an unattractive, dumpy man who can't even feign a French greeting. She wanders off with him, convinced that what she learned about him on the internet is true despite appearances.

The commercial amuses us because we know that information we read on the internet is not always reliable. A Google search is certainly sufficient to satisfy curiosity over, for example, the population of Brazil or the life span of a zebra. But what if you've just been diagnosed with a medical condition and you need information about treatment options? Or you need to find the best mutual funds in which to invest your retirement savings? Or you want unbiased information about the history of gun control in the United States? When the information you need has a real impact on your life, it can be overwhelming to try to sort fact from fiction on the internet. This is one reason libraries remain relevant. Libraries and librarians help you find reliable information on the subjects that matter to you, whether on the open internet, or in library-provided sources.

The Christian County Library owns more than 80,000 books, subscribes to more than twenty online databases on a variety of topics, and provides access to millions of other sources from libraries across the U.S. through MOBIUS and inter-library loan. But it's the quality, not the quantity, of information that makes your library matter. Library resources are carefully selected by trained professionals for their credibility based on reviews and research, and for their appeal to our particular community. Of course, the library has plenty of simply popular or entertaining materials. But when you need reliable information on a matter that impacts your life, your library provides free access to resources you can trust as authoritative and accurate. And, perhaps more importantly, the library staff is trained to help you sort good information from bad and find the best resources to suit your needs.