

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



**EVENTS
NEWSLETTER**

JULY/AUG 2024



Check the back for
PRIZE INFO

ADULTS ages 18 and older

July

Bullet Journaling

Nixa Branch

Monday, July 1, 5-6 p.m.

All ages

Learn ways to add color and decoration to journal layouts while sharing new ideas and inspirations with others.

Yoga with Debra Tucker

Ozark Branch Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.

Nixa Branch Thursdays, 6-7 p.m.

(No Class July 4)

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

Tai Chi with Chuck Mercer

Clever Branch

Thursdays, 11 a.m.- Noon

(No Class July 4 & July 25)

Find your inner balance each week with Legacy Martial Ways.

Genealogy Workshop with Brittany Russell

Clever Branch

Saturday, July 6, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Search your roots with a local genealogy enthusiast and discover new branches on the family tree.

Let's Play: Whist Card Game

Sparta Branch

Saturday, July 6, 2-4 p.m.

Develop strategic thinking and teamwork skills with this fast-paced, trick-taking game that was the inspiration for Bridge.

Adventures in AI: Unleashing Creativity and Simplicity in Daily Life with Echo Alexandrer

Nixa Branch

Monday, July 8, 6-7 p.m.

Complete everyday tasks with ease and streamline your life using free generative artificial intelligence software. Bring a digital device to follow along.

Butterfly Gardens with Christian County Master Gardeners

Clever Branch

Tuesday, July 9, 6-7 p.m.

Attract butterflies and other nectar-feeding insects to the yard with these tips, tricks and plants.

Creating a Retirement Planning Timeline with Stephanie Hohenshell

Nixa Branch & Google Meet

Wednesday, July 10, Noon - 1 p.m.

Preparing for retirement begins sooner than you think. Find out how and where to start with expert help.

Craft Class: Visible Mending

Ozark Branch

Wednesday, July 10, 1-2 p.m.

Extend the life of a well-worn denim clothing item with colorful goma-shio stitching that looks like sesame seeds.



Reel Reads

Sparta Branch

Thursday, July 11

3:30-4:30 p.m.

You'll want to stay out of the water after reading

this classic summer thriller, "Jaws" by Peter Benchley.

Sew This: Block of the Month Quilting

Clever Branch

Thursday, July 11

4:30-6:30 p.m.

*Registration opens June 27

Nixa Branch

Monday, July 15, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

*Registration opens July 1

Build your next quilting project with us block by block! Bring fabric with two unique colors or patterns and we'll provide the rest. Review the online FAQ for more details.



#BookClub

Nixa Branch

Friday, July 12

10-11 a.m.

A summer fling takes an unexpected turn when Emma's

mother arrives and Justin assumes guardianship of his siblings. Find out if it's fate in "Just for the Summer" by Abby Jimenez. Toys provided for kids, with supervision by parents.

Summer Wind Chimes

Sparta Branch

Saturday, July 13, 10 a.m.- Noon

*Registration opens June 29

Create a charming wind chime to add melody and serenity to all those summer adventures.

Hit the Trail with Scott Hicks

Nixa Branch

Saturday, July 13, 11 a.m.- Noon

Don't head out before learning regional trail information, stories about nature and important hiking tips from a seasoned explorer. Resources from the Missouri Department of Conservation and National Parks Service provided.

Share Your Seed Library Gardening Progress With Us

Email photos of your garden at programs@christiancountylibrary.org to be eligible for a **\$50 Amazon gift card** drawing.

Deadline is Saturday, Aug. 31.



D&D Adventures: Vecna Lives! with Haven Games

Nixa Branch

Saturday, July 13, 2-6 p.m.

It's a high-stakes adventure in the city of Greyhawk and the burial mound of the most notorious BBEG (big bad evil guy).

How to Build a One-Shot Adventure with Troy from "I Want to Be A GM"

YouTube Channel

Nixa Branch

Saturday, July 13, 2-6 p.m.

**Registration opens June 29*

One-shots are self-contained D&D adventures that are completed in a single session. Learn the steps to create your own with guidance from a local Dungeon Master.

Budgeting Basics with Trinity Boddy

Ozark Branch

Wednesday, July 17, 3-4 p.m.

All ages

Now is the time for teens and young adults to start their financial journey with professional advice on smart money management, budgeting basics, making first investments and saving for future dreams.

Uncovering History: Gravestone Cleaning

Vaughn-Oddfellow Cemetery

1605 S. 14th Ave., Ozark

Saturday, July 20, 10 a.m. - Noon

Preserve our local history and help make a difference to an often overlooked part of our community. Parking at Ozark Highlands Church. Cleaning supplies provided.

Family Game Night with Haven Games

Ozark Branch

Saturday, July 20, 2-4 p.m.

All ages

It's an afternoon of competitive family fun with a variety of board games for all skill levels. Snacks included.

D&D Adventures: Dungeon of the Mad Libs with Haven Games

Nixa Branch

Saturday, July 20, 2-6 p.m.

There's never been a dungeon like this before. Complete Mad Libs prompts for an entirely unique experience.

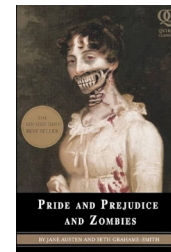
Adventures in AI: Creating Pictures with Joey Borovicka

Nixa Branch

Monday, July 22, 6-7 p.m.

**Registration opens July 8*

Wondering why AI images are making waves in art and social media? A local digital artist explores the software and platforms while demonstrating the basics of these new tools.



Sci-Fi Horror Club Ozark Branch

Wednesday, July 24
5-7 p.m.

To succeed, a young woman must be kind, well-read and able

to fight zombies. Don't miss the action-comedy-horror-parody "Pride and Prejudice and Zombies" by Seth Grahame-Smith.

Growing and Using Herbs with Christian County Master Gardeners

Ozark Branch

Thursday, July 25, 6-7 p.m.

All ages

You will dig these recommendations for successfully growing herbs year-round and discovering their many creative uses beyond the dinner plate.

Register today at christiancountylibrary.org/events

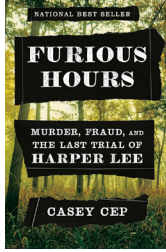
ADULTS ages 18 and older

July

True Crime Club Ozark Branch

Thursday, July 25, 6-7 p.m.

A missing woman, an abandoned car and endless theories. Bring your own research as we investigate the unsolved disappearance of Maura Murray.



by Casey Cep blends true crime and courtroom drama into a miniature biography of Harper Lee, telling the story of a rural preacher accused of murdering his family for insurance money.

Books & Baristas

The Baked Bean
Coffee Shop, 1860
N. Commerce Drive
Nixa, Saturday
July 27, 10-11 a.m.

"Furious Hours"

D&D Adventures: The Gauntlet with Haven Games

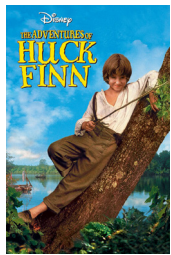
Nixa Branch

Saturday, July 27, 2-6 p.m.

*Registration opens July 13

All ages

Run, dodge, attack and cast magical spells as you sprint to finish a race filled with unspeakable perils.



Matinee Friday: The Adventures of Huck Finn Clever Branch

Friday, July 26
3-5 p.m.

All ages

Travel down the mighty Mississippi River with Elijah Wood and Courtney B. Vance as Huckleberry Finn and Jim as they float into all kinds of trouble. Rated PG.

How to Run a D&D Game with Troy from "I Want To Be A GM" YouTube Channel

Nixa Branch

Saturday, July 27, 2-6 p.m.

*Registration opens July 13

Learn the steps to create and lead your own exciting role-playing adventure with guidance from a local Dungeon Master.

For more info call
417-724-6100

Bringing the Library to You!

Do you have a loved one or friend unable to leave their home or assisted living facility? We offer home delivery of library materials.



Get 24/7 access to eBooks, audiobooks, music and more at christiancountylibrary.org/digital-collection



Thursday, July 4
Independence Day



HOLIDAY

CLOSING

August

Tai Chi with Chuck Mercer

Clever Branch

Thursdays, 11 a.m.- Noon

Find your inner balance each week with Legacy Martial Ways.

Yoga with Debra Tucker

Ozark Branch Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.

Nixa Branch Thursdays, 6-7 p.m.

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

Genealogy Workshop

with Brittany Russell

Clever Branch

Saturday, Aug. 3

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Search your roots with a local genealogy enthusiast and discover new branches on the family tree.

The Art of Architecture

with David J. Eslick

Ozark Branch

Saturday, Aug. 3, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

All ages

When is a building not a building? When it's art! A former museum director explores architectural varieties through photos displayed in the branch.

Let's Play: Pictionary

Sparta Branch

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

It's a cat. No, it's a speed boat! Sketch up a good time with this rousing charades-inspired guessing game.

Sew Your Own Book Bag

Nixa Branch

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

*Registration opens July 22

Carry those library books in style with your own DIY bag. Supplies and sewing instructions provided.

Extending the Growing

Season with Christian County Master Gardeners

Nixa Branch

Tuesday, Aug. 6, 6-7 p.m.

Just because summer is ending doesn't mean gardening has to stop. Learn how to cultivate plant growth beyond those prime months, direct from the experts.

Budgeting Basics

with Trinity Boddy

Nixa Branch and Google Meet

Wednesday, Aug. 7, 3-4 p.m.

All ages

Now is the time for teens and young adults to start their financial journey with professional advice on smart money management, budgeting basics, making first investments and saving for future dreams.

Sew This: Block of the Month Quilting

Clever Branch

Thursday, Aug. 8

4:30-6:30 p.m.

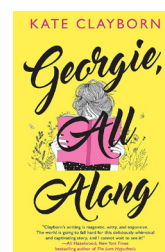
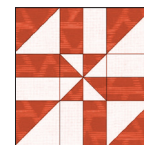
*Registration opens July 25

Nixa Branch

Monday, Aug. 19, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

*Registration opens Aug. 5

Build your next quilting project with us block by block! Bring fabric with two unique colors or patterns and we'll provide the rest. Review the online FAQ for more details.



#BookClub

Nixa Branch

Friday, Aug. 9

10-11 a.m.

"Georgie, All Along" by Kate Clayborn is a deeply emotional,

smart and tender must-read for anyone who's ever wondered about the life that got away. Toys provided for kids, with supervision by parents.

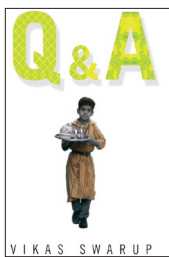
Register today at christiancountylibrary.org/events

August

Talking with Children About Safety from Sexual Abuse with the Child Advocacy Center Nixa Branch

Tuesday, Aug. 13, 6-7 p.m.

Having age-appropriate conversations about our bodies and boundaries is an important part of protecting children. Learn the steps to productively talk and listen to your kids about their personal safety.



Reel Reads

Sparta Branch

Thursday, Aug. 15
3:30-4:30 p.m.

A page-turning story of love, perseverance and

drama, Vikas Swarup's "Q&A" is also the inspiration for the movie "Slumdog Millionaire." Will you be able to answer some of the game show questions?

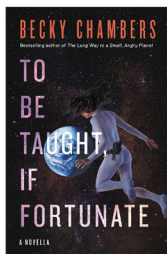
Uncovering History: Grave Cleaning

I.O.O.F. Cemetery

6889 State Hwy. 14, Sparta

Saturday, Aug. 17, 10 a.m.- Noon

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



Sci-Fi Horror Club Ozark Branch

Wednesday, Aug. 21

6-7 p.m.

If gene modification was required would we still be human?

Find out with this juxtaposition of deep space travel and humanity in Becky Chambers' "To Be Taught, If Fortunate."

Seed Saving with Christian County Master Gardeners

Sparta Branch

Thursday, Aug. 22, 6-7 p.m.

Whether you're new to seed saving or want to brush up on the time-honored practice, this is the place to start.



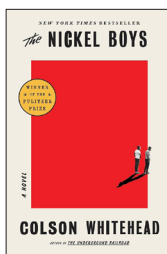
Matinee Friday: The Last Mimzy

Friday, Aug. 23

3-5 p.m.

All ages

After finding a mysterious toy box, two siblings develop special talents and enter a strange world to save the planet. Rated PG.



Books & Baristas

The Baked Bean

Coffee Shop, 1860

N. Commerce Drive

Nixa, Saturday

Aug. 24, 10-11 a.m.

Based on the true

story of a reform school that operated for 111 years, "The Nickel Boys" by Colson Whitehead is a tale of two boys' unjust incarceration during the Jim Crow era.

Family Game Night with Haven Games

Ozark Branch

Saturday, Aug. 24, 2-4 p.m.

All ages

It's an afternoon of competitive family fun with a variety of board games for all skill levels. Snacks included.

Simple Clay Earrings

Sparta Branch

Saturday, Aug. 24, 2-4 p.m.

*Registration opens Aug. 10

Add a little flare to your wardrobe with these homemade clay earrings.

Munari Montessori

Baby Mobile

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, Aug. 27, 10-11:30 a.m.

All ages

*Registration opens Aug. 13

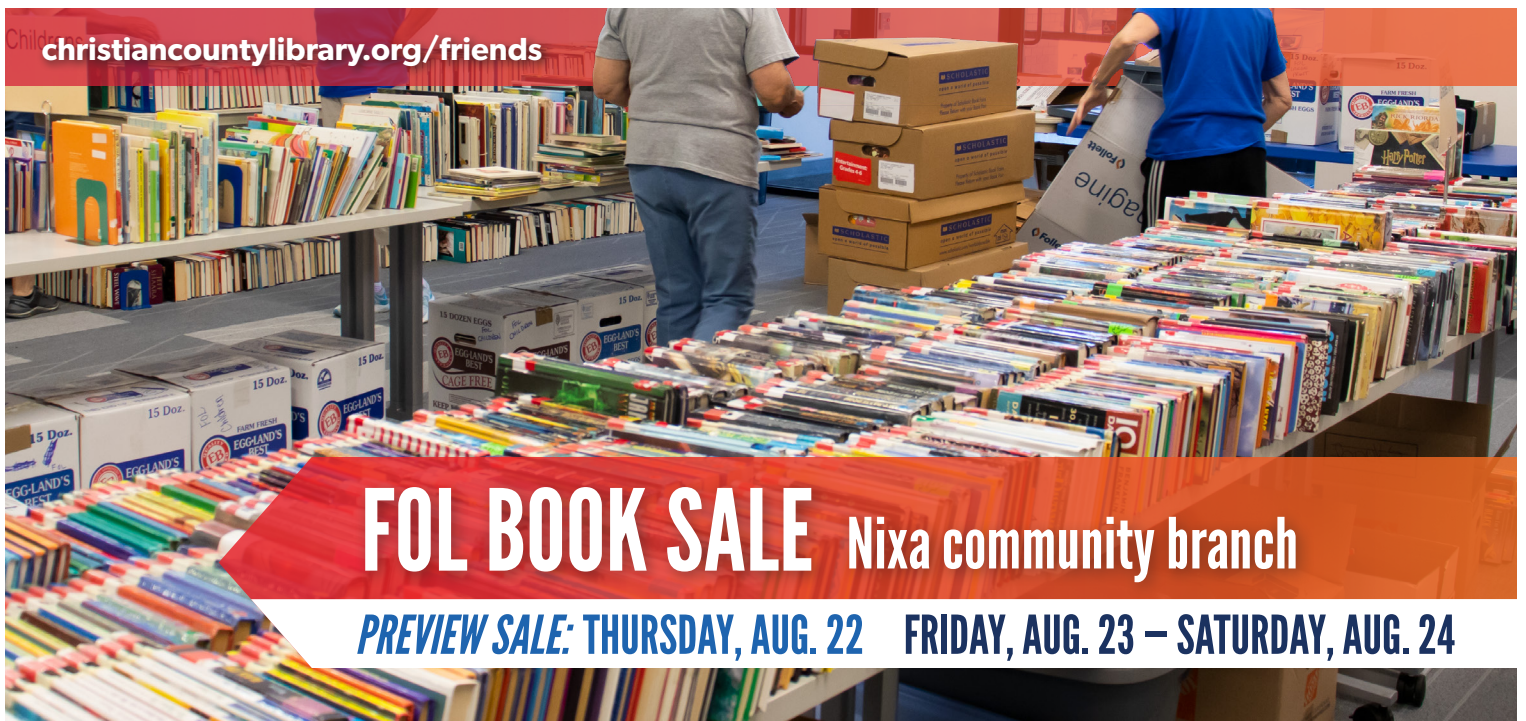
Craft a baby mobile that aids with cognitive development and mingle with other expecting parents. Activities provided for older siblings that attend.

True Crime Club

Ozark Branch

Thursday, Aug. 29, 6-7 p.m.

An anonymous letter writer strikes fear in an Ohio town. Bring your own research as we attempt to unmask the infamous author of the Circleville Letters.



christiancountylibrary.org/friends

FOL BOOK SALE Nixa community branch

PREVIEW SALE: THURSDAY, AUG. 22 FRIDAY, AUG. 23 – SATURDAY, AUG. 24

TEENS grades 7-12

July

Story Maps

Clever Branch

Tuesday, July 2, 4-5 p.m.

Chart a map that's out of this world using basic cartography.

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Ozark Branch

Monday, July 15, 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 16, 3:30-5 p.m.

Get ready to explore and create! What can you make with Play-Doh during this interactive, hands-on workspace?

Beeswax Sushi Candles

Nixa Branch

Wednesday, July 17

3:30-4:30 p.m.

We are making candles—the sushi way!

DIY Clay Pins

Ozark Branch

Thursday, July 18, 3-4 p.m.

Unleash your creativity and dive into the world of crafting pins out of polymer clay.

Candy of the World

Sparta Branch

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

Cast your vote for the country you think has the best candy. A delicious trophy is on the line.

Anime Party

Ozark Branch

Friday, July 26, 3-5 p.m.

Explore new anime shows and manga titles while snacking on ramen and candy sushi. Rated TV-14.

Anime and Snacks:

Spring Rolls

Nixa Branch

Monday, July 29, 5-6 p.m.

Make fresh spring rolls and watch episodes of "Campfire Cooking in Another World with My Absurd Skill." Rated TV-14.

August

True Crime Game Night

Nixa Branch

Wednesday, Aug. 7

3:30-4:30 p.m.

**Registration opens July 24*

You're the detective needed to solve the mystery crime as we play the Unsolved Case Files board game.

Teen Advisory Board

Ozark Branch

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

Grades 9 and up

We need your big ideas for future library events and activities—tell us during our next meeting.

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Ozark Branch

Monday, Aug. 19, 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, Aug. 20, 3:30-5 p.m.

Get ready to explore and create! What can you make with popsicle sticks during this interactive, hands-on workspace?

Super Smash Bros. Tournament

Sparta Branch

Friday, Aug. 23, 4-5 p.m.

Gather your friends and go head-to-head in a super smash brawl to find out who reigns supreme.

Water Balloon Party

Clever Branch

Monday, Aug. 26

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Beat the summer heat with water balloon fun! Bring a towel and extra clothes, 'cause you will get wet.

Anime and Snacks: Boba Tea

Nixa Branch

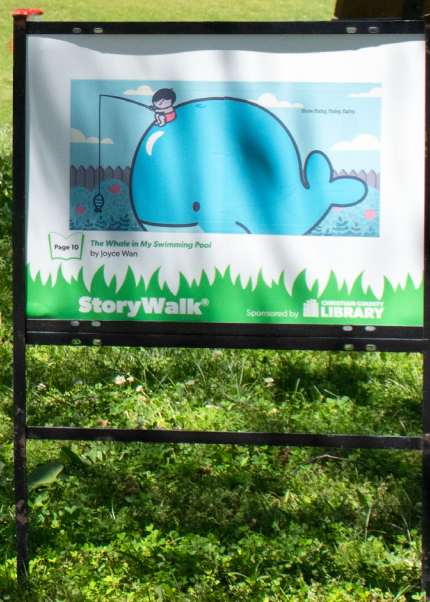
Monday, Aug. 26, 5-6 p.m.

Cool down with a cup of delightfully refreshing boba tea and episodes of "Fluffy Paradise." Rated TV-PG.

Nixa The Gardens at Woodfield

Ozark Grubaugh Park

StoryWalk®



Family Storytime

kids up to age six

MONDAYS - SPARTA

11-11:45 a.m.

TUESDAYS - NIXA

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

WEDNESDAYS - OZARK

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

FRIDAYS - CLEVER

10:30-11:15 a.m.

KIDS & FAMILIES Pre-K - grade 6

July

Firecracker Painting

Nixa Branch

Monday, July 1, 1-2 p.m.

Get ready for Independence Day by designing your own firework scene from everyday items like salt, forks and Q-tips.

Birds of Prey: Eagles of North America

with Dickerson Park Zoo

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, July 2, 10-11 a.m.

They are more than our national bird - fly over to learn about bald and golden eagles. Sponsored by the Christian County Friends of the Library.

Fantasy Worlds Tour

Clever Branch

Monday, July 8, 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Experience the tastes, sights and sounds of the fantastical worlds of Narnia, Hogwarts and Green Gables.

Marvelous Mammals with Dickerson Park Zoo

Nixa Branch

Monday, July 8, 2-3 p.m.

What makes mammals so marvelous? Stop by and find out. Sponsored by the Christian County Friends of the Library.

Ukulele Adventures with Uke 66

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, July 9, 10-11 a.m.

Hear how playing little ukuleles can lead to big adventures all over the world with stories and songs by Karen and Rick Maxson.

Pirate Treasure Slime

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, July 9, 4-5 p.m.

**Registration June 25*

Are ye ready to dig for some treasure in this homemade slime, *mateys?*

The Magical Library Adventure with Marty the Magician

Clever Branch

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

Known as "The Reading Magician," he uses magic to highlight materials found in the library, including nature, art, travel and more. Sponsored by the Christian County Friends of the Library.

Movie Day: Holes

Nixa Branch

Thursday, July 11

2:30-4:30 p.m.

A wrongfully convicted boy is sent to a brutal detention camp where he is forced to dig mysterious holes in the desert. Rated PG.

Paper Rockets

Ozark Branch

Saturday, July 13, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Grades 3 and up

These paper rockets are a blast to make and launch. Plus, help set off a huge rocket outside the library.

Register today at christiancountylibrary.org/events

July

Moana Sing-Along & Dance Party with Princesses of the 417 Nixa Branch

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

**Registration opens July 1*

Does the ocean call your name? If so, don't miss this deep sea extravaganza.

Moana Meet & Greet with Princesses of the 417 Nixa Branch

Monday, July 15, 3-4 p.m.

Take a selfie with the ocean navigator that restored the heart of Te Fiti!

The Little Red Hen's Garden with StoneLion Puppet Theatre Ozark Branch

Tuesday, July 16, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Red is tired of her dusty backyard and decides to plant a community garden. Will her neighbors pitch in? Don't miss this interactive show based on a classic fairytale. Sponsored by the Christian County Friends of the Library.

DIY Time Capsule

Sparta Branch

Friday, July 19, 3-4 p.m.

**Registration opens July 5*

Trapping time in a bottle is possible! Bring small trinkets to create a memorable moment in time.

Endangered Species with Dickerson Park Zoo Sparta Branch



Saturday, July 20, 2-3 p.m.

Find out what it means when an animal is listed as "endangered" and how we are all responsible for conserving wildlife habitats. Sponsored by the Christian County Friends of the Library.

Celia Rocks Party Nixa Branch

Monday, July 22, 10-11 a.m.

Celia's world-famous show is a rockin', stompin', hollerin' good time. Wear your dancing shoes to this party because she will rock your socks off! Sponsored by the Christian County Friends of the Library.

Rainsticks Activity Clever Branch

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

Grades 3 and up

In many cultures, summoning rain often included the use of musical instruments. Build your own rainstick and learn the rich traditions of the people that used them.

Carnival Games

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, July 23, 2-3 p.m.

Step right up! Test your skills in a variety of carnival-themed games to earn raffle tickets.

Rapunzel Meet & Greet with Princesses of the 417 Sparta Branch

Thursday, July 25, 10-11 a.m.

Don't get tangled up on your way to the library! Meet the most famous princess with magical hair and snap a photo.

DIY Chocolate Treats Nixa Branch

Friday, July 26, 3-4 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

Pick a treat and take a seat while crafting and decorating with chocolate.

STEM Saturday: Space Sparta Branch

Saturday, July 27, 10 a.m.- Noon

Shoot for the stars with these space-themed challenges and activities.

Adaptation Exploration with Dickerson Park Zoo Clever Branch



Monday, July 29, 10-11 a.m.

Uncover the wild science of animal traits, techniques and adaptations. Sponsored by the Christian County Friends of the Library.

August

Nature Scavenger Hunt Clever Branch

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

Grades 3 and up

Adventure is out there! Search outdoors to complete this nature-themed scavenger hunt for a chance to win a prize.

Castle Siege Day

Ozark Branch

Thursday, Aug. 8, 2-3 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

Construct your own marshmallow catapult in order to take down the Castle of Cups!

STEM Saturday:

Things That Go

Sparta Branch

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

We're off to the races with challenges inspired by the things that move, fast.

Tape Town

Nixa Branch

Saturday, Aug. 10, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Stop by this come-and-go play time with themed towns, toys, books and activities.

Magazine Strip Art

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, Aug. 13, 4-5 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

Inspire your inner artist and create animal silhouettes using magazine strips.

Fun with Bubbles

Clever Branch

Wednesday, Aug. 14

Noon -1 p.m.

It's a bubble party! Build your own wands and learn to make a homemade sud solution.

3D Fuse Beads

Ozark Branch

Friday, Aug. 16, 2-4 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

From adorable animal figurines to intricate geometric designs, anything is possible with 3D melting beads.

D&D Adventures:

Assault on the Amber Tower

Nixa Branch

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

Grades 4 and up

Jump into the middle of beast encounters, dungeon crawls, treasure quests, character creation and more. This month, we investigate what's behind the string of strange attacks on a local village.

Ice Cream Social Storytime

Sparta Branch

Thursday, Aug. 22

3:30-4:30 p.m.

I scream, you scream, we all scream for a tasty-themed Storytime with an ice cream bar.



Ozark Branch Thursdays

BABY BOUNCE

babies up to 18 months

9:45-10:30 a.m.

TODDLER TIME

children 18 months
to 3 years

10:45-11:30 a.m.



The Summer Reading Challenge IS FILLED WITH PRIZES

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/src2024prizes



christiancountylibrary.org

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

CLEVER
7428 W. Veterans Blvd.
(417) 743-2277

NIXA
208 N. McCroskey St.
(417) 724-6100

OZARK
1005 N. 4th Ave.
(417) 581-2432

SPARTA
147 Library Ln.
(417) 441-1400