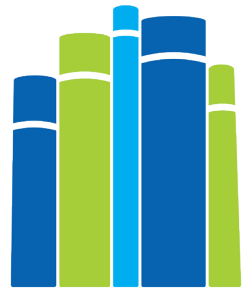


What will you *Create* in the New Year?



**EVENTS
NEWSLETTER**

JAN/FEB 2024



January

Yoga with Debra Tucker

Ozark Branch Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.

Nixa Branch Thursdays, 6-7 p.m.

(No Class Jan. 23)

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

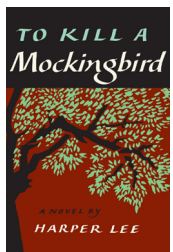
Find your inner balance each week with Legacy Martial Ways.

Let's Play: Canasta

Sparta Branch

Saturday, Jan. 6, 2-4 p.m.

Learn how to play this well-known strategic card game that's part of the rummy family in a casual and friendly environment.



Reel Reads Book Club

Sparta Branch

Thursday, Jan. 11

3:30-4:30 p.m.

We're traveling back to 1930s Alabama

with this definitive novel about justice and morality in "To Kill A Mockingbird" by Harper Lee that was adapted into a hit movie, starring Gregory Peck.



Sew This: Block of the Month Quilting

Clever Branch

Thursday, Jan. 11, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

**Registration opens Dec. 28*

Build your next quilting project with us block by block! Bring fabric with two unique colors or patterns and we'll provide the rest. Check out the online FAQ for more details.

Tech Talk: Open Lab

Ozark Branch

Friday, Jan. 12, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Got a new gadget and need help navigating the features? Drop in with your device for basic tech assistance or get started on self-paced technology tutorials.

Let's Play: Bingo

Clever Branch

Friday, Jan. 19, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

BINGO! Enjoy an afternoon with favorite and alternate card patterns as you play against others.

Craft Class:

Frosted Mason Jar Luminaries

Sparta Branch

Saturday, Jan. 20, 10 a.m.- Noon

**Registration opens Jan. 6*

Lighten up your space this winter with these simple and beautiful luminaries.

Dungeons & Dragons

Roundtable with

Troy from "I Want To Be A GM"

YouTube channel

Nixa Branch

Saturday, Jan. 20, 2-4 p.m.

For all ages

Ready to jump into the world of orcs, elves, displacer beasts and dragons? Join our informational D&D session as we prepare a new adventure for players of all skill levels.

Family Game Night

with Haven Games

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

For all ages

Drop in for a friendly night of competitive fun with Ticket to Ride or bring your favorite classic game to play with others.



Books & Baristas

The Baked Bean

Coffee Shop, 1860

N. Commerce Drive

Nixa, Saturday

Jan. 27, 10-11 a.m.

What do you really

owe the people that you love?

We explore this tough question in "Mad Honey" by Jennifer Finney Boylan and Jodi Picoult.



BUILD YOUR FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

with Stephanie Hohenshell



Retirement Planning Timeline

Nixa Branch & ZOOM

Wednesday, Jan. 17, Noon -1 p.m.



12 Tips to Help Secure Your Financial Future

Nixa Branch & ZOOM

Wednesday, Jan. 31, Noon -1 p.m.



Income Replacement Options in Retirement

Ozark Branch

Thursday, Jan. 18, 6-7 p.m.



Medicare: Where Do I Begin?

Nixa Branch

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 6-7 p.m.



Investment Options for Young Professionals

Nixa Branch & ZOOM

Wednesday, Jan. 24, Noon -1 p.m.



Retirement Planning Timeline

Ozark Branch

Thursday, Feb. 29, 6-7 p.m.



Social Security Basics

Nixa Branch

Tuesday, Jan. 30, 6-7 p.m.

Recommended for Adults ages 18 and older.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS



Monday, Jan. 1
New Year's Day

Monday, Jan. 15
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, Feb. 19
Presidents' Day

February

Tai Chi with **Chuck Mercer** **Clever Branch**

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Yoga with Debra Tucker
Ozark Branch Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.
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Let's Play: Trivial Pursuit **Sparta Branch**

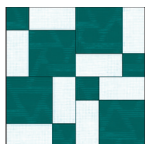
Saturday, Feb. 3, 2-4 p.m.
Which is your favorite category: geography, entertainment, history, art and literature, science and nature or sports and leisure?

Early Highlights of Christian County with **Wayne Glenn** **Nixa Branch**

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 6-7 p.m.
Learn about the early history of Christian County with one of the most knowledgeable local historians.

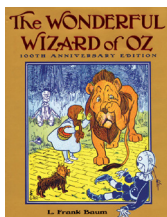
Tech Talk: Northstar Digital Literacy **Clever Branch**

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 11 a.m.- Noon
Don't be intimidated by changing technology. This new digital resource teaches basic computer skills at your pace.



Sew This: Block of the Month Quilting **Clever Branch**

Thursday, Feb. 8, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
**Registration opens Jan. 25*
Build your next quilting project with us block by block! Bring fabric with two unique colors or patterns and we'll provide the rest. Check out the online FAQ for more details.



Reel Reads Book Club

Sparta Branch
Thursday, Feb. 8
3:30-4:30 p.m.

You've heard the saying "there's no place like home" in movies, plays and musicals. Go back to where it began in "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" by L. Frank Baum.

Craft Class: Heart-Filled Lavender Sachets **Sparta Branch**

Friday, Feb. 9, 4-6 p.m.
**Registration opens Jan. 26*
These lavender-filled bags are the perfect way to combine creativity and relaxation. They also make a thoughtful handmade gift.

Craft Class: C is for Collage **Ozark Branch**

Monday, Feb. 12, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Practice the special techniques needed to create a letter-themed collage of your own.

How to Build Self-Esteem with **Tiffany Orthman** **Clever Branch**

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Boost confidence by surveying your health, examining relationships and taking stock of personal habits with an experienced life coach.

Let's Play: Mexican Train Dominoes **Clever Branch**

Friday, Feb. 16, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
All aboard for an adventurous way to play this iconic game of dominoes.



Books & Baristas
The Baked Bean Coffee Shop, 1860 N. Commerce Drive
Nixa, Saturday Feb. 24, 10-11 a.m.

"The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett follows the different lives of two identical twins and how race impacts personality, experiences and relationships.

Family Game Night with **Haven Games** **Ozark Branch**

Tuesday, Feb. 27, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
For all ages

Drop in for a friendly night of competitive fun and world building with Settlers of Catan or bring your favorite classic game to play with others.



January

Diamond Painting

Clever Branch

Wednesday, Jan. 3, 4-5 p.m.

Add a little sparkle to your art with this diamond painting craft.

Teen Advisory Board

Nixa Branch

Monday, Jan. 8, 5-6 p.m.

**Registration required*

For grades 9 and up

We need your big ideas for future library events and activities—tell us during our next meeting.

Makerspace Challenge

Clever Branch

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 3:30-5 p.m.

Get ready to explore and create! What can you make with LEGO during this interactive, hands-on workspace?

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 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.

Games Galore

Sparta Branch

Friday, Jan. 19, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Bored of your old games? Want something new? Try these tabletop games from the library's collection.

Northern Lights Painting

Ozark Branch

Thursday, Jan. 25, 4:30-6 p.m.

Paint a beautiful winter-inspired scene of spectacular dancing waves of light.



Teen Book Club

Nixa Branch

Thursday, Jan. 25

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Kick off the new year with friendship, justice and ghosts

in Kyrie McCauley's Gateway

Award nominated book

"We Can Be Heroes."

Bad Art Night

Nixa Branch

Tuesday, Jan. 30, 4-5:30 p.m.

We want to see your worst!

Create ugly, cringe-worthy pieces of art for a chance at the coveted Tacky Trophy.

February

Cupcake Decorating

Clever Branch

Monday, Feb. 5, 3:30-5 p.m.

Turn sweet treats into handmade confectionery masterpieces.

Anime Night

Nixa Branch

Monday, Feb. 5, 4-5:30 p.m.

Love all things anime? Join us for an evening of watching popular shows and making character-inspired buttons.

Teen Advisory Board

Ozark Branch

Monday, Feb. 12, 5-6 p.m.

**Registration required*

For grades 9 and up

We need your big ideas for future library events and activities—tell us during our next meeting.

Anti-Valentines Day Party

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Looking for Valentine's Day fun without the relationship? Join us for games, snacks and a heart-shaped piñata.

Makerspace Challenge

Clever Branch

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 3:30-5 p.m.

Get ready to explore and create! What can you make with paper circuits during this interactive, hands-on workspace?

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 4:30-6 p.m.

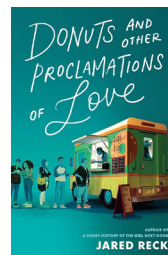
Whether you've only heard about the game, or played hundreds of times, there is space for you in this adventure.

Beeswax Sushi Candles

Sparta Branch

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 4-5 p.m.

We are making candles—the sushi way!



Teen Book Club

Nixa Branch

Thursday, Feb. 29

5:30-6:30 p.m.

It's food trucks, festivals and first loves as we discuss

"Donuts and Other Proclamations of Love" by Jared Reck (snacks included).

KIDS & FAMILIES Pre-K - grade 6

January

Building Play Day

Sparta Branch

Friday, Jan. 5, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

You bring the imagination, we'll provide the materials. There's no limit to what you can build.

Nano Tape Squishies

Clever Branch

Monday, Jan. 8, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

For grades 3 and up

Join the craze by designing and creating your own squishy made from nano tape.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Nixa Branch



Friday, Jan. 12, 5-6 p.m.

Bring your (second) favorite stuffed pal for a special evening Storytime and play day. Afterwards, your buddy is invited to stay overnight at the library and we'll email you about their adventures. Just don't forget to pick them up the next morning!

STEM Saturday

Sparta Branch

Saturday, Jan. 13, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

For grades 3 and up

Igloos and icebergs indoors?!

Get snowed in with these fun and educational winter experiments.

Super Smash Bros. Tournament

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

For grades 3 and up

Gather your friends and go head-to-head in a super smash brawl to find out who reigns supreme.

PAWS for Reading

Nixa Branch

Thursday, Jan. 18, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

*Registration opens Jan. 4

These pups are all ears! Reluctant readers can build confidence while reading to the cutest audience around.

Hot and Cold Food Science

Ozark Branch

Thursday, Jan. 18, 4:15-5:15 p.m.

For grades 3 and up

Learn the tasty science behind making ice cream and the reactions that causes cakes to rise.

Unleashing Your Child's Math Superpowers with

Dr. Patrick Sullivan

Nixa Branch

Saturday, Jan. 20, 10 a.m.- Noon

*Registration opens Dec. 29

Don't struggle helping your child learn math concepts anymore. Uncover strategies and activities that encourage a dynamic understanding of numbers and basic operations during this hands-on math workshop designed for the whole family.

Library Card Pouches

Clever Branch

Monday, Jan. 22, 4-5 p.m.

Protect that library card with a cute DIY felt pouch and check out all your new books with ease.



Family Storytime

For kids up to age six

MONDAYS
SPARTA

11-11:45 a.m.

TUESDAYS
NIXA

10-10:45 a.m.
11-11:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAYS
OZARK

10-10:45 a.m.
11-11:45 a.m.

FRIDAYS
CLEVER

10:30-11:15 a.m.

Register today at christiancountylibrary.org/events

February

Stuffed Animal Tea Party

Ozark Branch

Friday, Feb. 2, 4:15-5:15 p.m.

For grades 3 and up

Bring your favorite stuffed animal and dress them in a fancy costume you create while sipping tea and eating snacks.



Pretend Play Day

Nixa Branch

Saturday, Feb. 3, 2-4 p.m.

Use your imagination and our play tents to become an astronaut, firefighter or whatever you can dream up.

Card Making

Sparta Branch

Monday, Feb. 5, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Spread the love with these charming handcrafted cards.

STEM Saturday

Sparta Branch

Saturday, Feb. 10, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

For grades 3 and up

Build heart towers, shoot bows and fall in love with science by completing these cupid-themed experiments.

Friendship Bracelets

Sparta Branch

Monday, Feb. 12, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

For grades 3 and up

Make new friends—and new bracelets! What color will yours be?

Teddy Bear Picnic

Clever Branch

Wednesday, Feb. 14

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Your stuffed animal friend is invited for a day filled with bear-themed games, stories, crafts and more.



PAWS for Reading

Nixa Branch

Thursday, Feb. 15, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

**Registration opens Feb. 1*

These pups are all ears! Reluctant readers can build confidence while reading to the cutest audience around.

Valentine Storytime

Nixa Branch

Friday, Feb. 16, 5-5:45 p.m.

Celebrate the people you love with darling songs, stories and activities.

Perler Party

Nixa branch

Thursday, Feb. 22, 3:30-5 p.m.

For grades 3 and up

Big and small, we've got them all! Create a picture or design by melting perler beads.

Dads + Donuts Storytime

Ozark Branch

Saturday, Feb. 24, 10-11 a.m.

**Registration opens Feb. 10*

A special Storytime for those supportive father figures. All are welcome including dads, grandpas and uncles.

Paint Party

Clever Branch

Monday, Feb. 26, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

For grades 3 and up

Paint your next masterpiece while munching on tasty snacks.

Toddler Time

for children 18 months to 3 years

Ozark Branch

Select Thursdays

Jan. 11, Jan. 25

Feb. 8, Feb. 22

10:45-11:30 a.m.

Baby Bounce

for babies up to 18 months

Ozark Branch

Thursdays

9:45-10:30 a.m.



WINTER READING CHALLENGE

Dec. 1 - Jan. 31

For All Ages

What we all have in common is each of us comes from a story. Cozy up with a favorite story for a chance to win a *winter-inspired* prize pack.



Scan to Join

Going Against the Grain



Cozy Night In



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