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SPRING INTO READING CHALLENGE
March 1 - April 30  More info on the back.

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**March**

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.

**Tai Chi with **Chuck Mercer  
**Clever Branch** Thursdays, 11 a.m.- Noon  
Find your inner balance each week with Legacy Martial Ways.

Reception and Art Talk: **How to Take Spring Flower Photos**  
**Nixa Branch** Saturday, March 4  
2-4 p.m.  
Spring is in the air and on the walls in this photo exhibit. Learn how to take your own spring flower photos, too.

Writers’ Workshop:  
**Good Housekeeping and Clean Writing with Bon Tindle**  
**Nixa Branch** Saturday, March 11, 2-3:30 p.m.  
Bring your questions and learn tips and tricks for revising, editing and publishing your own writing.

**SCORE Tuesdays @ Two: How to Handle an Unhappy Customer**  
**Ozark Branch** or **ZOOM**  
Tuesday, March 14, 2-3 p.m.  
*Registration opens March 2*  
Don’t take a bad interaction with a customer personally. Pamela Hernandez from the Better Business Bureau shares her tips to keep them happy and coming back.

**Let’s Play: Bridge**  
**Sparta Branch** Saturday, March 18, 2-4 p.m.  
Learn to play this popular trick-taking card game while enjoying conversation and refreshments with others.

**True Crime Club**  
**Ozark Branch** Thursday, March 23  
6-7 p.m.  
Investigate a shocking series of crimes and conspiracies involving murder in cold blood in “Killers of the Flower Moon” by David Grann.

**Virtual Author Talk:**  
**Maxwell King, “The Good Neighbor: The Life and Work of Fred Rogers”**  
on **ZOOM**  
Thursday, March 16, Noon-1 p.m.  
*Registration opens March 2*  
For all ages  
Trace Mister Rogers’ personal and professional lives and the impact he made on millions using original interviews, oral histories and archival documents.

**Cookbook Connections**  
**Sparta Branch** Thursday, March 9  
3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Comfort foods and pleasant company are both good for the soul. Bring each to this month’s meeting.

Spring cleaning is the best time to donate.  
Bring your used books, board games, movies and puzzles to any branch location for future FOL sales.  
Money raised by the FOL provides additional funding for library materials and services.

For more information, visit [christiancountylibrary.org/friends](http://christiancountylibrary.org/friends)
Turning Pages Book Club
Clever Branch
Tuesday, April 11
11 a.m.- Noon
When a beat-up bread truck comes speeding around the corner, two lives are changed forever. Find out how in “When Crickets Cry” by Charles Martin.

Cookbook Connections
Sparta Branch
Thursday, April 13
3:30-4:30 p.m.
Celebrate spring’s seasonal produce by whipping up a dish full of veggies. Then, share your recipes (and a spoonful!) with the club.

Raspberry Cordial Book Club
Ozark Branch
Tuesday, March 28
1-2 p.m.
A blind French girl and a German boy rely on one another for survival throughout the occupation of France during World War II in “All the Light We Cannot See” by Anthony Doerr.

Eating Healthy on a Budget
Nixa Branch
Wednesday, March 29
10-11:30 a.m.
*Registration opens March 15
The cost of food can make feeding families a challenge. Get tips on stretching your wallet and how to get the most out of the groceries you buy.

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Writers’ Workshop: Developing Characters
with Bon Tindle
Nixa Branch
Saturday, April 8, 2-3:30 p.m.
Hear some tips to add life and complexity to your characters for a more engaging story.

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**ADULTS ages 18 and older**

**Author Talk:** Holly Holladay and “Parks and Recreation” on YouTube
Saturday, April 15, 11 a.m.
Fans of “Parks and Recreation” won’t want to miss this deep dive into a new book about the show’s portrayal of American politics and its impact on digital fandom. It’s like 5,000 candles in the wind, but better.

**Field Trip:** Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds
2278 Baker Creek Rd, Mansfield Friday, April 21, 10-11 a.m.
*Registration opens April 1
For all ages
Meet at the Ozark community branch at 9 a.m. Take a field trip with us to Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds in Mansfield, MO. We’ll tour the beautiful grounds, bakery, packing operations and seed store. Dress accordingly, and bring money for souvenirs and lunch.

**What Scammers Don’t Want You to Know with Pamela Hernandez**
Ozark Branch Monday, April 17 4-5 p.m.
Learn the top five most-popular current scams and how to better protect yourself by using the Better Business Bureau Scam Tracker.

**Books & Baristas**
The Baked Bean Coffee Shop, 1860 N. Commerce Drive
Nixa, Saturday April 22, 10-11 a.m.
Grab a cup of joe and sit down with us to discuss “The Book of Koli” by M. R. Carey, the first in a trilogy of what has been called a post-apocalyptic fable.

**Raspberry Cordial Book Club**
Ozark Branch Tuesday, April 25 1-2 p.m.
She was 17 the first time she set foot in a classroom. You won’t believe the insurmountable odds she had to overcome to acquire her PhD in this touching biography, “Educated,” by Tara Westover.

**True Crime Club**
Ozark Branch Thursday, April 27 6-7 p.m.
Inspector Jonathan Whicher made assumptions about the killer of three-year-old Saville Kent, in a case that absorbed the country and ruined his name. Read about how he was vindicated in “The Suspicions of Mr. Whicher” by Kate Summerscale.

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**CHRISTIAN COUNTY LIBRARY SEED LIBRARY**

Check out up to five seed packets from any community branch and plant them in your garden!

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More information at christiancountylibrary.org/seedlibrary
**March**

**Study Hall and Snacks**  
*Nixa Branch*  
Saturday, March 4, 1:30-3 p.m.  
Have homework questions? Join our group study sessions for helpful strategies and math tutoring (and of course snacks).

**Bad Art Night**  
*Clever Branch*  
Monday, March 6, 3-4:30 p.m.  
We want to see your worst! Create ugly, cringe-worthy pieces of art for a chance at the coveted tacky trophy.

**Soil Science**  
*Sparta Branch*  
Saturday, March 11, 1-2 p.m.  
Get your hands dirty as we explore and categorize types of soils to understand their role in an ecosystem.

**Teen Advisory Board**  
*Ozark Branch*  
Monday, March 13, 5-6 p.m.  
*Registration required*  
We need your big ideas for future library events and activities—tell us at our next meeting.

**Anime Night**  
*Ozark Branch*  
Thursday, March 16, 4-6 p.m.  
Enjoy snacks while we watch popular anime. Plus, there will be anime-themed door prizes.

**Dungeons & Dragons Club**  
*Ozark Branch*  
Monday, March 20, 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, March 21, 3:30-5 p.m.  
Ready to explore and create something new? Using playing cards, cardboard tubes or popsicle sticks, create a house in this interactive, hands-on workspace.

**Teen Book Club**  
*Nixa Branch*  
Tuesday, March 28 6-7 p.m.  
What happens when a senator’s daughter is summoned to the galactic court as a hostage? Find out in the sci-fi thriller “The Diabolic” by S.J. Kincaid.

**April**

**Poetry Hootenanny**  
*Sparta Branch*  
Tuesday, April 4, 4:30-6 p.m.  
Celebrate National Poetry Month at the library with fun prompts, blackout pieces, zines and more.

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**DIY Beaded Sunglasses**  
*Ozark Branch*  
Thursday, April 13, 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
You’ll be the coolest one under the sun in these trendy beaded shades.

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Ready to explore and create something new? Using Play-Doh or magic clay, design your own creature at this interactive, hands-on workspace.

**Teen Book Club**  
*Nixa Branch*  
Tuesday, April 25 6-7 p.m.  
A fever epidemic sweeps through the streets of Philadelphia in Laurie Halse Anderson’s historical fiction, “Fever 1793.”

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Saturday, March 4, 1:30-3 p.m.
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Sharpie Mugs
Ozark Branch
Friday, March 10, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
*Registration opens Feb. 24
You only need a mug and a Sharpie to create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece.

Chain Reactions
Sparta Branch
Tuesday, March 14, 1-3 p.m.
Use everyday materials to make whimsical, Rube Goldberg-style contraptions.

Super Smash Bros. Tournament
Nixa Branch
Saturday, March 18, 1:30-3 p.m.
Only one can be the Supreme Ruler. Is it you? Battle it out in this Nintendo Switch tournament.

April

Pressed Flower Bookmarks
Clever Branch
Monday, April 3, 3-4 p.m.
*Registration opens March 20
Capture spring’s beauty by sealing flowers into customized bookmarks.

Tween Time
Ozark Branch
Friday, April 7, 4-6 p.m.
Watch a movie, get crafty and connect with other tweens after school.

Bugs Among Us
Sparta Branch
Tuesday, April 11, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Discover a true bug’s life as you hunt for insects outside the library, then learn about the tools to identify them and their place in our environment.

Fresh Spring Snacks
Nixa Branch
Saturday, April 22, 1:30-3 p.m.
*Registration opens April 8
Tired of an apple a day? Get some alternative snack ideas with these inexpensive and tasty recipes.

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**All Feathers Bird House**  
*Clever Branch*  
**Tuesday, March 14, 3-5 p.m.**  
*Registration opens Feb. 28*  
Make this bird house a home, complete with a nutritious seed snack to attract some feathered friends.

**PAWS for Reading**  
**Nixa Branch**  
**Thursday, March 16, 3:30-5:30 p.m.**  
*Registration opens March 2*  
These pups are all ears! Reluctant readers can build confidence while reading to the cutest audience around.

**Building Play Day**  
**Nixa Branch**  
**Friday, March 17, 1:30-3:30 p.m.**  
You bring the imagination, we’ll provide the materials. There’s no limit to what you can build.

**April**

**Crayon Resist Painting**  
**Ozark Branch**  
**Saturday, March 18, 3-4 p.m.**  
Water and crayons? There’s no “resisting” this fun watercolor-technique art project.

**Noisy Playtime**  
**Sparta Branch**  
**Saturday, March 25, 1-2 p.m.**  
Everybody make some noise! Play, dance, sing and explore different musical instruments.

**Games Galore**  
**Sparta Branch**  
**Friday, March 31, 3:30-5 p.m.**  
Game on! Try out board and party games suitable for all ages.

**Family Storytime**  
*For kids up to age six*  
**Nixa Branch:** Tuesdays 10-10:45, 11-11:45 a.m.  
**Ozark Branch:** Wednesdays 10-10:45, 11-11:45 a.m.  
**Sparta Branch:** Thursdays 10-10:45 a.m.  
**Clever Branch:** Fridays 10:30-11:15 a.m.

**DIY Pine Cone Bird Feeders**  
**Nixa Branch**  
**Saturday, April 8, 2-3 p.m.**  
Feed your feathered friends with this homemade bird feeder, crafted from pine cones and peanut butter.

**Plant a Seed**  
**Clever Branch**  
**Wednesday, April 12, 4-5 p.m.**  
*Registration opens March 29*  
It all starts with a seed. Learn how to grow and care for plants while decorating your own flower pot.

**Messy Art Day**  
**Sparta Branch**  
**Friday, April 14, 3:30-5:30 p.m.**  
Art can be messy. Create masterpieces with paints, glue and more. We’ll take care of the clean up!

**Homemade Seed Bombs**  
**Ozark Branch**  
**Friday, April 21, 4:30-5:30 p.m.**  
Don’t miss this explosive way to grow flowers using seeds, clay and soil.

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**Sparta Branch**  
**Saturday, April 22, 1-2 p.m.**  
Everybody make some noise! Play, dance, sing and explore different musical instruments.

**Baby Bounce**  
**Ozark Branch**  
**Friday, April 14, 9:45-10:30 a.m.**  
Babies up to 18 months  
Join us for fingerplays, action rhymes, plenty of songs and playtime!
FOL Spring Book Sale
New location!
4-H Community Building at the Finley River Park, Ozark, MO

Wed., April 19 - Sat., April 22
Preview Sale: Tues., April 18, 3-7 p.m.

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The weather is warmer and flowers are blooming, making it the perfect time to join this reading challenge.

Log your minutes read and completed activities on beanstack for more chances to win one of the spring-inspired prize packs.

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