

Storytime Can Be Anytime



**EVENTS
NEWSLETTER**

JULY/AUG 2025



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PRIZE INFO



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

ADULTS ages 18 and older

July

Yoga with Debra Tucker

Ozark Branch Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.

Nixa Branch Thursdays, 6-7 p.m.

(No Class July 1 & July 3)

Unwind and recharge with weekly classes from 417 Create Art & Yoga Studio. *Wellness*

Stay Strong, Stay Healthy

Sparta Branch

Wednesdays and Fridays

(June 4-July 30) 10-11:30 a.m.

*Registration opens May 21

Build the strength needed to stay active and healthy as you age with weekly classes led by trained instructors to improve functional movements needed for everyday life. In partnership with the MU Extension. *Wellness*

 **Extension**
University of Missouri

Diabetes Self-Management

Nixa Branch

Thursdays (June 26-July 31)

12:30-2:30 p.m.

*Registration opens June 12

Learn the steps to manage the effects of type 2 diabetes from experts in this weekly seminar. Create action plans and share your experiences in a support group setting. In partnership with the MU Extension. *Wellness*

 **Extension**
University of Missouri

Tai Chi with Chuck Mercer Clever Branch

Thursdays, 11 a.m.- Noon

(No Class July 3, July 31)

Embrace the art of mindful movement each week with Legacy Martial Ways. *Wellness*

Genealogy Workshop with Brittany Russell Clever Branch

Saturday, July 5, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Discover how deep your family tree roots go with help from a genealogy enthusiast. *History*

Let's Play: Rummy Sparta Branch

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

It's strategy, memory and a little luck to be the first to get rid of your cards in this classic game. *Games*

Responsible Watering with Christian County Master Gardeners Clever Branch

Tuesday, July 8, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

These efficient watering techniques will help your garden grow in the summer heat. *Outdoors*



Lit Happens!

Clever Branch

Wednesday, July 9

10:30-11:30 a.m.

It's a breeze!

Read any book with "summer" in the title.

Book Clubs

Ukulele for Beginners with Uke 66 Clever Branch

Wednesday, July 9, 2:30-4 p.m.

*Registration opens June 25

Nixa Branch

Monday, July 14, 10-11:30 a.m.

*Registration opens June 30

Grades 3 and up

Learn how to play the ukulele from professionals. Ukuleles are provided and no previous musical experience is needed. Sponsored by the Christian County Friends of the Library. *Performances*



Reel Reads

Sparta Branch

Thursday, July 10

3:30-4:30 p.m.

A spirited orphan finds a home, friendship and

trouble in "Anne of Green Gables" by L.M. Montgomery. *Book Clubs*

Come & See: Portugal Ozark Branch

Thursday, July 10, 6-7 p.m.

All ages

You won't need a passport to enjoy eye-catching art, stunning photos and a tasty traditional Portuguese dish. *Education*

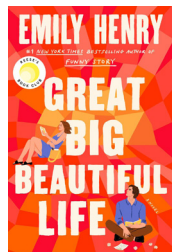
Summer is a busy time, and it might take longer for us to answer the phones. If a call goes to voicemail, please leave a message. You can also send an email or call another branch.



Holiday Closing

Friday, July 4 • Independence Day

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



#BookClub Nixa Branch

Friday, July 11
10-11 a.m.

Two authors compete to write the biography of a former tabloid princess in Emily Henry's "Great Big Beautiful Life." Toys provided for kids, with supervision by parents/caregivers. **Book Clubs**

Cook Book Club Ozark Branch

Friday, July 11
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Bring a new or old favorite pasta dish to share as we chat about past and future culinary adventures. **Culinary**

Paint Party with Heaven Sent Custom Creations Nixa Branch

Saturday, July 12
11 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

*Registration opens June 28
Color your space with a burst of summer by painting either a vibrant hot air balloon or tropical pineapple. **Arts & Crafts**

Stained Glass Painting Clever Branch

Wednesday, July 16, 1-2:30 p.m.

*Registration opens July 2
Craft a dazzling masterpiece using a faux stained-glass painting technique. **Arts & Crafts**

Family Game Night with Haven Games Ozark Branch

Wednesday, July 16, 5-7p.m.

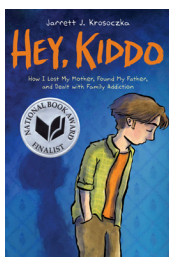
All ages

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

Gardening for Birds and Wildlife with Christian County Master Gardeners Ozark Branch

Thursday, July 17, 5:30-7 p.m.

Want to add more life, color and song to your backyard? Discover how to create a welcoming habitat that attract birds, pollinators and small wildlife. **Outdoors**



Books & Baristas

*The Baked Bean
Coffee Shop*, 1860
N. Commerce Drive
Nixa, Saturday
July 19, 10-11 a.m.

It's piecing together the truth of his parents and the art that helps him survive in Jarrett J. Krosoczka's graphic novel memoir "Hey Kiddo." **Book Clubs**

Jewelry Dish Sparta Branch

Saturday, July 19, 10 a.m.- Noon

*Registration opens July 5
Create a special home for your trinkets that is decorated in a marble-like design and a touch of shimmer. **Arts & Crafts**

Uncovering History: Gravestone Cleaning

Payne Cemetery

2192 Owen Rd., Nixa

Saturday, July 26, 10 a.m.- Noon

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

Job Fair with Missouri Job Center— Springfield

OTC Richwood Valley Campus

3369 W. Jackson St., Nixa

Thursday, July 31, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Looking for new opportunities or considering changing careers? Now is your chance! Bring a current résumé and dress to impress. **Career Success**



True Crime Club Ozark Branch

Thursday, July 31, 5:30-7 p.m.

Test your knowledge on some of the bizarre and unbelievable real-life crimes during this special trivia night. **Entertainment**

Register today at christiancountylibrary.org/events

ADULTS ages 18 and older

August

Genealogy Workshop with Brittany Russell Clever Branch

Saturday, Aug. 2, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Discover how deep your family tree roots go with help from a genealogy enthusiast. *History*

Let's Play: Apples to Apples Sparta Branch

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

Make clever, silly and outrageous card matches in a game that's fun for everyone. *Games*

Families Eating Smart and Moving More

Nixa Branch

Tuesdays (Aug. 5-Sept. 9), 1-2 p.m.

*Registration opens July 22

Take the first step toward a healthier home. Learn how shopping on a budget, cooking healthy recipes and incorporating daily exercise can improve quality of life. *Wellness*

 **Extension**
University of Missouri

Seed Saving with Christian County Master Gardeners

Nixa Branch

Tuesday, Aug. 5, 5:30-6:30 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. *Outdoors*

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#BookClub

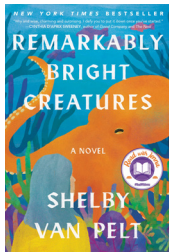
Nixa Branch

Friday, Aug. 8

10-11 a.m.

"Say You'll Remember Me" by Abby Jimenez is about meeting the

most amazingly right person at the absolute worst time. Toys provided for kids, with supervision by parents/caregivers. *Book Clubs*



Lit Happens!

Clever Branch

Wednesday, Aug. 13

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Friendship, reckoning and hope bloom between the

unlikely pair of an octopus and widow in "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt.

Book Clubs

Come & See: Iceland

Ozark Branch

Thursday, Aug. 14, 6-7 p.m.

All ages

You won't need a passport to enjoy eye-catching art, stunning photos and a tasty traditional Icelandic dish.

Education



Reel Reads

Sparta Branch

Thursday, Aug. 14

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Don't miss friendship, betrayal and perfectly timed

payback in "The First Wives Club" by Olivia Goldsmith. *Book Clubs*

Cook Book Club

Ozark Branch

Friday, Aug. 15

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

Bring a new or old favorite no-bake dessert dish to share as we chat about past and future culinary adventures. *Culinary*

Cork Succulent Magnets

Sparta Branch

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

*Registration opens Aug. 2

Transform corks into tiny succulent planter magnets for a touch of green to any space. *Arts & Crafts*

Spilled Coffee Bookmarks

Ozark Branch

Monday, Aug. 18, 10-11 a.m.

Combine your love of books and coffee by crafting this charming bookmark. Toys provided for kids, with supervision by parents/caregivers. *Arts & Crafts*

Register today at christiancountylibrary.org/events



FOL Book Sale

Nixa community branch

Friday Aug. 22 – Saturday Aug. 23
\$3 Bag Day on Saturday

PREVIEW SALE
Thursday, Aug. 21

Beginner Watercolor: Fun with Florals

Ozark Branch

Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2-3 p.m.
Brush along as we create a botanical masterpiece using new and classic watercolor techniques.
Education

Family Game Night with Haven Games

Ozark Branch

Wednesday, Aug. 20, 5-7 p.m.
All ages
It's an afternoon of competitive family fun with a variety of board games for all skill levels. Snacks included.
Games

Extending the Growing Season with Christian County Master Gardeners

Sparta Branch
Thursday, Aug. 21, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Yield even more from your garden with simple techniques to extend the growing season into the fall and beyond.
Outdoors

DIY Mini Bookshelf

Nixa Branch

Monday, Aug. 25, 5-6:30 p.m.
*Registration opens Aug. 4
It's alright to be itty bitty, especially with this adorable miniature bookshelf! *Arts & Crafts*

True Crime Club

Ozark Branch

Thursday, Aug. 28, 5:30-7 p.m.
A man checked into a Kansas City hotel room with only a toothbrush, toothpaste and comb. Days later he was found dead. Join us as we discuss what happened in Room 1046. *Entertainment*



Books & Baristas

The Baked Bean Coffee Shop, 1860 N. Commerce Drive
Nixa, Saturday Aug. 30, 10-11 a.m.
A college student

searchers for answers to an epidemic of perpetual sleep while quarantined on campus in Karen Thompson Walker's "The Dreamers."
Book Clubs

Uncovering History: Gravestone Cleaning

Linden Cemetery
4400 State Hwy. JJ, Sparta
Saturday, Aug. 30, 10 a.m.- Noon
Preserve our local history and help make a difference to an often overlooked part of our community. Cleaning supplies provided. *History*



Share Your Seed Library Gardening Progress With Us

Upload photos of your garden at
christiancountylibrary.org/seedlibrary to be
eligible for a **\$50 Amazon gift card** drawing.

It's a snap! Send us a picture by Saturday, Aug. 30.

July

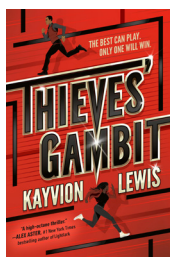
Let's Cook!

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, July 1, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**Registration opens June 17*

Roll into the perfect appetizer, snack or quick meal with this pinwheel recipe. **Culinary**



The Mystery

Ink Society

Nixa Branch

Monday, July 7

4-5 p.m.

Experience the cinematic heist thriller

"Thieves' Gambit" by Kayvion Lewis, where the world's best thieves compete and one that risks everything for her mother's life.

Book Clubs

Mimic Mini Painting

with Haven Games

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, July 8, 3-4 p.m.

Better watch out when you bring this sneaky treasure chest monster to life. **Arts & Crafts**

Painted Bookends

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, July 8, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Registration opens June 24*

Make your bookshelf pop with personalized creations.

Arts & Crafts

Tie-Dye Tote Bags

Nixa Branch

Monday, July 14, 2-3 p.m.

**Registration opens June 30*

Give this bag a groovy makeover before taking it home. **Arts & Crafts**

Colorful Popsicles

Clever Branch

Monday, July 21, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**Registration opens July 7*

A frozen treat that's as fun to make as it is to eat. **Culinary**

Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club

Ozark Branch

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

Meetup with others to explore fantastic worlds, clash with monsters and perform heroic feats while playing the greatest RPG of all time.

Games

Flamingo Snow Globes

Nixa Branch

Thursday, July 24, 4-5 p.m.

**Registration opens July 10*

It's a summer spin on a winter craft favorite using flamingos, palm trees and glitter. **Arts & Crafts**

Snacks Around the World

Ozark Branch

Thursday, July 24, 4-5 p.m.

Take your taste buds on a global getaway with the delicious flavors of a mystery country. **Culinary**

Hydro Dipped Mugs

Clever Branch

Thursday, July 31, 4-5 p.m.

**Registration opens July 17*

Dip into creativity with both hands and take home something special. **Arts & Crafts**



August



The Mystery Ink Society Nixa Branch

Monday, Aug. 4
4-5 p.m.

The Naturals are at it again, this time while visiting the wild and crazy city of Las Vegas in Jennifer Lynn Barnes's "All In." **Book Clubs**

Let's Cook!

Sparta Branch

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

**Registration opens July 22*

Whether you like mild, hot or caliente—learn to make new salsas using simple ingredients. **Culinary**

Bedazzled Sunglasses

Sparta Branch

Monday, Aug. 11, 4-5 p.m.

**Registration opens July 28*

Shine bright this summer by decorating your own pair of shades with plenty of sparkle. **Arts & Crafts**

Poké Ball Terrariums

Ozark Branch

Thursday, Aug. 14, 2-3:30 p.m.

**Registration opens July 31*

Catch them all by building a Pokémon ball-sized world.

Arts & Crafts

Table Top Game Night

Nixa Branch

Thursday, Aug. 14, 4-5 p.m.

Let the games begin! It's all the classics such as Apples to Apples, Fitz It, Blank Slate, Sorry!, Jenga and more. Snacks and drinks provided.

Games

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Hollywood Hangout

Clever Branch

Monday, Aug. 25
3-5 p.m.

Join us for an epic mashup of literature

and cinema with movie-themed snacks and engaging discussions about adaptations. This month's pick is "The Hunger Games." Rated PG-13.

Movies

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Sparta Branch

Mondays : 11-11:45 a.m.

Nixa Branch

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

Ozark Branch

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

Clever Branch

Fridays : 10:30-11:15 a.m.



Family Storytime

kids up to age six

KIDS & FAMILIES Pre-K - grade 6

July

Colorful Magic with Marty Hahne

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, July 1, 10-11 a.m.

Clever Branch

Monday, July 7, 2-3 p.m.

The Reading Magician uses materials found in the library to perform mystifying illusions. But, he needs your help to make it happen! Sponsored by the Christian County Friends of the Library. *Performances*

Stuffed Animal Hospital

Nixa Branch

Monday, July 7, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Have a well-loved plush in need of a little TLC? Drop them off overnight while they are pampered before being patched up, good as new. Pick up will be the next day.

Engagement

One World, Many Animals with Dickerson Park Zoo



Sparta Branch

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

We share the earth with millions of species. Meet a few of them and learn how they are integral to the health of the planet. Sponsored by the Christian County Friends of the Library. *Animals*

Geology Rocks!

Clever Branch

Thursday, July 10, 4-5 p.m.

**Registration opens June 26*

Grades 3 and up

Dig up colorful gems while learning rock types and facts as a junior geologist. *Education*

Animal Food Chains with Dickerson Park Zoo



Nixa Branch

Friday, July 11, 2-3 p.m.

Explore the hidden connections between animals in a food chain. Meet a mammal, a snake, a bird of prey and a scavenger. Discover how each animal plays a vital role in keeping ecosystems balanced. Sponsored by the Christian County Friends of the Library. *Animals*

Potty Training Storytime

Ozark Branch

Saturday, July 12, 10-11 a.m.

It's a themed storytime to get little ones excited about big potty milestones. *Storytimes*

Tape Resist Art

Clever Branch

Monday, July 14, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Stick and peel to create an art project that is a real hit.

Arts & Crafts

Laughing Matters

with Jay & Leslie

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, July 15, 10-11 a.m.

Does laughing matter? You bet it does! With wacky humor, magic, art, juggling and creative stories you won't want to miss the antics of this talented duo. *Performances*

Squeegee Painting

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, July 15, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**Registration opens July 1*

Spread and move paint around to craft vibrant abstract art.

Arts & Crafts

My Festival Passport:

New Zealand

Nixa Branch

Friday, July 18, 4-5 p.m.

In celebration of Matariki, the Maori New Year, decorate a kite while reflecting on the past, celebrating the present and looking towards the future. *Education*

Bluey Play Day

Ozark Branch

Saturday, July 19, 10 a.m.- Noon

Have a wackadoo good time with crafts and activities inspired by Bluey and Bingo. *Entertainment*

Crazy Science Art Lab

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, July 22, 1:30-3 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

Unleash your inner mad scientist with hands-on experiments that turn science into colorful masterpieces.

Arts & Crafts

Pom Pom Launcher

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, July 22, 4-5 p.m.

Build a DIY launcher with pool noodles and balloons to test how far fluff balls can fly. *Arts & Crafts*

Disney Karaoke Party

Nixa Branch

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

Show up dressed as your favorite character and sing your favorite songs. Prizes for best costume and performance. *Entertainment*

Baby Bounce

babies up to 18 months

Ozark Branch: Thursdays

9:45-10:30 a.m.

Toddler Time

children 18 months

to 3 years

Ozark Branch: Thursdays

10:45-11:30 a.m.



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KIDS & FAMILIES Pre-K - grade 6

August

Ice Cream Truck Play Day

Nixa Branch

Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2-3 p.m.

Pretend to run an ice cream truck business while also enjoying the tasty rewards in one sweet scoop.

Entertainment

Balloon Lab

Ozark Branch

Thursday, Aug. 7, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

Master the art of twisting and shaping colorful creations that you can take home. *Arts & Crafts*

Cats and Dogs Storytime

Ozark Branch

Saturday, Aug. 9, 10-11 a.m.

Join us for cat and dog tales, songs and paws-itively playful activities during this special storytime.

Storytimes

Shrinky Dink

Backpack Charms

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2-3 p.m.

Craft a personalized charm to kick off the school year in style!

Arts & Crafts

My Festival Passport: Hawaii

Nixa Branch

Friday, Aug. 15, 4-5 p.m.

Experience the colors of the Aloha Festival making these special crafts to take home treats and share with your Ohana. *Education*

Campout Storytime

Nixa Branch

Saturday, Aug. 16, 10-10:45 a.m.

Summer isn't over until we've enjoyed camp stories, playtime and crafts during this themed storytime! *Storytimes*

Worm Hotel

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, Aug. 19, 4-5 p.m.

*Registration opens Aug. 5

They are one of the most common animals in the world and important to a healthy ecosystem, so let's build them a cozy habitat and learn about composting. *Education*

Investigate the Color Wheel

Nixa Branch

Wednesday, Aug. 20

10-10:45 a.m.

Isaac Newton discovered that light is made up of colors. Find out how with this super fun craft and be amazed! *Arts & Crafts*

Pom Pom Pals

Clever Branch

Thursday, Aug. 21, 4-5 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

Create new soft animal friends to add to your collection of stuffies!

Arts & Crafts

Noisy Play Day

Sparta Branch

Saturday, Aug. 23, 10 a.m.- Noon

Everybody make some noise! Sing and dance while playing musical instruments. *Entertainment*

Marbled Painting

Clever Branch

Thursday, Aug. 28, 4-5 p.m.

Get messy and creative with this unique art project using shaving cream and paint. *Arts & Crafts*

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and donations from
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Friends of the Library,
many of these events
would not have
been possible.**

Thank you!



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