A New Year of

possibilities & adventures.

Keep Reading!
The Winter Reading Challenge continues through Jan. 31
Yoga with Debra Tucker  
**Ozark Branch** Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.  
**Nixa Branch** Thursdays, 6-7 p.m.  
_No Class Jan. 24_  
Take time for yourself with weekly classes from 417 Create Art & Yoga Studio.

**Tai Chi with Chuck Mercer**  
**Clever Branch** Thursdays, 11 a.m.- Noon  
Find your inner balance each week with Legacy Martial Ways.

**Cookbook Connections**  
**Sparta Branch** Thursday, Jan. 12  
6-7 p.m.  
A new club to explore library culinary resources, share dishes and talk about food. Make sure to bring your favorite recipes.

**Craft Class:**  
**Starry Landscape Painting**  
**Ozark Branch** Saturday, Jan. 14, 2-4 p.m.  
*Registration opens Dec. 31*  
Create a beautiful night sky with step-by-step instructions for all levels of painters.

**StoryTellers**  
**Clever Branch** Saturday, Jan. 21  
10-11:30 a.m.  
For all ages  
Storytelling is the heart of teaching and learning. Share your stories of years gone by with the community during this open discussion.

**Recreation in Mark Twain National Forest with USDA Forest Service**  
**Sparta Branch** Saturday, Jan. 21  
3-4 p.m.  
For all ages  
Encompassing 1.5 million acres, you better believe there is something for everyone. Learn about all the possibilities available with Tray Hall, Zone Recreation Manager, and Emily Ficker, Support Services Specialist.

**Raspberry Cordial Book Club**  
**Ozark Branch** Tuesday, Jan. 24  
1-2 p.m.  
Do you think it’s possible to ever see the past as it actually was? Find out in “The Dutch House” by Ann Patchett.

**SCORE Tuesdays @ Two:**  
**Amendment 3 from a Human Resources Perspective**  
**Nixa Branch** or **ZOOM** Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2-3 p.m.  
*Registration opens Dec. 13*  
What does the legalization of recreational marijuana mean for local employers? Lynette Weatherford, from HR Advantage, and John Throckmorton, from Tomo Drug Testing, answer questions related to the new legislation and the workplace.

**True Crime Club**  
**Ozark Branch** Thursday, Jan. 26  
6-7 p.m.  
It was the most closely watched and controversial legal proceeding of our time. This month we discuss the novel, “The Run of His Life: The People v. O.J. Simpson,” by Jeffrey Toobin and “The People v. O.J. Simpson: An American Crime Story” TV series.

**Books & Baristas**  
**The Baked Bean Coffee Shop,** 1860 N. Commerce Drive  
Nixa, Saturday Jan. 28, 10-11 a.m.  

**Travel Tips (in a Post-COVID World) with Sheldon Pruett**  
**Nixa Branch** Saturday, Jan. 28, 11 a.m.- Noon  
Learn the latest tips and tricks for crafting a memorable trip with an experienced travel agent from Magical Destinations Travel.
Craft Class: Mini Library Kits
Nixa Branch
Saturday, Feb. 11, 3-4 p.m.
*Registration opens Jan. 28
Take the library on-the-go with these adorable miniatures.

StoryTellers
Clever Branch
Saturday, Feb. 18
10-11:30 a.m.
For all ages
Storytelling is the heart of teaching and learning. Share your stories of years gone by with the community during this open discussion.

Seed Starter Pots
Sparta Branch
Saturday, Feb. 18, 2-3 p.m.
*Registration opens Feb. 4
Get a jump on your spring garden using these starter pots made from recyclable materials.

Cinema and SocieTea
Ozark Branch
Saturday, Feb. 18
4-6 p.m.
Jane Eyre felt like an outcast her whole life, until she fell in love. Hard. Watch Charlotte Brontë’s classic come to life in this 2011 film adaptation.

True Crime Club
Ozark Branch
Thursday, Feb. 23
6-7 p.m.
Two 12-year-old girls attempt to stab a fellow classmate based on the influence of an internet phenomenon. Find out why in “The Slenderman” by Kathleen Hale.

Books & Baristas
The Baked Bean
Coffee Shop, 1860 N. Commerce Drive
Nixa, Saturday
Feb. 25, 10-11 a.m.
After a husband is released from being unjustly sent to prison, can his marriage return to normal? Find out in “An American Marriage” by Tayari Jones.

Raspberry Cordial Book Club
Ozark Branch
Tuesday, Feb. 28
1-2 p.m.
This month’s selection is Elizabeth Strout’s Pulitzer Prize winning novel, “Olive Kitteridge,” about a seemingly placid New England town seen through the eyes of a retired teacher.

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February

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Craft Class: Old-Fashioned Valentines
Sparta Branch
Saturday, Feb. 4, 10 a.m.- Noon
*Registration opens Jan. 21
Express just how much you care with a handmade valentine collage using vintage elements.

Cookbook Connections
Sparta Branch
Thursday, Feb. 9
6-7 p.m.
Sweet or savory? Doesn’t matter. Bake something new (or an old favorite) to dish with others.

RAISING THE STAKES
Try your luck while supporting the library.

Ozarks Event Center in Nixa
Saturday, Feb. 4, 7-11 p.m.
Doors open at 6 p.m.
$50 Donation to enter
- Finger food included
- Cash bar available

For more info visit christiancountylibrary.org/foundation
January

Rookie Cooks: Food Hacks for Young Chefs
Nixa Branch
Saturday, Jan. 7, 1-2:30 p.m.
*Registration opens Dec. 24
Calling all aspiring chefs! Learn how to make simple, delicious meals such as a lazy lasagna, faux pho and fancy cookie sundaes.

Teen Advisory Board
Ozark Branch
Monday, Jan. 9, 5-6 p.m.
*Registration required
We need your big ideas for future library programs and activities—tell us at our next meeting.

Build-A-Button
Clever Branch
Tuesday, Jan. 17, 4-5 p.m.
Design your own one-of-a-kind button that adds a personal touch to any outfit.

Dungeons & Dragons Club
Ozark Branch
Tuesday, Jan. 17, 4:30-6 p.m.
Whether you’ve only heard about the game, or played hundreds of times, there is space for you in this adventure.

Tiny Canvas Art
Sparta Branch
Monday, Jan. 23, 5-6 p.m.
Turn your big ideas into mini masterpieces.

February

Teen Book Club
Nixa Branch
Tuesday, Jan. 24
6-7 p.m.
Milly, Aubrey and Jonah Story are cousins, but they barely know each other—and they’ve never met their reclusive grandmother. Grab hold of this family mystery thriller, “The Cousins,” by Karen M. McManus, to find out what happens.

Study Hall and Snacks
Nixa Branch
Saturday, Feb. 4, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Need extra test prep? Get helpful study strategies, one-on-one math tutoring and snacks to ace it.

Anime Night
Sparta Branch
Tuesday, Feb. 7, 5-6 p.m.
Love all things anime? Join us for an evening of watching popular shows and making character-inspired buttons.

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Nixa Branch
Monday, Feb. 13, 5-6 p.m.
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Teen Game Night
Ozark Branch
Thursday, Feb. 16
3:30-5:30 p.m.
No matter what you like to play, there’s a game here for you! Enjoy classic board, card and video games, or discover a new favorite.

Book Art Workshop
Clever Branch
Tuesday, Feb. 21, 4-5 p.m.
Turn old book pages into works of art.

Dungeons & Dragons Club
Ozark Branch
Tuesday, Feb. 21, 4:30-6 p.m.
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Teen Book Club
Nixa Branch
Tuesday, Feb. 28
6-7 p.m.
Get a clue and read “In the Hall with the Knife” by Diana Peterfreund to find the murderer in this thrilling mystery.

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TWEENS for grades 5-7

January

Book Tasting
Ozark Branch
Friday, Jan. 6, 4-5 p.m.
Are you a picky reader? Sample different reading levels, tasty snacks and find your next favorite book to check out.

Family Trivia
Nixa Branch
Saturday, Jan. 14, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
*Registration opens Dec. 31
Grab friends and family to form an unbeatable team (capped at five members). Questions are geared for ages seven and up.

Pringles Taste Test Challenge
Sparta Branch
Thursday, Jan. 19, 4-5 p.m.
Put your taste buds to the test by correctly identifying Pringles flavors. It’s harder than you think.

Duct Tape Life
Clever Branch
Tuesday, Jan. 24, 4-5:30 p.m.
The sky’s the limit to what you can make with Duct Tape. Choose any combination of colors and patterns that reflect your individual style.

February

Duct Tape Life
Nixa Branch
Thursday, Feb. 2, 4-5:30 p.m.
The sky’s the limit to what you can make with Duct Tape. Choose any combination of colors and patterns that reflect your individual style.

Study Hall and Snacks
Nixa Branch
Saturday, Feb. 4, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
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Build-A-Button
Clever Branch
Monday, Feb. 6, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
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Unsolved Case Files
Sparta Branch
Wednesday, Feb. 15, 4-5:30 p.m.
Ozark Branch
Thursday, Feb. 23, 4-5:30 p.m.
Put on your detective cap—we’ve got a mystery to solve! Come together for a classic whodunit game and see if you can beat the clock.

Holiday Closings

Saturday Dec. 31
New Year's Eve closing at 5 p.m.

Monday Jan. 2
New Year's Day observed

Monday Jan. 16
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday Feb. 20
President's Day
**January**

**Winter Wonderland Dance Party**
**Clever Branch**
Monday, Jan. 9, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Feel the rhythm and steal the dance floor at this winter-themed party.

**New Year Baby Race**
**Ozark Branch**
Friday, Jan. 13, 9:30-10:15 a.m.
Babies up to 18 months
Are you ready to toddle? Crawl, scoot and waddle across the finish line at this epic baby race, complete with a toy-filled playtime after.

**Family Trivia**
**Nixa Branch**
Saturday, Jan. 14, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
*Registration opens Dec. 31*
Grab friends and family to form an unbeatable team (capped at five members). Questions are geared for ages seven and up.

**PAWS for Reading**
**Nixa Branch**
Thursday, Jan. 19, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
*Registration opens Jan. 5*
These pups are all ears! Reluctant readers can build confidence while reading to the cutest audience around.

**Saturday Storytime**
**Sparta Branch**
Saturday, Jan. 28, 10-10:45 a.m.
Join us as we read, sing, play and learn early literacy skills on a weekend at this special Family Storytime.

**Mad Science Slime Factory**
**Nixa Branch**
Saturday, Jan. 28, 1-3 p.m.
Tap into your inner mad scientist with three different kinds of slime: cloud, stretchy and glitter.

**February**

**Baby Play Time**
**Ozark Branch**
Friday, Feb. 3, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Babies up to 18 months
Oh, baby! Crawl by this come-and-go play time with toys and activities.

**Book Tasting**
**Ozark Branch**
Friday, Feb. 10, 4-5 p.m.
Are you a picky reader? Sample different reading levels, tasty snacks and find your next favorite book to check out.

**Dog Man Party**
**Ozark Branch**
Friday, Jan. 20, 4-5 p.m.
Yee Haw! Don’t miss this super awesome party celebrating all things Dog Man with comic-making, snacks, bingo, prizes and more.

**Play-Doh Bakery Play Day**
**Nixa Branch**
Saturday, Feb. 11, 1-4 p.m.
Put on your chef’s hat and roll out some dough—Play-Doh, that is!

**Seed Paper Hearts**
**Clever Branch**
Monday, Feb. 13, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Make love really bloom with this plantable paper heart valentine.

**PAWS for Reading**
**Nixa Branch**
Thursday, Feb. 16, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
*Registration opens Feb. 2*
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**Wheels Play Day**
**Sparta Branch**
Friday, Feb. 17, 2-4 p.m.
Roll on over to the library to build, play and create art using all kinds of wheels.

**Saturday Storytime**
**Sparta Branch**
Saturday, Feb. 25, 10-10:45 a.m.
Join us as we read, sing, play and learn early literacy skills on a weekend at this special Family Storytime.

**It’s Game Time!**
**Nixa Branch**
Saturday, Feb. 25, 1-3 p.m.
Game on! Bring the whole family to play card and board games suitable for all ages.

Register today at christiancountylibrary.org/events
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**Family Storytime**

For kids up to age six

**Nixa**
Tuesdays
10-10:45 a.m.
11-11:45 a.m.

**Ozark**
Wednesdays
10-10:45 a.m.
11-11:45 a.m.

**Sparta**
Thursdays
10-10:45 a.m.

**Clever**
Fridays
10:30-11:15 a.m.

Watch recorded Storytimes on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com)