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LIBRARY AWARDED GRANTS FOR REPLACING COMPUTERS, EXPANDING EARLY LITERACY

The Christian County Library's tagline, which appears on every new library card issued, is "Books are just the beginning." While lending books is still a core service most public libraries offer, there is a quote from R. David Lankes that gets at the true mission of the library: "Bad libraries build collections, good libraries build services, great libraries build communities." It is this community-building that drives our work each day, and the Christian County Library is pleased to announce the receipt of two grants that will help bolster these efforts.

The first is a Racing to Read Early Literacy Grant for \$6,211.00. Early literacy is what children know about reading and writing before they learn how to read and write. This grant will fund printed Racing to Read materials to help parents and caregivers find easy and fun ways to encourage early literacy. It will fund five Early Literacy Fairs across the county, with a free book for each family who attends (see p. 7). The grant also funds early literacy-based toys like puppets, felt boards, alphabet toys, and shape toys to provide a rich early literacy experience to families who attend storytimes in Ozark, Nixa, and Clever, or who visit the children's areas at the Christian County and Clever Public Libraries.

The second grant is a Technology Mini-Grant for \$17,325. This grant will fund the replacement of all public computers at the Christian County Library, including laptops used in library computer classes and other equipment needed to optimize public computer access. The library's public computers are used on average 1,200 times each month, most often for tasks like job searches, job applications, or resumes, school-related tasks, e-mail, and social networking. Library computer classes had 296 students last year. New computers are expected to be installed and available for public use later this fall.

Both grants are 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.

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Christian County Library
1005 N. 4th Ave.
Ozark, MO 65721
417.581.2432
info@christiancountylibrary.org

Clever Public Library
Hwy 14 in Clever across
from Dollar General
417.743.2277

HOURS

MON - THU 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
FRI & SAT 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
SUN Closed

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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Veterans Day
11/11/15

Thanksgiving Day
11/26/15



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LIBRARY COMMUNITY COURSES

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS

Part I: Meet the Computer

Pre-Registration: Opens 9/10/15

OCTOBER 31, 2015

10:00-11:00AM

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 9/10/15

NOVEMBER 7, 2015

10:00-11:00AM

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 9/10/15

NOVEMBER 14, 2015

10:00-11:00AM

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.

WINDOWS

Windows 8.1 Basics

Pre-Registration: Opens 10/6/15

OCTOBER 27, 2015

5:30-6:30PM

Transitioning from Windows 7, or just want to learn more about Windows 8.1? Learn how to navigate Windows 8.1 and discover what changes have been introduced since previous versions of the operating system. Also covered: upgrading from Windows 8 to Windows 8.1.



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 10/12/2015

NOVEMBER 2, 2015

5:30-6:30PM

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 10/12/2015

NOVEMBER 9, 2015

5:30-6:30PM

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 10/12/2015

NOVEMBER 16, 2015

5:30-6:30PM

Why all the fuss surrounding Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest, and YouTube? Find out how people communicate on the internet. Then, 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.

Part IV: Cyber Security

Pre-Registration: Opens 10/12/2015

NOVEMBER 23, 2015

5:30-6:30PM

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, and discovering 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 in finding the resources you need to learn more.





PROGRAMS for ADULTS

Wayne Glenn: Battles of the Ozarks

Pre-Registration: Not Required

OCTOBER 1, 2015

6:00-7:00PM

Christian County author, historian, and radio host Wayne Glenn will discuss Civil War battles of the Ozarks, his books, and his upcoming projects.

Make and Take: Felt & Pine Cone Owl Ornaments

Pre-Registration: Not Required

OCTOBER 3, 2015

9:00AM-4:00PM

Attending the Ozark Arts & Craft Show this year? Stop by the library any time between 9:00 and 4:00 while you're out shopping at the craft fair to make your own adorable felt and pine cone owl ornaments. Craft from liagriffith.com. Materials provided.

CCL Cookbook Club

Pre-Registration: Opens 9/12/15; 10/10/15

OCTOBER 10, 2015

NOVEMBER 14, 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 one of our themed cookbooks, then meet us the second Saturday of each month with your prepared dish to share and discuss. *PLEASE NOTE: OCTOBER MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE X CENTER IN NIXA, 701 N. TAYLOR WAY.*

Paranormal Investigators: Wesley and Melissa Fox

Pre-Registration: Not Required

OCTOBER 24, 2015

10:00-11:00AM

Meet paranormal investigators Wesley and Melissa Fox and listen to them discuss their experiences with ghost hunting. The Foxes have worked with Branson Paranormal Investigators, appeared on the TV show "The Haunting." Wesley is also the author of two books on the paranormal.



Start Your Family Tree

Pre-Registration: Opens 10/6/15

OCTOBER 27, 2015

1:00-2:00pm

Begin at the beginning. This class covers the basics on tracing your family history. It's made for anyone who would like to start working on their genealogy, and those who would like to get the work that they have already done organized in order to continue their research.

Crafty in Christian County: Thanksgiving Centerpieces

Pre-Registration: Opens 10/17/15

NOVEMBER 7, 2015

12:30-1:30PM

Create a beautiful centerpiece to decorate your Thanksgiving table with crafter Pam Cox. Materials are provided, although donations towards the cost of materials are appreciated.



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

Christian County
LIBRARY

LOCAL AUTHOR FAIR

and QUILT RAFFLE

October 24, 2015

10:00AM-2:00PM



MEET AND CHAT WITH LOCAL AUTHORS, BUY BOOKS, AND GET AUTOGRAPHS!

CHRISTIAN BOOKS, MYSTERIES, COMICS, CHILDREN'S BOOKS, LOCAL HISTORY, ROMANCE, AND MORE!

Pat Lamb • Paul William Bass • Susan Keene • Thomas Canter
Karla Lowe-Phelps • Kitty Sutton • Rene Micka • Dan Trogon
Tierney James • John Cockroft • Wesley Fox

PLUS Support the Christian County Friends of the Library by purchasing raffle tickets for a quilt signed by many local authors and raffled off during this event. Quilt is displayed at the library and raffle tickets available at the front desk throughout October. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10.





PROGRAMS for TEENS

Murder Mystery in the Library: After Hours!

Teens: 12-18 years old

Pre-Registration: Opens 10/9/2015

OCTOBER 30, 2015

6:00-8:00PM

Celebrate Halloween with a murder mystery night in the library after it closes. Come dressed in your Halloween best and be prepared to snoop, sleuth, and deduce your way through the library mystery. Prizes will be given to those who solve the mystery, as well as for best costume.

NOTE: All teens MUST be signed in by a guardian by 6:00 p.m. and may not leave before 8 p.m. without a parent or guardian. Parents and guardians are not permitted to stay in the library after the start of the program.

Day of the Dead

Teens: 12-18 years old

Pre-Registration: Opens 10/12/2015

NOVEMBER 13, 2015

3:30-4:30PM

Celebrate Day of the Day by decorating a sugar skull, a traditional folk art from Southern Mexico used to celebrate El Dia de Los Muertos!



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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 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>.

**OCTOBER 22, 2015
4:30PM**

**NOVEMBER 19, 2015
4:30PM**



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>.

**OCTOBER 2, 2015
3:30PM**

**NOVEMBER 6, 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.

**OCTOBER 9, 2015
3:30PM**

**NOVEMBER 20, 2015
3:30PM**





RACING to READ EARLY LITERACY FAIRS

Nixa Racing to Read Early Literacy Fair

Audience: Children 0-6 Years old and their caregivers

Location: The X Center (Nixa Community Center), 701 N. Taylor Way, Nixa

Pre-Registration: Not required

OCTOBER 28, 2015

10:00AM-2:00PM

Ozark Racing to Read Early Literacy Fair

Audience: Children 0-6 Years Old and their Caregivers

Location: Christian County Library

Pre-Registration: Opens 10/12/2015

NOVEMBER 13, 2015

10:00AM-2:00PM

Early literacy is what children know about reading and writing before they learn how to read and write. Get a **free book** for your family and learn about all the fun ways you can encourage early literacy in your 0-5 year old during this interactive, come-and-go event with the Christian County Library. You and your child will participate in activities to help you learn about each of the five "Roads to Reading" and establish some easy and fun ways to bring these into your day-to-day interactions. No registration required. This event is funded by a grant 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.

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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PROGRAMS for CHILDREN

Orange You Glad it's Fall Make and Take Craft

Children - All Ages
Pre-Registration: Not Required

OCTOBER 2-3, 2015

ALL DAY

Come celebrate the changing colors with a special fall-themed craft.

Family Camp-In

Children - All Ages
Pre-Registration: Opens 10/2/15

OCTOBER 23, 2015

5:00-6:00PM

In the camping mood but don't want to stay outdoors? No problem! Come to the Christian County Library's after-hours camp-in instead! Special guest Jennifer Hancock of the Missouri 4H will be here to give some tips on how to have a great camping experience.

Preschool Pumpkin Party

Children - All Ages
Pre-Registration: Not Required

OCTOBER 27 & 28, 2015

10:30-11:30AM

Join us for this very special storytime celebrating Halloween. Come dressed in your Halloween best to listen to stories, play games, and eat snacks.

Dickerson Park Zoo:

Ozark Animals

Children - All Ages
Pre-Registration: Opens 10/17/2015

NOVEMBER 7, 2015

3:00-4:00PM

Join us at the library as Jamie from the Dickerson Park Zoo talks about our favorite animals from the Ozarks, with real animals!

Give Thanks Make and Take

Children - All Ages
Pre-Registration: Not Required

NOVEMBER 13 & 14, 2015

ALL DAY

Celebrate Thanksgiving with this specially themed make and take.





WEEKLY STORYTIMES for CHILDREN

Preschool Storytime

Children - 3 to 6 years old
Pre-Registration: Not Required

TUES. AND WED.

OCT. 6 - NOV. 18
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 with Racing to Read. No storytime Veterans Day or Thanksgiving week.

Lap Time at the Library

Children - 0 -2 years old
Pre-Registration: Not Required

THURSDAYS

OCT. 1 - NOV. 19
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 Racing to Read early literacy tips to implement at home. No storytime Thanksgiving week.

Nixa Storytime at the X Center

Children - All Ages
Pre-Registration: Not Required

FRIDAYS

OCT. 2 - NOV. 20
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. No storytime Thanksgiving week.

Clever Library Storytime

Children - All Ages
Pre-Registration: Not Required

SATURDAYS

OCT. 3 - NOV. 21
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. No storytime Thanksgiving week.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS for CHILDREN

Wii Wednesdays

Children - All Ages
Pre-Registration: Not Required

WEDNESDAY

OCT. 21 and NOV. 18
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

OCT. 19 and NOV. 16
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

"Insurgent"

Audience: Teens and Adults

Rated: PG-13 • Runtime: 119 min. • Information & Poster from IMDB

Beatrice Prior must confront her inner demons and continue her fight against a powerful alliance which threatens to tear her society apart with the help from others on her side.

OCTOBER 24, 2015

1:30PM



"Inside Out"

Audience: Children and Families

Rated: PG • Runtime: 94 min. • Information & Poster from IMDB

After young Riley is uprooted from her Midwest life and moved to San Francisco, her emotions - Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness - conflict on how best to navigate a new city, house, and school.

NOVEMBER 28, 2015

1:30PM



EVENTS for ALL AGES

American Sign Language:

Four Part Series

Audiences: Children, Teens, and Adults

Pre-Registration: Opens 10/1/2015

OCTOBER 22 & 29, 2015

NOVEMBER 5 & 12, 2015

4:00-5:00PM

American Sign Language has become one of the most popular languages to study. If you've ever considered learning ASL, whether it be to communicate with your baby or toddler, talk with a hearing-impaired acquaintance, or just for fun, ASL instructor Tracy Harwell can help. She'll give an introduction to the language, demonstrate fun ways to teach and learn it, and discuss ASL learning resources in our area.



International Games Day 2015

Audience: All Ages

Pre-Registration: Opens 10/31/2015

NOVEMBER 21, 2015

12:00-4:00PM

It's time for the eighth annual celebration of gaming in libraries across the world. Bring the whole family to play board games, card games, video games, and more. Refreshments served. Door prize drawings throughout the event.





FEATURED DATABASES

"ISSUES AND CONTROVERSIES" DATABASE OFFERS OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS OF TODAY'S HOT TOPICS

It can be difficult to sort through the information on controversial issues many of us are bombarded by through social media, cable news, and other sources. This database offers a straightforward but detailed overview of the reasons people support or oppose controversial topics like U.S. military action against ISIS, abortion laws, bullying laws, whether or not police departments use excessive force, the impact of the Affordable Care Act, and many more contentious topics. You can then dig deeper by reading news and encyclopedia articles, primary source documents, and even editorial cartoons. Users have the opportunity to see the full picture, form their own opinions, and find information that will help them argue those opinions in an informed way.



The database is useful for anyone who wants to understand the issues in the news, but includes special tools for educators and students of middle school, high school, and college age. Use it free with your library card at christiancountylibrary.org/databases.html.



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Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale

OCTOBER 10-17, 2015

Mon.-Thurs. 12:00-8:00PM • Fri. 12:00-5:00PM • Sat. 8:30AM-5:00PM

It's time for the semi-annual Christian County Friends of the Library Book Sale. Books for every age and interest, audiobooks, DVDs, VHS, magazines, puzzles and more are available for purchase. Most items are just \$0.50 to \$1, with a half-price sale on Friday, October 16. On Saturday, October 17, attendees can fill a plastic grocery bag for \$2.

Friends of the Library members can attend the pre-sale, Friday October 9 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for the best selection. Non-members can get a 2015 family membership for \$10.00 or an individual membership for \$6.00 at the door, or anytime at the Christian County Library.

Christian County Library Foundation Trivia Night

OCTOBER 17, 2015

Location: Fremont Hills Country Club

Doors Open 5:30PM
Trivia Begins 6:00PM

The CCLF Trivia Night and Silent Auction, co-sponsored by Lathrop & Gage LLP and Family Pharmacy, promises to be fun for trivia-lovers and library-supporters alike. Tickets are \$25 per person, or \$175 for a table of eight, and available for purchase at the Christian County Library. **Round and Table sponsorships are still available and silent auction item donations are being accepted.** Please contact the library at (417)581-2432 for more information. All proceeds benefit the Christian County Library Foundation, whose purpose is to fund library expansion in the county.

Persimmon Pickin' Bluegrass Concert

OCTOBER 23, 2015

Location: Sparta Middle School

7:00-9:00PM

Held during Sparta's Persimmon Days, and featuring the band High Strung, this **free** bluegrass concert benefits the Christian County Library Foundation. Enjoy some high energy bluegrass and we'll "pass the hat" to raise some money towards future library expansion in our county.

