Christian County LIBRARY

LIBRARY FOUNDATION RECEIVES $100,000 DONATION

The Stanley and Elaine Ball Foundation gave $100,000 to the Christian County Library Foundation. The money will be used to fund a new children's area for the Christian County Library in the future. This marks the largest donation by far to the relatively new Christian County Library Foundation.

The Christian County Library Foundation was formed in 2013 to raise funds towards expanding access to library facilities and services in Christian County. Voters rejected tax increases for the same purpose in 2009 and 2010. The Stanley and Elaine Ball Foundation announced the gift after library director Geri Olmstead and several members of the foundation board and library board of trustees presented their cause on October 7. "We are so excited and grateful," said Olmstead.

Stanley Ball was once a Nixa resident, and was the first president of the Nixa Community Foundation. He established the Stanley and Elaine Ball Charitable Foundation after his wife Elaine died in 2005. The foundation's goal is to help those less fortunate and improve the communities that Stanley and Elaine loved. Mr. Ball passed away earlier this year at 97. The Balls' daughter, Jo Arcudia, said of the donation to the Christian County Library Foundation, "We hope this will encourage others to support the library and its potential growth throughout Christian County."

The current library was built in 1972 to serve a population of approximately 15,000 people. Christian County has grown to more than 80,000 people in 2015. While voters in 1971 approved a 0.20-cent tax levy, Hancock Amendment rollbacks mean the library collects only .0887-cents per $100 in assessed value. The library hopes to ask voters to restore the 0.20-cent levy rate in the future to fund expansion at its branch in Ozark and establish new branches in Nixa, Clever, and Sparta.

Can you help the Christian County Library Foundation meet its goals? Learn more or make a donation at http://www.cclibraryfoundation.org.

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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

CLOSED
Christmas Eve 12/24/15
Christmas Day 12/25/15
New Year's Eve @5pm 12/31/15
New Year's Day 1/1/2016
Martin Luthor King Jr. Day 1/18/2016

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LIBRARY COMMUNITY COURSES

ONLINE SHOPPING

Holiday Online Shopping   **DECEMBER 7, 2015**
Pre-Registration: Opens 11/14/15   5:30-6:30PM

Would you like to explore the world of online holiday shopping but aren't to get started? We will teach you some tips and tricks to avoid the crowds and have your Christmas presents delivered right to your front door, safely and securely.

GENEALOGY

Start Your Family Tree   **DECEMBER 12, 2015**
Pre-Registration: Opens 11/21/15   10:00-11:00AM

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 those who would like to get the work that they have already done organized in order to continue their research.
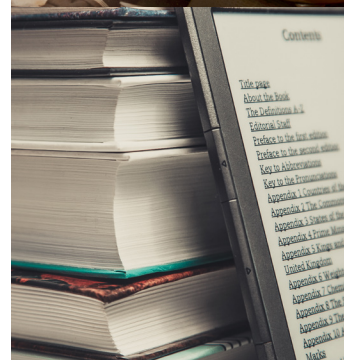
E-BOOKS

Downloading E-Books from the Library   **JANUARY 9, 2016**
Pre-Registration: Opens 12/19/15   10:00-11:00AM

Get the most out of your Kindle, Nook, iPad, or other e-reader. Learn how to check out and download e-books with your Christian County Library card, then read them on your computer, phone, tablet, or e-reader.

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 within a week of 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.

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS

Part I: Meet the Computer

JANUARY 16, 2016

Pre-Registration: Opens 12/26/15

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

JANUARY 23, 2016

Pre-Registration: Opens 12/26/15

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

JANUARY 30, 2016

Pre-Registration: Opens 12/26/15

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.

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET

Part I: Get Connected

JANUARY 11, 2016

Pre-Registration: Opens 12/21/15

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.
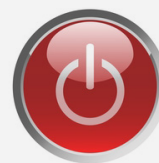
Part II: Searching

JANUARY 25, 2016

Pre-Registration: Opens 12/21/15
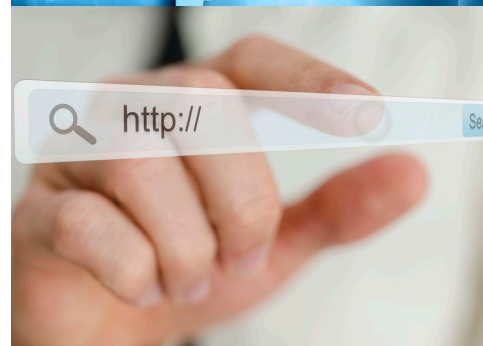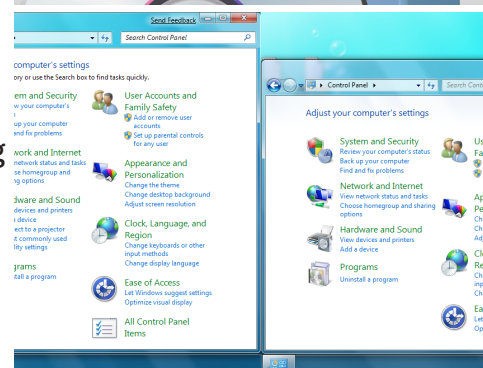
5:30-6:30PM

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

For events requiring pre-registration please visit christiancountylibrary.blogspot.com or call (417) 581-2432.

PROGRAMS for ADULTS

How to Stay Energized through Self-Awareness and Self-Care

DECEMBER 5, 2015
10:00 - 11:00AM

Pre-Registration: Opens 11/14/15

Self-Awareness can have a huge impact on being able to properly take care of yourself and know how to re-energize. This presentation from licensed psychologist Tiffany Ruffin, Psy. D., will discuss different ways to take care of yourself based on your temperament.

Pinecone Mouse Ornament Make and Take

DECEMBER 14, 2015
DECEMBER 21, 2015
ALL DAY

Pre-Registration: Not Required

Stop by the library anytime on Monday, December 14 or December 21 and spend a few minutes making a cute pinecone mouse, suitable for your own Christmas tree or to give as a gift. All materials are provided.

Downton Abbey Tea and Hat Making

JANUARY 2, 2016
12:00-1:30PM

Pre-Registration: Opens 12/12/15

Celebrate the premier of the final season of the popular PBS television series *Downton Abbey* with our third annual Downton Abbey Tea. Dress for tea, and we'll decorate hats, dine on treats, sip tea, and enjoy some historical fashions.

For events requiring pre-registration please visit ccladult.blogspot.com or call (417) 581-2432.

University of Missouri Extension Education at the Christian County Library

Your Options Under the Affordable Care Act

DECEMBER 29, 2015
1:00-2:30PM

Pre-Registration: Required. Call University of Missouri Extension Christian County Office at (417)581-3558.

Because of the current health care law, individuals, families and businesses will need to make decisions about their health insurance. As a non-partisan neutral entity, Univsersity of Missouri Extension provides education to ensure that you have resources and skills you need to make informed health insurance decisions for yourself. Visit extension.missouri.edu/insure for more. In this class:

- How the Affordable Care Act affects you
- Basic health insurance terms
- Understanding your health insurance options
- How to get enrolled in health insurance
- Impact on employer coverage
- How to get help paying for health insurance
- Impact on other types of health insurance
- Changes to Medicare

LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE and FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12
OPEN HOUSE 8:30AM-5:00PM

ENJOY REFRESHMENTS, DISPLAYS, AND BOOKS BY LOCAL AUTHORS

CONCERT BEGINS AT 3:00PM

FEATURING:

Red Bridge Bluegrass

MONTHLY PROGRAMS for ADULTS

Crafty in Christian County

Chocolate Making   **DECEMBER 19, 2015**
Pre-Registration: 10:00-11:00AM
Opens 11/28/15

Crochet a Scarf   **JANUARY 30, 2016**
Pre-Registration: 1:00-2:00PM
Opens 1/9/16

Are you crafty, or would like to learn to be? Do you appreciate handmade creations? Join other Christian County crafters each month to make something beautiful to decorate your home, to wear, or to give as a gift.

CCL Cookbook Club

Appetizers   **DECEMBER 12, 2015**
Pre-Registration: 1:00-2:00PM
Opens 11/14/15

Healthy Food   **JANUARY 9, 2016**
Pre-Registration: 1:00-2:00PM
Opens 12/12/15

Do you love cookbooks, cooking, and conversation? Join the CCL Cookbook Club! Stop by the library anytime to check out a featured cookbook, or use your own. Meet us each month at the library with your prepared dish to share and discuss.

Brown Bag and Book Club

NEW! Christian County Library now has a book club for adults! Join us the fourth Tuesday of each month to discuss recent and popular fiction and non-fiction titles. Bring your lunch if you'd like, and we'll provide drinks and dessert. No registration required.

January 26, 1:00PM: "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah

Deck the Halls Make and Take　　　　　**DECEMBER 11 & 12, 2015**
Children - All Ages　　　　　　　　　　　ALL DAY
Pre-Registration: Not Required

Visit the Christian County Library and decorate your own unique ornament to hang on your tree or give as a gift.

Polar Exress Pajama Party　　　　　　**DECEMBER 15 & 16, 2015**
Children - 0-6 years old　　　　　　　　10:30-11:30AM
Pre-Registration: Not Required

Celebrate everything Polar Express in this special storytime. Come in your pajamas to hear stories, eat snacks, and be merry!

Paws for Reading　　　　　　　　　　**DECEMBER 21, 2015 &**
Children - All Ages　　　　　　　　　　**JANUARY 25, 2016**
Pre-Registration: Not Required　　　　　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.

Christmas at the Library　　　　　　　**DECEMBER 22, 2015**
Children - All Ages　　　　　　　　　　ALL DAY
Pre-Registration: Not Required

Come hang out in the children's area to watch classic Christmas movies rated G or lower. Snacks will be provided.

Snow What? Make and Take　　　　　　**JANUARY 8 & 9, 2016**
Children - All Ages　　　　　　　　　　ALL DAY
Pre-Registration: Opens 1/1/2016

Celebrate snow with this library make-and-take craft project.

New Year's Dreamboard　　　　　　　**JANUARY 21, 2016**
Tweens - 7-11 years old　　　　　　　　3:30-4:30PM
Pre-Registration: Not Required

Ready for a new year? Come make your own Dreamboard to set your goals for 2016 . All materials will be provided.

Pete the Cat Party!　　　　　　　　　**JANUARY 29, 2016**
Children - All Ages　　　　　　　　　　1:00-4:00PM
Pre-Registration: Not Required

Come meet your favorite cool cat at the library. Pete will be here for photo ops, so stop by and say "Groovy!"

WEEKLY STORYTIMES for CHILDREN

Preschool Storytime
TUES. AND WED.
Children - 3 to 6 years old
DEC. 2 - JAN. 27
Pre-Registration: Not Required
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. **No storytime 12/22-12/23.**

Nixa Storytime at the X Center
FRIDAYS
Children - All Ages
DEC. 4-JAN. 27
Pre-Registration: Not Required
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 12/25 or 1/1.**

Lap Time at the Library
THURSDAYS
Children - 0 -2 years old
DEC. 3 - JAN. 28
Pre-Registration: Not Required
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. **No storytime 12/24.**

Clever Library Storytime
SATURDAYS
Children - All Ages
DEC. 5-JAN. 30
Pre-Registration: Not Required
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 12/26.**

MOVIES

"Tomorrowland"
DECEMEBER 26, 2015
Audience: Children and Families
1:30PM
Rated: PG • Runtime: 130 min.

Bound by a shared destiny, a teen bursting with scientific curiosity and a former boy-genius inventor embark on a mission to unearth the secrets of a place somewhere in time and space that exists in their collective memory. *Information & Poster from imdb.com.*

"Minions"
JANUARY 23, 2016
Audience: Children and Families
1:30PM
Rated: PG • Runtime: 91 min.

Minions Stuart, Kevin and Bob are recruited by Scarlett Overkill, a super-villain who, alongside her inventor husband Herb, hatches a plot to take over the world. *Information & Poster from imdb.com.*

PROGRAMS for TEENS

Classics and Cookies
Teens 12-18 years
Pre-Registration: Opens 11/12/15

DECEMBER 23, 2015
1:00-4:00PM

Come celebrate the holiday season by watching a classic Christmas film and decorating sugar cookies. Milk, cookies, and decorations will be provided.

Minute to Win It: Winter Edition
Teens 12-18 years
Pre-Registration: Opens 12/8/15

DECEMBER 29, 2015
3:00-5:00PM

You have one minute to win it! Come play some winter themed Minute to Win It games and have fun with friends. Snacks will be provided.

New Year's Dreamboard
Teens 12-18 years
Pre-Registration: Opens 1/1/15

JANUARY 22, 2016
3:30-4:30PM

Ready for a new year? Come make your own Dreamboard to set your goals for 2016 . All materials will be provided.

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.

DECEMBER 17, 2015
4:00PM

JANUARY 21, 2016
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.

DECEMBER 4, 2015
3:30PM

JANUARY 8, 2016
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.

DECEMBER 18, 2015
3:30PM

JANUARY 15, 2016
3:30PM