



LIBRARY EVENTS CALENDAR

JULY/AUG. 2023



Keep Reading!

The Summer Reading Challenge
continues through **July 31**

Check the
back for
**PRIZE
INFO!**

ADULTS ages 18 and older

July

Let's Play: Scrabble

Sparta Branch

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

Get together to play this popular board game while enjoying conversation and snacks.

Tai Chi with Chuck Mercer

Clever Branch

Thursdays, 11 a.m.- Noon

Find your inner balance each week with Legacy Martial Ways.

One Nixa, One Read Book Discussion

Nixa Branch & Facebook

Fridays, July 7, July 14, July 21
3-4 p.m.

Wed., July 26 (McCauley Park)
7:30-8:30 p.m.

701 N. Taylor Way, Nixa

For grades 4 and up

Each week, we break down the book "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio and discuss the themes and story as part of this community-wide event.



Uncovering History: Gravestone Cleaning

McConnell Cemetery

1637 Union Chapel Rd., Nixa
Saturday, July 8, 10 a.m.- Noon

Preserve our local history and help make a difference to an often overlooked part of our community. Cleaning supplies will be provided.

Writers' Workshop: Building Your Résumé with Bon Tindle

Nixa Branch

Saturday, July 8, 2-3:30 p.m.

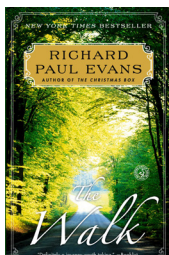
Get tips on how to construct a writer's résumé during this ongoing monthly workshop.

Yoga with Debra Tucker

Ozark Branch Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.

Nixa Branch Thursdays, 6-7 p.m.
(No Classes July 4 & July 6)

Take time for yourself with weekly classes from 417 Create Art & Yoga Studio.



Turning Pages Book Club

Clever Branch

Tuesday, July 11
11 a.m.- Noon

When a Seattle executive loses everything, he decides to take a healing walk to Key West. Follow his journey in "The Walk" by Richard Paul Evans.

Brown Bag Travelogue

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, July 11, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Travel the Missouri River from Three Forks, Montana down to St. Louis, Missouri when Larry Campbell presents on his seven-week trip.

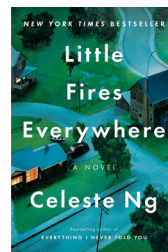


Cookbook Connections

Sparta Branch

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

Popsicles and watermelon aren't the only tastes of summer. Bring your go-to summer snack recipes to sample with others.



Books & Baristas

The Baked Bean Coffee Shop, 1860 N. Commerce Drive
Nixa, Saturday
July 15, 10-11 a.m.

Everyone in Shaker

Heights was talking about it: how Isabelle had finally gone and burned the house down. Find out why in "Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng.

Christian County Cares Volunteer Fair

Ozark Branch

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

Visit with local organizations in need of volunteers and find the perfect fit for you to make a considerable difference in the community. Snacks and prize drawings included.

Hosted in partnership with the
Ozark Chamber of Commerce.

The Beauty of the Dulcimer with Mike Anderson

Nixa Branch

Saturday, July 15, 11 a.m.- Noon

For all ages

When you think of Appalachia and folk music the dulcimer probably comes to mind. Learn and hear about this instrument's history and musical styles.

The Soldier's Music with Mike Anderson

Ozark Branch

Saturday, July 15, 2-3 p.m.

For all ages

The songs of the Civil War are brought to life through music and storytelling using instruments of the time period.

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Tech Talk: Library Technology Clever Branch

Tuesday, July 18, 1-2 p.m.

Learn about the technology the library offers and tell us what types of tech classes you want. Bring your questions, suggestions and devices.

Composting 101 with Laurie Davis

Nixa Branch

Tuesday, July 18, 6-7 p.m.

Want to start composting and don't know how? Learn the basics from bin selection to tips for composting success with Springfield's Environmental Services.

Card Game Night with Haven Games Ozark Branch

Friday, July 21, 3-6 p.m.

For all ages

Calling all card game enthusiasts! This month, we are playing Magic: the Gathering for all skill levels. Have another game you'd like to play? Bring it!



Fishing the Finley with James River Basin

Finley River Park

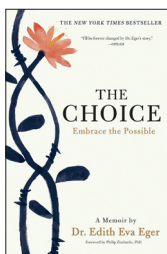
891 N. Riverside Rd., Ozark

Saturday, July 22

8-11 a.m.

For all ages

Check out poles and fishing gear and practice your cast while learning about local fish and water quality. Don't forget your Missouri fishing license.



Raspberry Cordial Book Club

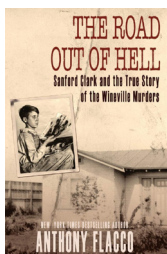
Ozark Branch

Tuesday, July 25

1-2 p.m.

At age 16, Edith was sent to Auschwitz.

Thirty-five years after the war ended she was finally able to heal. Dr. Edith Eger's book "The Choice: Embrace the Possible" is not only a holocaust memoir, but a self-help tool for those seeking freedom from trauma.



True Crime Club Ozark Branch & ZOOM

Thursday, July 27

4-7 p.m.

We are investigating a series of abductions

and murders of young boys in "The Road Out of Hell: Sanford Clark and the True Story of the Wineville Murders" by Anthony Flacco and Jerry Clark. Afterwards we'll watch the movie "Changeling" (rated R) based on the book.



Author Talk: David Jerome Nixa Branch

Saturday, July 29

2-3 p.m.

He started as an outfielder before becoming a successful manager of four Major League teams. Learn more about this underrated player and his local connections, in "Bill Virdon: A Life in Baseball."

August

Yoga with Debra Tucker

Ozark Branch Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.

Nixa Branch Thursdays, 6-7 p.m.

(No Class Aug. 24)

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Bird Watching for Beginners with Marvin De Jong Ozark Branch

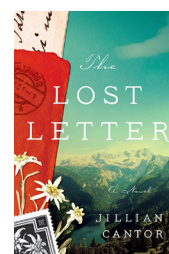
Saturday, Aug. 5, 11 a.m.- Noon

Learn everything you need to know to become an amateur ornithologist including identification, feeding and attracting local birds to your yard.

Let's Play: Hearts Sparta Branch

Saturday, Aug. 5, 2-4 p.m.

Join us for a hand of this classic trick-taking playing card game. Snacks and conversation included.



Turning Pages Book Club Clever Branch

Tuesday, Aug. 8

11 a.m.- Noon

Present day Los Angeles collides with

World War II Austria over a curious stamp collection and a love letter in "The Lost Letter" by Jillian Cantor.

ADULTS ages 18 and older

August

Brown Bag Travelogue

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, Aug. 8, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Explore the wonders and sights of England and France when Jordan Gloyd presents on her trip abroad.



Cookbook Connections Sparta Branch

Thursday, Aug. 10
3:30-4:30 p.m.

We'll spread a blanket and you bring the recipes and favorite picnic snacks.

Uncovering History: Gravestone Cleaning

Ozark City Cemetery

521 W. Hall St., Ozark

Saturday, Aug. 12, 10 a.m.- Noon

Preserve our local history and help make a difference to an often overlooked part of our community. Cleaning supplies will be provided.

Writers' Workshop: Pitching Your Work with Bon Tindle

Nixa Branch

Saturday, Aug. 12, 2-3:30 p.m.

Are you ready to contact potential publishers and unsure how? We have you covered. Receive experienced tips and tricks and get your questions answered.

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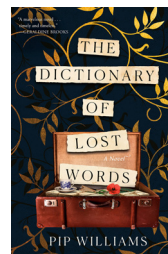
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Craft Class: Rope Basket Weaving Sparta Branch

Saturday, Aug. 19, 2-4 p.m.

*Registration opens Aug. 5
Somethings can't be "taut." Luckily, this simple rope weaving technique to make baskets can.



Raspberry Cordial Book Club Ozark Branch

Tuesday, Aug. 22
1-2 p.m.

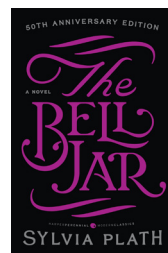
Esme's father collects words for the first Oxford English Dictionary. She later realizes words are missing and it is not a mistake. Find out in "The Dictionary of Lost Words" by Pip Williams.



True Crime Club Ozark Branch & ZOOM

Thursday, Aug. 24
6-7 p.m.

In 1969, Sister Catherine was found dead two months after disappearing. In 1994, her former students came forward about the sinister story and cover up of her murder in this Netflix docuseries "The Keepers."



Books & Baristas

The Baked Bean

Coffee Shop, 1860

N. Commerce Drive

Nixa, Saturday

Aug. 26, 10-11 a.m.

"The Bell Jar"

by Sylvia Plath is a classic semi-autobiographical novel of Esther Greenwood's slow descent into mental illness.



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TEENS for grades 8-12

July

Blooming Looms

Nixa Branch

Monday, July 3, 3-4:30 p.m.

Make cute looms woven with flowers, yarns and colorful bits of nature.

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Ozark Branch

Monday, July 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 the next adventure.

Makerspace Challenge

Clever Branch

Tuesday, July 18, 3:30-5 p.m.

Ready to explore and create something new? Use LEGO bricks to build different structures during this interactive, hands-on workspace.

Water Balloon Party

Clever Branch

Monday, July 24, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

This party is gonna be a splash of water balloon fun and games.



Teen Book Club

Nixa Branch

Tuesday, July 25

6-7 p.m.

An afternoon hike turns into a deadly fight against a raging wildfire. Check out this thrilling survival story in "Playing with Fire" by April Henry.

Bad Art Night

Ozark Branch

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

Come in and get creative with clay, paint, glitter and everything in between to make the tackiest piece of art possible. The "worst" artwork receives a trophy.

Art Studio

Sparta Branch

Saturday, July 29, 4-6 p.m.

Discover new art techniques using paints, pens, stamps and more.

August

Anime Night

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, Aug. 8, 4:30-6 p.m.

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

Makerspace Challenge

Clever Branch

Tuesday, Aug. 15, 3:30-5 p.m.

Ready to explore and create something new? Use mystery craft items to make something creative during this interactive, hands-on workspace.

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Ozark Branch

Monday, Aug. 21, 4:30-6 p.m.

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



Teen Book Club

Nixa Branch

Tuesday, Aug. 22

6-7 p.m.

Join us for a modern twist of classic literary love stories in Tiffany Schmidt's "Bookish Boyfriends: A Date with Darcy."

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BOOK SALE NIXA COMMUNITY BRANCH
Y, AUG. 25 – SATURDAY, AUG. 26

PREVIEW SALE THURSDAY, AUG. 24, 4-6 p.m.

Register today at christiancountylibrary.org/events

TWEENS for grades 5-7

July

Perler Party

Ozark Branch

Wednesday, July 12

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Big and small, we've got them all! Test your design skills using perler beads.

Makerspace Challenge

Clever Branch

Tuesday, July 18, 3:30-5 p.m.

Ready to explore and create something new? Use LEGO bricks to build different structures during this interactive, hands-on workspace.

Tiny Terrariums

Nixa Branch

Saturday, July 22, 3-4 p.m.

Design your own miniature garden to take home and care for.

Art Studio

Sparta Branch

Saturday, July 29, 4-6 p.m.

Discover new art techniques using paints, pens, stamps and more.

August

Homemade Pet Treats

Nixa Branch

Saturday, Aug. 5, 3-4:30 p.m.

**Registration opens July 22*

Learn how to make super healthy treats for your favorite furry friends.

Taste Test Challenge

Clever Branch

Monday, Aug. 7, 3-4:30 p.m.

Try to guess the foods in this blind taste test. The most correct guesses wins a special prize.

Pixel Art

Ozark Branch

Friday, Aug. 11, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Using wood cubes and paint bring your favorite pixelated video game characters to life.

Makerspace Challenge

Clever Branch

Tuesday, Aug. 15, 3:30-5 p.m.

Ready to explore and create something new? Use mystery craft items to make something creative during this interactive, hands-on workspace.

Games Galore

Sparta Branch

Friday, Aug. 18, 4-5:30 p.m.

Bored of your old games? Test out these new tabletop board games from the library's collection.

KIDS & FAMILIES pre-K - grade 4

July

Diaper Derby

Ozark Branch

Saturday, July 8, 10-11 a.m.

For babies 5-18 months

Scoot, crawl, and toddle towards the finish line to win prizes. Make sure to stick around for baby play time after.

Play-Doh! Play Day

Nixa Branch

Saturday, July 8, 1:30-3 p.m.

Escape the summer heat and let your imagination take over while making beautiful creations.

Marty the Magician: Fantastic Friends

Clever Branch

Monday, July 10, 10-10:45 a.m.

Nixa Branch

Monday, July 10, 2-3 p.m.

There's non-stop laughter, amazement and magic while learning about kindness, caring and respect during this exciting show.

Sidewalk Chalk Art Day

Clever Branch

Wednesday, July 12, 10 a.m.- Noon

Think of the concrete as a blank canvas for your fabulous drawings. Use chalk to give our sidewalks a splash of color.

Songs, Stories, and a Boingy Boingy Thing with Mike Anderson

Ozark Branch

Friday, July 14, 10-10:45 a.m.

We bet you haven't seen a show with five different musical instruments before. It will be legendary.

Peace Magic with Tommy Terrific

Nixa Branch

Monday, July 17, 10-11 a.m.

Help Tommy perform magic tricks involving everything from a peace quilt and doves to a tie-dyed T-shirt. For each trick, kids learn how to say "peace" in other languages.

KIDS & FAMILIES pre-K - grade 4

July

What Is My Watershed Address? with James River Basin

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, July 18
2-3 p.m.

For grades 3 and up

What happens to a raindrop after it falls? Find out using watershed models and maps to learn about management practices, pollution and the impact on local water quality.



Movie Day:

Bad Guys Nixa Branch

Tuesday, July 18
3:30-5:30 p.m.

Can the bad guys leave behind their life of crime and become... good guys?

Endangered Species with Dickerson Park Zoo



Clever Branch

Wednesday, July 19, 2-2:45 p.m.

Find out what it means when an animal is listed as endangered and how we are all responsible for conserving wildlife habitats.

Partners in Survival with Dickerson Park Zoo



Nixa Branch

Monday, July 24, 10-10:45 a.m.

Learn what it means when animals have a symbiotic relationship and how they all benefit from living together.

Beautiful Birds with Dickerson Park Zoo



Sparta Branch

Tuesday, July 25, 2-2:45 p.m.

Birds are everywhere. Learn how to spot their unique characteristics including feathers, beaks and talons.

Nature Journaling with James River Basin

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, July 25, 2-3 p.m.

For grades 3 and up

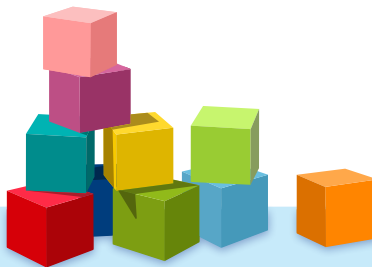
Create a nature journal filled with drawings and notes while exploring the Finley River Park. Don't forget to bring a bottle of water and bag to carry sketching tools.

Meet the Clever Fire Protection District

Clever Branch

Wednesday, July 26
2:30-3:30 p.m.

Meet the crew members, learn about fire safety and take an up close look at their fire truck.



Baby Bounce

Ozark Branch

On select Thursdays

July 13, July 27

Aug. 10, Aug. 24

9:45-10:30 a.m.

Babies up to 18 months

Join us for fingerplays, action rhymes, plenty of songs and playtime!

Animals of Australia with Dickerson Park Zoo



Ozark Branch

Friday, July 28, 10-10:45 a.m.

You don't have to travel to the land down under to see these unique native animals of Australia.

August

Pretend Play Day

Nixa Branch

Thursday, Aug. 10, 3:30-5 p.m.

Use your imagination and become an astronaut, firefighter or something never seen before.

Games Galore

Sparta Branch

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Art Studio

Ozark Branch

Saturday, Aug. 19, 2-5 p.m.

Discover new art techniques using paints, pens, stamps and more.

Family Storytime

For kids up to age six

Nixa Branch: Tuesdays

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

Ozark Branch: Wednesdays

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

Sparta Branch: Thursdays

10-10:45 a.m.

Clever Branch: Fridays

10:30-11:15 a.m.

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Win prizes in the *Summer Reading Challenge*

***Every 500 points
= 1 ticket***

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

Find out more at christiancountylibrary.org/src2023prizes

Holiday closing: Tuesday, July 4 Independence Day



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