

Library Resources for **EDUCATORS**



Your guide to **Christian County Library**

BUILDING COMMUNITY FOR ALL THROUGH

ACCESS



INNOVATION



ENGAGEMENT



Welcome to Christian County Library's Resource Guide for Educators. Throughout this guidebook you'll find information about:

SERVICES

Get to know the variety of library services available for schools and educators.

RESOURCES

Find out about the many reading, learning and research options for teachers and parents.

MEETING SPACES

Book a private place to meet with parents and students at any branch location.

EVENTS

Attend weekly events that foster literacy and a lifelong love of learning for all ages.

CONTACT

Contact a Youth Services or Outreach staff member for help and make sure to find us on social media.

Library services for educators

Library card drive

We partner with teachers and librarians each September to host a county-wide Library Card Drive. As an incentive, the school with the highest percentage of library card applications is awarded prize money provided by the Christian County Friends of the Library.

Library tours

Staff offer a 'behind the scenes' tour of your local community branch including how to find grade-specific resources.

Special visits to the classroom

We can make special visits to your class to read books, host library card sign-up drives and discuss what it means to be a librarian.

Resource training for teachers and students

Have us attend your next training to present on new and upcoming titles, award nominees, educational resources and literary trends.

Literacy promotion

Library staff are available to attend your literacy night, parents' night or open house to provide book recommendations and activities that promote the love of reading.

Customized book lists and book delivery

Have a special project your class is working on? We can help with customized book lists, suggestions of library resources and deliver materials.

Request library education services

To request any of these services contact our Youth Services team at (417) 724-6100 or by emailing youthservices@christiancountylibrary.org.

Please note that staff need a minimum of three (3) weeks lead time to fulfill requests. Popular holiday and seasonal themes will be fulfilled on a first-come-first-served basis.

Digital resources

These research tools can aid with curriculum planning and provide additional learning resources for students. For a complete list of digital resources visit christiancountylibrary.org/research.



A to Z The USA

Research the culture, history, geography and government of each state in addition to articles about the US, video dictionaries to learn geography, royalty-free images and study plans for teachers.



A to Z World Culture

Access comprehensive, easy-to-navigate information on over 175 countries that includes culture, language, history, national symbols, geography and more.



Beanstack

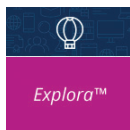
Beanstack

Visit christiancountylibrary.beanstack.org or download the Beanstack App to participate in reading challenges happening every month.



Computer Skills Center

Need a boost on your computer skills? Learn the basics, from searching the internet to using popular programs for word processing, creating spreadsheets, databases and more.



Explora

Designed for the needs and search abilities of elementary and high school students, Explora contains age-appropriate materials, images, videos and topic overviews to provide students with a starting point for research.



Hoopla

Instantly borrow digital movies, music, eBooks and audiobooks with your library card. Find it on the Apple App store, Google Play, or any web browser.



Learning Express Library

Hundreds of practice tests, tutorial courses, computer skills videos, resume and cover letter workshops, High School equivalency exam preparation, ACT and SAT preparedness and career-specific analyses are at your fingertips.



Libby

Access eBooks, audiobooks, videos and magazines from your smart phone or tablet with the Libby app. Search the Apple App store or Google Play. For desktop use visit molib2go.overdrive.com



Mango Languages

Mixes listening and reading activities to help you converse in over 70 languages by using the six critical skills necessary for true language learning: vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, culture, comprehension and retention.



Novelist Plus

Can't figure out what to read next? Get comprehensive information (like expert recommendations and book reviews) to find your next favorite title.



Science Reference Center

Find comprehensive and in-depth explanations of important advances in biology, chemistry, environmental science, space, physics and technology with vivid images and groundbreaking videos to help breakdown difficult concepts.



TeachingBooks

Over 300,000 resources to thoroughly experience the joy of reading including interviews of authors and illustrators, read-along audiobooks, reader's advisory, booklists and more.



TumbleBook Library

TumbleBooks teach kids the joy of reading in a format they'll love. Created by taking existing picture books, adding animation, sound and narration to produce an electronic picture book.



Udemy

Search through more than 4,000 on-demand video courses across 75 categories in business, technology, design and more all taught by world-class instructors.



Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library

Free library service for Missourians who are unable to use standard print materials due to a visual or physical disability. Includes fiction and nonfiction audio, braille and large print books for all ages. For more information visit sos.mo.gov/wolfner.

Parent & Guardian Resources

The library is a gateway that contains countless ways for young people to discover the joy of reading. However, we know the amount of materials and resources can be intimidating. As a supplement to library staff expertise, we've gathered helpful tools and resources for caregivers in one place.

For a complete guide visit christiancountylibrary.org/parent-resources.



Meeting & Study Rooms

Need a place to study or space for a meeting? Within each community branch location are rooms, *free of charge*, for public use during the library's hours of operation.

- Meeting rooms can be reserved up to 90 days from the current date and no more than five (5) times a month.
- Study rooms can be reserved up to one (1) week from the current date and no more than three (3) times per week.

Reserve yours today and go to christiancountylibrary.org/meeting-room





Library events for Teens

Teen Advisory Board

Grades 9–12. The Teen Advisory Board helps plan library events while earning volunteer hours. Apply for a spot on the board at christiancountylibrary.org/volunteer. Applications are reviewed and approved by library staff.

There is something for everyone each month such as book clubs, crafts, escape rooms, role-playing games and workshops.

Family Storytime all year long

Each Storytime is packed with songs, activities, movement and stories specially designed to promote early literacy skills. Parents and guardians also learn great ideas to develop a love for reading with their small ones. Family Storytimes are offered weekly for kids up to age six.

MONDAYS

Sparta

TUESDAYS

Nixa

WEDNESDAYS

Ozark

FRIDAYS

Clever



Baby Bounce & Toddler Time

These special Storytimes are tailored for kiddos who just aren't ready to sit through something longer. Baby Bounce (babies up to 18 months) and Toddler Time (18 months to 3 years) lay a foundation of learning and prepare them for preschool through songs, playtime and short stories.

**Baby
Bounce**

THURSDAYS

Ozark

**Toddler
Time**

TUESDAYS

Nixa

THURSDAYS

Ozark





Kids and family library events

The library is a place to learn new skills while participating in monthly reading challenges, passive play, interactive games, crafts and attending live performances. Recommended for kids in Pre-K to grade 6.

Check the schedule for all events, Storytimes and activities by visiting christiancountylibrary.org/events.

Community partner delivery locations

Can't make it to one of the full-service branch locations? No problem. There are community partner locations spread across the county.

When placing materials on hold using COOLcat.org, select "Billings" or "Highlandville" as the pickup location and they will be sent there.



Billings City Library

Address: 251 NE Hwy. 60, Billings, MO 65610

Phone: (417) 233-1688



Double E Burger & Ice Cream Shoppe

Address: 339 Kentling Ave., Highlandville, MO 65669

Phone: (417) 587-8018

CONTACT

Community book drop locations

Returns can be made at each branch location as well as the Billings City Library, the Double E Burger & Ice Cream Shoppe in Highlandville, The Nixa X Center and Ozark Community Center (The OC). All locations have an outdoor book drop available 24 hours.



Nixa X Center

Address: 701 N. Taylor Way, Nixa, MO 65714

Phone: (417) 725-5486



The OC

Address: 1530 W. Jackson St., Ozark, MO 65721

Phone: (417) 581-7002

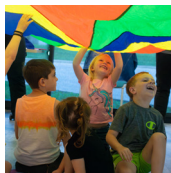
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Outreach Department

outreach@christiancountylibrary.org

(417) 724-6100



Youth Services Department

youthservices@christiancountylibrary.org

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CONTACT

Clever Community Branch

7428 W. Veterans Blvd., Clever, MO 65631
(417) 743-2277

Nixa Community Branch

208 N. McCroskey St., Nixa, MO 65714
(417) 724-6100

Ozark Community Branch

1005 N. 4th Ave., Ozark, MO 65721
(417) 581-2432

Sparta Community Branch

147 Library Ln., Sparta, MO 65753
(417) 441-1400

Library Hours

Monday–Thursday: 9 a.m.–7 p.m.

Friday–Saturday: 9 a.m.–6 p.m.

Closed Sundays and major holidays

