



# 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*

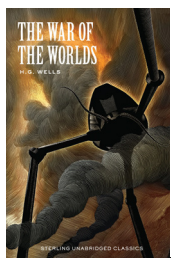
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**Ozark Branch** Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.  
**Nixa Branch** Thursdays, 10-11 a.m.  
Refresh your mind and body each week with 417 Create Art & Yoga Studio. *Wellness*

### 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*

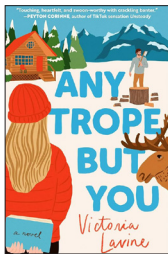
### Genealogy Guide **Clever Branch**

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**  
Wednesdays (Jan. 14 - Feb. 18)  
10 a.m. - Noon  
*\*Registration opens Jan. 2*  
Get the tools, support and strategies to manage chronic pain for yourself or a loved one. *Wellness*  
In partnership with MU Extension.



**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**

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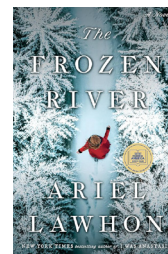


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**College Admissions Panel for Homeschool Families**  
**Ozark Branch**  
 Thursday, Feb. 5, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
 All ages  
 Demystify the college admission process during this homeschool-centered informational session that is open for all.  
**Education**

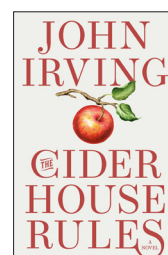
**Let's Play: Uno**  
**Sparta Branch**  
 Saturday, Feb. 7, 2-4 p.m.  
 Don't 'skip' on the opportunity for a 'wild' time to play this classic game. **Games**

**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**



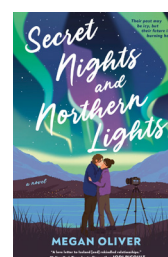
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**Clever Branch**  
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 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
 When a man is found frozen in Maine, midwife Martha

Ballard uncovers murder, secrets and a town's hidden scandal in Ariel Lawhon's "The Frozen River."  
**Book Clubs**



**Reel Reads**  
**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**

# ADULTS ages 18 and older

## 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**

### Cook Book Club

#### Ozark Branch

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 3-4 p.m.

Bring a new or favorite peanut butter treat or dish to share as we chat about our culinary adventures.

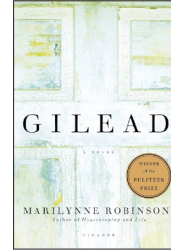
**Culinary**

### 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**



### Books & Baristas

*The Baked Bean Coffee Shop, 1860*

N. Commerce Drive

Nixa, Saturday

Feb. 28, 10-11 a.m.

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**

# 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.

*\*Registration opens Jan. 8*

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

**Arts & Crafts**

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## **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**

## **Dungeons & Dragons Club** **Ozark Branch**

Monday, Feb. 2, 4:30-6 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 17, 4:30-6 p.m.

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**Games**

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**Games**

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Monday, Feb. 9, 5-6 p.m.

**Grades 9 and up**

Got ideas for library events?

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**Engagement**

## **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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Monday, Feb. 9, 4-5 p.m.

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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 ages 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

[christiancountylibrary.beanstack.org](http://christiancountylibrary.beanstack.org)

## WINTER READING WRAP-UP CHALLENGE

### PRIZES

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



Dec. 1  
thru  
Jan. 31



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

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**NIXA**  
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(417) 724-6100

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