

EVENTS NEWSLETTER

JAN/FEB 2025

There's SNOW
better place
to be than
the library.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY
LIBRARY
OZARK BRANCH



ADULTS ages 18 and older

January

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

Thursdays, 11 a.m. - Noon
(No Class Jan. 2)

Embrace the art of mindful movement each week with Legacy Martial Ways. *Wellness*

Yoga with **Debra Tucker**

Ozark Branch Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.

Nixa Branch Thursdays, 6-7 p.m.

Unwind and recharge with weekly classes from 417 Create Art & Yoga Studio. *Wellness*

Genealogy Workshop with **Brittany Russell**

Clever Branch

Saturday, Jan. 4, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Discover how deep your family tree roots go with help from a genealogy enthusiast each month. *History*

Let's Play: Rummy

Sparta Branch

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

Learn how to build runs and sets during this timeless card game.

Games

Winter Mocktails

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, Jan. 7, 10-11 a.m.

Craft refreshing drinks that capture the season's coziest flavors. Toys provided for kids, with parent/guardian supervision.

Culinary

Garden Tool Preparation with **Christian County** **Master Gardeners**

Nixa Branch

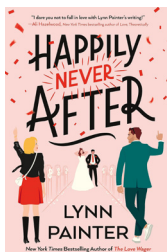
Tuesday, Jan. 7, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Every great garden begins with tool maintenance before the spring planting season. *Outdoors*



Larsson's psychological thriller
"The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo."

Book Clubs



disruptors in "Happily Never After" by Lynn Painter. Toys will be provided for kids, with parent/guardian supervision. *Book Clubs*

Milk Jug Seed Starting with **Christian County** **Master Gardeners**

Clever Branch

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Repurposing milk jugs is a creative and eco-friendly way to germinate seeds. Supplies provided.

Outdoors

Reel Reads

Sparta Branch

Thursday, Jan. 9

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Journalist Mikael Blomkvist unravels a dark mystery in Stieg

#BookClub

Nixa Branch

Friday, Jan. 10

10-11 a.m.

Fate has romantic plans for two professional wedding

Clay Photo Holders

Ozark Branch

Thursday, Jan. 16, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

*Registration opens Jan. 2

Design a one-of-a-kind wintry mountain frame to hold all those favorite memories. *Arts & Crafts*

Paperclay Luminaries

Sparta Branch

Saturday, Jan. 18, 2-4 p.m.

*Registration opens Jan. 4

Light up the new year with this distinctive handmade lantern.

Arts & Crafts



Books & Baristas

The Baked Bean

Coffee Shop, 1860

N. Commerce Drive

Nixa, Saturday

Jan. 25, 10-11 a.m.

Jennette McCurdy's memoir reveals the struggles behind her childhood stardom and a toxic relationship with her mother in "I'm Glad My Mom Died."

Book Clubs

Tea Tuesday

with **Chabom Teas + Spices**

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 5-6:30 p.m.

*Registration opens Jan. 14

End National Hot Tea Month by mastering the art of brewing and sampling a variety of chai blends with a local tea shop.

Culinary

Register in-person at any branch or call (417) 724-6100

True Crime Club Ozark Branch

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

The search for missing British toddler Madeleine McCann captured the world's attention and is still unsolved. What's your theory?

Entertainment

2025 Financial Planning Checklist with Stephanie Hohenshell Nixa Branch

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

Start the year strong and stay on track financially with expert tips and a customized guide.

Talks & Lectures

Immune Boosting Foods with the Christian County Health Department Ozark Branch



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

Cold season is here. Get ready with these tips on how to boost your immune system from experts.

Wellness

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Let's Play: Scopa Sparta Branch

Saturday, Feb. 1, 2-4 p.m.

Skill and strategy collide in this classic Italian card game. *Games*

Pop Up Flower Cards Ozark Branch

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 10-11 a.m.

Make your greeting cards *bloom* into something special.

Arts & Crafts

LOVE-ly Garlands Ozark Branch

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 10-11 a.m.

Add heart to any space with festive wall hangings. Toys provided for kids, with parent/guardian supervision. *Arts & Crafts*

Spring Seed Selection with Christian County Master Gardeners Nixa Branch

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Get master guidance choosing the best seeds for early Spring planting. *Outdoors*



romance of "Emma," Jane Austen's tale of love and missteps.

Book Clubs

Reel Reads

Sparta Branch

Thursday, Feb. 13
3:30-4:30 p.m.

You will be swept away by the clever wit and delightful

Treats for the Sweet Ozark Branch

Friday, Feb. 14, All Day

All ages

Show those fur-babies some love. Pop by the drive-up window to receive a fun goodie bag. While supplies last. *Animals*



#BookClub Nixa Branch

Friday, Feb. 14
10-11 a.m.

A chance reunion in Las Vegas results in a

marriage of convenience for two high school sweethearts in "The Partner Plot" by Kristina Forest. Toys provided for kids, with parent/guardian supervision.

Book Clubs

Woven Basket Sparta Branch

Saturday, Feb. 15, 10 a.m.- Noon

*Registration opens Feb. 1

Some things can't be "taut."

Luckily, this simple basket weaving technique can. *Arts & Crafts*

Planning for New Outdoor Spaces with Christian County Master Gardeners Sparta Branch

Thursday, Feb. 20, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Layout your next garden bed and landscaping project with practical, professional design advice.

Outdoors

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February

BYOD: Bring Your Own Device Ozark Branch

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

Got a new gadget and want some help figuring it out? Bring your device to us for basic tech and how-to assistance. **Technology**



Bug Montage as he plans a shady way to support his family in S. A. Cosby's "Blacktop Wasteland." **Book Clubs**

Books & Baristas

The Baked Bean
Coffee Shop, 1860
N. Commerce Drive
Nixa, Saturday
Feb. 22, 10-11 a.m.

Ride with truck driver

True Crime Club

Ozark Branch

Thursday, Feb. 27, 6-7 p.m.

It's 1922 and silent film director William Desmond Taylor is murdered. Over a century later, the case is still unsolved. Bring your theories. **Entertainment**

TEENS grades 7-12

January



Hollywood Hangout
Clever Branch
Monday, Jan. 6
3-5 p.m.

Calling all movie buffs. Bring a snack (inspired by the movie) as we watch cinema favorites. Take your shot at escape in "The Maze Runner." Rated PG-13. **Movies**



The Mystery Ink Society
Nixa Branch
Monday, Jan. 6
4-5 p.m.

To catch a killer, you have to think like one. Follow a team of exceptional teenagers as they solve the FBI's most infamous cases in "The Naturals" by Jennifer Lynn Barnes. **Book Clubs**

Vision Board Sparta Branch

Tuesday, Jan. 7, 3-4 p.m.

**Registration opens Dec. 24*

Create a visual representation of goals with a mix of art, words and creativity in this inspiring workshop. **Arts & Crafts**

Teen Advisory Board Ozark Branch

Monday, Jan. 13, 5-6 p.m.

Grades 9 and up

Your voice matters! Tell us what you'd love to see at library events during our next meeting. **Engagement**

DIY Succulent Hexagon Nixa Branch

Thursday, Jan. 23, 4-6 p.m.

**Registration opens Jan. 9*

Chase away the winter blues with a shelf full of creative art and plants. **Arts & Crafts**

Macramé Snowflake Clever Branch

Monday, Jan. 27, 3-4:30 p.m.

Twist and tie your way to a trendy, handmade decoration perfect for any space. **Arts & Crafts**

Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club Ozark Branch

Monday, Jan. 27, 4:30-6 p.m.

Meetup with others to explore fantastic worlds, clash with monsters, spin lore and complete heroic feats while playing the greatest RPG of all time! **Games**

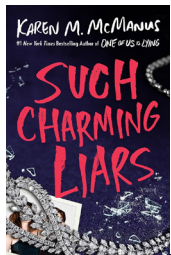
Snacks Around the World Ozark Branch

Thursday, Jan. 30, 4-5 p.m.

Take your taste buds on a global getaway and savor the delicious flavors of Poland. **Culinary**

Register in-person at any branch or call (417) 724-6100

February



The Mystery Ink Society Nixa Branch

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

As mother-daughter grifters set out on

their final job, the heist gets deadly and dangerously personal. Find out why it all gets hairy in Karen M. McManus' newest thriller, "Such Charming Liars." **Book Clubs**



Hollywood Hangout Clever Branch

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

Think you know a lot about movies?

Bring a snack (inspired by the movie) as we watch "10 Things I Hate About You," inspired by Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew." Rated PG-13. **Movies**

Be My Boo Basket Sparta Branch

Monday, Feb. 10, 3-4 p.m.

*Registration opens Jan. 27

Create and fill a basket of treats and goodies for the special person in your life. **Arts & Crafts**

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Engagement

Anti-Valentines Day Party Ozark Branch

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Looking for a day of fun without the relationship? Join us for a heart-shaped piñata, games and snacks.

Games

Candle Making Clever Branch

Monday, Feb. 24, 3-4:30 p.m.

*Registration opens Feb. 10

Wick-edly fun times await when making these adorable candles.

Arts & Crafts

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DIY Custom Glass Tumblers Nixa Branch

Thursday, Feb. 27, 4-5:30 p.m.

*Registration opens Feb. 13

Embellish your beverage game with vinyl decals and designs.

Arts & Crafts

**Freshen up
your wardrobe
with NEW library gear!**



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KIDS & FAMILIES Pre-K - grade 6

Family Storytime kids up to age six

Sparta Branch: Mondays
11-11:45 a.m.

Nixa Branch: Tuesdays
10-10:45, 11-11:45 a.m.

Ozark Branch: Wednesdays
10-10:45, 11-11:45 a.m.

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

Baby Bounce babies up to 18 months

Ozark Branch: Thursdays
9:45-10:30 a.m.

Toddler Time children 18 months to 3 years

Ozark Branch: Thursdays
10:45-11:30 a.m.

No Storytimes
Dec. 23 – Jan. 3

January

Pajama Storytime

Ozark Branch

Saturday, Jan. 4, 10-11 a.m.

Jam along in your favorite PJ's as we read, sing, play and craft.

Storytimes

Block & Roll Playtime

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, Jan. 7, 10 a.m.- Noon

Children up to 3 years

Music, toys and new friends — let the fun begin! Education

PAWS for Reading

Ozark Branch

Thursday, Jan. 9, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Registration opens Dec. 26*

Reading to this furry audience improves literacy skills, builds confidence and reduces stress.

Literacy

Marble Run Play Day

Sparta Branch

Saturday, Jan. 11, 10 a.m.- Noon

And...they're off down marble tracks and mazes you create.

Education

Stories + Snow Dough

Nixa Branch

Saturday, Jan. 11, 3-4 p.m.

**Registration opens Dec. 28*

Get into the spirit with winter tales and plenty of fake snow. Storytimes

Friendship Bracelets

Clever Branch

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

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

Arts & Crafts

Pine Cone Critters

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

Owls, hedgehogs and spiders, oh my! Use pine cones to build woodland creatures. Arts & Crafts

PAWS for Reading

Nixa Branch

Thursday, Jan. 16, 4-5 p.m.

**Registration opens Jan. 2*

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Literacy

Winter Bird Feeder

Sparta Branch

Thursday, Jan. 16, 4-5 p.m.

Feed our feathered friends with a sustainable bird feeder, crafted from pine cones and peanut butter.

Arts & Crafts

My Festival Passport: China

Nixa Branch

Friday, Jan. 17, 4-5 p.m.

In celebration of Chinese New Year, we are tasting traditional treats and making paper lanterns. Education

Register in-person at any branch or call (417) 724-6100

Sock Snowman

Clever Branch

Tuesday, Jan. 21, 4-5 p.m.

**Registration opens Jan. 7*

Grades 3 and up

Do you wanna build a snowman?

Now's your chance. **Arts & Crafts**

Snowy Science and Crafts

Ozark Branch

Thursday, Jan. 23, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Take the winter magic indoors!

Design your best frosty friend, craft

delicate ice-inspired art and take aim

with penguin-themed launchers.

Arts & Crafts

D&D Adventures

Nixa Branch

Saturday, Jan. 25, 1-3 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

Navigate through the dark dungeon

to find the hidden treasure, but

watch out for traps and monsters!

Games

February

I ♥ Storytime

Ozark Branch

Saturday, Feb. 1, 10-11 a.m.

Celebrate the people you love with

darling songs, stories and activities.

Storytimes

Card Making

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 4-5 p.m.

Spread the love with these

charming handcrafted cards.

Arts & Crafts

Block & Roll Playtime

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 10 a.m.- Noon

Children up to 3 years

Music, toys and new friends — let

the fun begin! **Education**

Pet Valentines

Ozark Branch

Thursday, Feb. 6, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

Create a heart shaped squeaky

toy for the four-legged valentine

in your life. **Arts & Crafts**

Cat Café with Rescue One

Ozark Branch

Saturday, Feb. 8

10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Try not to fall in love with these

adorable cats as they find their

fur-ever home. **Partnerships**

Disney Karaoke Party

Nixa Branch

Saturday, Feb. 8, 4-5:30 p.m.

It's a whole new world of favorite

songs that will make you want to let

it all go. Prizes for best costumes

and performances. **Entertainment**

Seed Valentines

Clever Branch

Monday, Feb. 10, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Let love bloom with these hand

made flowers for that special

someone. **Arts & Crafts**

Friendship Bracelets

Sparta Branch

Wednesday, Feb. 12

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Make new friends — and new

bracelets! What color will yours be?

Arts & Crafts

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Literacy

Dragon Eggs

Clever Branch

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 4-5 p.m.

**Registration opens Feb. 4*

Grades 3 and up

Scales, tails and teeth! Hatch your

own fantasy-like egg perfect for

an adventurer's collection.

Arts & Crafts

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Nixa Branch

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**Registration opens Feb. 6*

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Literacy

My Festival Passport: USA

Nixa Branch

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

The final day of Carnival is known

as Mardi Gras. Design a traditional

mask, sample treats and learn more

about this festive celebration.

Education

D&D Adventures

Nixa Branch

Saturday, Feb. 22, 1-3 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

You're needed to track down

mysterious figures playing pranks

on this quiet village. **Games**

Holiday Closings

Wednesday, Jan. 1

New Year's Day

Monday, Jan. 20

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, Feb. 17

Presidents' Day



All Ages



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Winter Reading Challenge

Dec. 1 - Jan. 31

Log your minutes read and completed activities on beanstack for chances to win one of the winter-inspired prize packs.



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Mon-Thu: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
Fri-Sat: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Closed Sundays

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