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

Check the back for PRIZE INFO
**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 Alexzander*
*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.
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.

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.

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**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.

**Books & Baristas**  
**The Baked Bean Coffee Shop**, 1860 N. Commerce Drive  
Nixa, Saturday  
July 27, 10-11 a.m.  
“Furious Hours” 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.

**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.

**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.

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**For more info call 417-724-6100**

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**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.
**August**

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*Clever Branch*  
*Thursday, Aug. 8, 11 a.m.- Noon*  
Find your inner balance each week with Legacy Martial Ways.

**Yoga with Debra Tucker**  
*Ozark Branch*  
*Tuesday, Aug. 6, 6-7 p.m.*  
*Nixa Branch*  
*Thursday, Aug. 6, 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, 7:30-11:30 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*  
*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*  
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.
**ADULTS** ages 18 and older

**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.

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.

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?

Matinee Friday:
The Last Mimzy
**Clever Branch**
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.

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.

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.

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.

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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.

*Nixa FOL Book Sale*
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Nixa community branch
**PREVIEW SALE:** THURSDAY, AUG. 22  FRIDAY, AUG. 23 – SATURDAY, AUG. 24

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August

TEENS grades 7-12

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®
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**
*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?

**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.

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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.

STEM Saturday: Space
Sparta Branch
Saturday, July 27, 10 a.m.- Noon
Shoot for the stars with these space-themed challenges and activities.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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**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