Keep Reading!
The Summer Reading Challenge continues through July 31
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.

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.

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.

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.

The Beauty of the Dulcimer
with Mike Anderson
Nixa Branch
Saturday, July 15, 11 a.m.- Noon
For all ages
The songs of the Civil War are brought to life through music and storytelling using instruments of the time period.

-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.

Register today at christiancountylibrary.org/events
**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 & ZOOM**  
*Ozark Branch*  
**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.”

**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.
**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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**Craft Class: Rope Basket Weaving**  
**Sparta Branch**  
Saturday, Aug. 19, 2-4 p.m.  
*Registration opens Aug. 5*  
Something 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.
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.

August

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.

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.

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Clever Branch
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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.”
**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.

**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.

**Art Studio**

**Sparta Branch**

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

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

**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.

**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.

**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**

**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:**

**Peace Magic**

**with Tommy Terrific**

**Nixa Branch**

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

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**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.
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.

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.

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.

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?

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.

August

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.

Art Studio Ozark Branch
Saturday, Aug. 19, 2-5 p.m.
Discover new art techniques using paints, pens, stamps and more.

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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