

EVENTS NEWSLETTER

JAN/FEB 2026

A New Year that's
BURSTING
with events.



ADULTS ages 18 and older

January

Tai Chi with Chuck Mercer Clever Branch

Thursdays, 11 a.m.- Noon

Discover balance, focus and mindful movement with Legacy Martial Ways. **Wellness**

Yoga with Debra Tucker

Ozark Branch Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.

Nixa Branch Thursdays, 10-11 a.m.

Refresh your mind and body each week with 417 Create Art & Yoga Studio. **Wellness**

Let's Play: Farkle

Sparta Branch

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

Score big (or lose it all) in this quick, quirky dice game perfect for groups. **Games**

Genealogy Guide

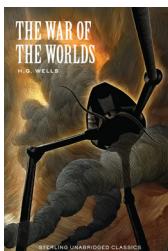
Clever Branch

Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

*Registration opens Dec. 26

Family tree research have you stumped? Learn how to use online databases and library resources to dig into your roots with one-on-one assistance from a staff member.

History



Reel Reads

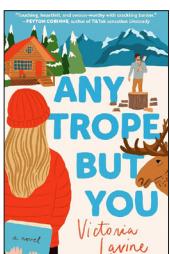
Sparta Branch

Thursday, Jan. 8

3:30-5:30 p.m.

Technology, terror and survival collide during one of the first stories about conflict between humans and aliens in "The War of the Worlds" by H.G. Wells.

Book Clubs



#BookClub

Nixa Branch

Friday, Jan. 9

10-11 a.m.

A solo Alaskan writing retreat suddenly feels like

a romance novel in "Any Trope but You" by Victoria Lavine. Toys provided for kids, with supervision by parents/caregivers. **Book Clubs**

Chronic Pain

Self-Management

Nixa Branch

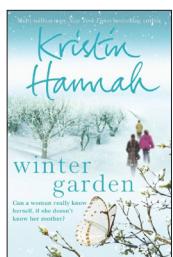
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10 a.m. - Noon

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Lit Happens!

Clever Branch

Wednesday, Jan. 14

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Can a woman ever really know herself without knowing

her mother? Find out in "Winter Garden" by Kristin Hannah.

Book Clubs

Craft Supply Swap

Ozark Branch

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2-3 p.m.

Need to declutter your craft stash? Bring those supplies to swap for new materials that might inspire future projects. **Arts & Crafts**

Painted Candles

Sparta Branch

Saturday, Jan. 17, 2-4 p.m.

*Registration opens Jan. 2

Light up the new year with hand-painted candles using classic brush-on wax techniques.

Arts & Crafts

Poetry and Hot Cocoa

Nixa Branch

Saturday, Jan. 17, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Sip and share your favorite poems, prose and poets. Hot cocoa and cookies provided. **Engagement**

Mini Hobbit Door Wreaths

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, Jan. 20, 10-11:30 a.m.

There and back again with glue and greenery! Celebrate J.R.R. Tolkien's birthday with this charming round door wreath, fit for any home in The Shire. **Arts & Crafts**

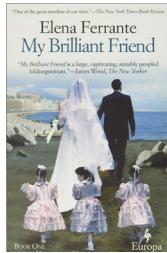
Cook Book Club

Ozark Branch

Wednesday, Jan. 21, 3-4 p.m.

Bring a new or old favorite soup to share as we chat about our culinary adventures. **Culinary**

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Books & Baristas

The Baked Bean Coffee Shop, 1860
N. Commerce Drive
Nixa, Saturday
Jan. 24, 10-11 a.m.
Elena Ferrante's "My Brilliant Friend" follows the intense friendship and rivalry of two girls growing up in 1950s Naples, Italy.

Book Clubs

True Crime Club

Ozark Branch

Thursday, Jan. 29, 5:30-7 p.m.
A woman attends a "Moms Only" slumber party with friends. The next morning her body is found in the backyard. What happened to Tamla Horsford? Join us as we discuss this bizarre case.

Entertainment

February

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College Admissions Panel for Homeschool Families

Ozark Branch

Thursday, Feb. 5, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
All ages
Demystify the college admission process during this homeschool-centered informational session that is open for all.
Education

Let's Play: Uno

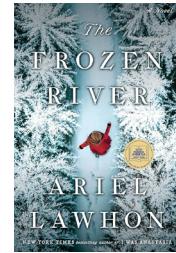
Sparta Branch

Saturday, Feb. 7, 2-4 p.m.
Don't 'skip' on the opportunity for a 'wild' time to play this classic game. **Games**

Chocolate Bark Workshop

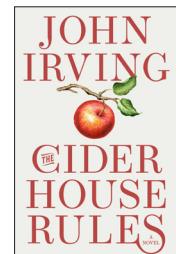
Ozark Branch

Monday, Feb. 9, 10-11 a.m.
All ages
Melt and swirl chocolate the old-fashioned way using traditional techniques to create a treat with a Valentine's twist. **Culinary**



Lit Happens! Clever Branch

Wednesday, Feb. 11
10:30-11:30 a.m.
When a man is found frozen in Maine, midwife Martha Ballard uncovers murder, secrets and a town's hidden scandal in Ariel Lawhon's "The Frozen River." **Book Clubs**



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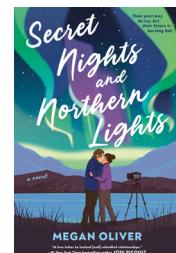
Sparta Branch

Thursday, Feb. 12
3:30-5:30 p.m.
Homer Wells grows up under the guidance of Dr. Larch, learning about love, life and the difficult choices that shape adulthood in John Irving's "The Cider House Rules." **Book Clubs**

Paint Your Partner Date Night

Ozark Branch

Thursday, Feb. 12, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
*Registration opens Jan. 29
Looking for a unique night out? Try mocktails and painting portraits inspired by the viral challenge.
Arts & Crafts



#BookClub

Nixa Branch

Friday, Feb. 13
10-11 a.m.
After being passed over for a promotion, Mona Miller embarks on an international trip to revive her career and love life in "Secret Nights and Northern Lights" by Megan Oliver. Toys provided for kids, with supervision by parents/caregivers. **Book Clubs**

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February

Old-Fashion Valentines

Sparta Branch

Saturday, Feb. 14, 10 a.m.- Noon

*Registration opens Jan. 31

Celebrate Valentine's Day by crafting vintage-style cards with lace and flair. *Arts & Crafts*

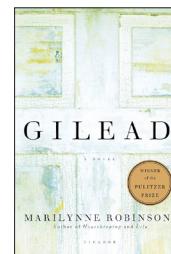
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Told from the

perspective of an Iowan pastor facing his mortality, Marilynne Robinson's "Gilead," explores faith, family and the passage of time.

Book Clubs

True Crime Club

Ozark Branch

Thursday, Feb. 26, 5:30-7 p.m.

What really happened to DeOrr Kunz during that family camping trip? Bring your theories to untangle this web of mystery. *Entertainment*

TEENS grades 7-12

January

PJs and Waffles

Clever Branch

Monday, Jan. 5, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Slip into your coziest pajamas and whip up waffles—at the library.

Engagement

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Ozark Branch

Monday, Jan. 5, 4:30-6 p.m.

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

Band together with others to journey through magical realms and battle legendary monsters while creating your own story in the ultimate RPG.

Games

Teen Hangout

Nixa Branch

Thursday, Jan. 8, 4-5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 22, 4-5:30 p.m.

Bring friends to play the Nintendo Switch, learn a new board game, finish homework or just hang out.

Games

TAB (Teen Advisory Board)

Ozark Branch

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

Grades 9 and up

Got ideas for library events?

Share them at our next meeting.

Engagement

Neon Painting

Sparta Branch

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

*Registration opens Dec. 30

Layer colors to create glowing, neon-like effects against a black canvas. *Arts & Crafts*

Crafternoon: Altered Art

Nixa Branch

Thursday, Jan. 15, 4-5:30 p.m.

Take ordinary images and unexpected objects to build a new piece of art. *Arts & Crafts*

Narnia Snow Globes

Clever Branch

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

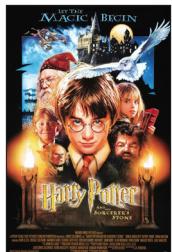
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Step through the wardrobe into the magical world of Narnia with this enchanting snow globe.

Arts & Crafts

Register today at christiancountylibrary.org/events

TEENS grades 7-12



Cinematic Bites

Sparta Branch

Monday, Jan. 26

4-6 p.m.

*Registration

opens Jan. 12

We are breaking out

the Butterbeer and chocolate frogs while watching "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone." Rated PG.

Movies

Decorate a Cocoa Mug

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, Jan. 27, 3:30-5 p.m.

Sip in style with your very own hand-painted mug best for hot drinks and marshmallows.

Arts & Crafts

Crafternoon: Quilt Square

Nixa Branch

Thursday, Jan. 29, 4-5:30 p.m.

Create colorful quilt squares using construction paper and a color-by-number pattern.

Arts & Crafts

February

DIY Fortune Cookies

Clever Branch

Monday, Feb. 2, 4-5 p.m.

You don't need luck in order to craft these adorable felted keepsakes. Arts & Crafts

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Pony Bead Wall Hangings

Ozark Branch

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

Weave your own beaded tapestry and create a one-of-a-kind art piece.

Arts & Crafts

Crafternoon:

Quilled Paper Cards

Nixa Branch

Thursday, Feb. 12, 4-5:30 p.m.

Make a greeting card while learning basic paper quilling techniques.

Arts & Crafts

Blob Mirror

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, Feb. 17, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

*Registration opens Feb. 3

Shape, sculpt and style a funky creation using air dry clay.

Arts & Crafts

Pizza and Trivia

Clever Branch

Thursday, Feb. 19, 4-5 p.m.

Put your general knowledge to the test while chowing down on cheesy pizza. Engagement

Crafternoon:

Winter Suncatchers

Nixa Branch

Thursday, Feb. 26, 4-5:30 p.m.

Don't miss out on this vibrant window masterpiece using tissue and contact paper.

Arts & Crafts



KIDS & FAMILIES Pre-K - grade 6

January

Bird Feeder Treats

Nixa Branch

Monday, Jan. 5, 10:45-11:30 a.m.

Winter can be tough for our feathered friends, so lend a helping hand with this food and nature craft.

Arts & Crafts

Indoor Snowball Fight

Ozark Branch

Monday, Jan. 5, 11 a.m. - Noon

Grades 3 and up

Design and build a cardboard fort for a friendly indoor snowball fight! It's winter fun without the cold. *Entertainment*

Puppet Play Day

Nixa Branch

Wednesday, Jan. 7

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Let your imagination come to life while developing storytelling skills through the art of puppetry.

Engagement

Hats Off To You Storytime

Ozark Branch

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

Grab your favorite hat for a themed storytime based on what we all put on our heads. *Storytimes*

Sensory Saturday

Sparta Branch

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

Don't miss these special activity stations designed to engage the senses through play. *Entertainment*

Winter Sensory Bottles

Clever Branch

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

*Registration opens Dec. 29

Build a visual and auditory experience with this winter-themed and non-messy sensory tool.

Arts & Crafts

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Nixa Branch

Friday, Jan. 23, 5-6 p.m.

Bring your (second) favorite stuffed pal for a special storytime. Then, your buddy is invited to stay overnight at the library and we will email you about their adventures. Just don't forget to pick them up the next morning! *Storytimes*

Indoor Play Day

Ozark Branch

Saturday, Jan. 24, 10 a.m.- Noon

Avoid the cold by staying inside to enjoy toys, crafts and the chance to meet new friends. *Entertainment*

Puzzle Palooza

Sparta Branch

Saturday, Jan. 24, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

From beginner peg puzzles to more challenging brain games, there's something for everyone.

Games

Sock Hop

Nixa Branch

Saturday, Jan. 24, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Grab your leather jackets and poodle skirts for a 1950s-themed family dance and limbo party.

Prizes for best dancer and costume, Daddy-O. *Engagement*

Snow Slime

Clever Branch

Monday, Jan. 26, 4-5 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

*Registration opens Jan. 12

It's snow secret that this project can get very sticky. *Arts & Crafts*

February

Card Making

Nixa Branch

Monday, Feb. 2, 11-11:45 a.m.

Spread the love and brighten someone's day with a hand-made card. *Arts & Crafts*

Snowflake Art Studio

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, Feb. 3, 11 a.m.- Noon

Capture the magic of winter by experimenting with different art techniques to design unique snowflakes. *Arts & Crafts*

Tooth Fairy Tins

Sparta Branch

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

*Registration opens Jan. 20

Upcycle an Altoid tin into a tooth-riffic container in preparation of the Tooth Fairy's arrival.

Arts & Crafts

DIY Facials

Nixa Branch

Saturday, Feb. 7, 11-11:45 a.m.

Grades 3 and up

Prepared to be pampered! Enjoy a relaxing spa day with cleanser, masks and moisturizer.

Engagement



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Magazine Art

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 4-5 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

*Registration opens Jan. 27

This eco-friendly way to make art is wild. Transform old magazines into colorful animal silhouettes.

Entertainment

Chocolate Covered

Strawberries

Nixa Branch

Wednesday, Feb. 11

1:30-2:15 p.m.

Grab a loved one and create an elegant, sweet treat to enjoy together. *Culinary*

Friendship Bracelets

Clever Branch

Thursday, Feb. 12, 4-5 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

Show off your friendships with colorful DIY beaded jewelry.

Arts & Crafts

Let's Make Music!

Clever Branch

Monday, Feb. 23, 3:30-5 p.m.

*Registration opens Feb. 9

Use household materials to craft musical instruments before performing a concert in the library.

Entertainment

STEM Spy Challenge

Ozark Branch

Wednesday, Feb. 25

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

Discover the secrets of spy work by decoding messages, following hidden clues and applying real-world problem-solving science skills. *Education*

Caturday with Rescue One

Ozark Branch

Saturday, Feb. 28

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

Stop in for a purr-fect day of storytimes, themed crafts and plenty of adorable cats to meet and pet. *Partnerships*

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-3 years

Nixa Branch: Mondays
9:30-10:15 a.m.

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

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Holiday Closings

Thursday, Jan. 1
New Year's Day

Monday, Jan. 19
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, Feb. 16
Presidents' Day

WINTER READING WRAP-UP CHALLENGE

PRIZES

Log minutes and activities in Beanstack
and add tickets to prize packs by January 31.

christiancountylibrary.beanstack.org



Dec. 1
thru
Jan. 31



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