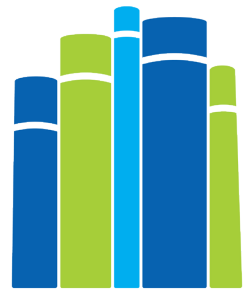


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**LIBRARY
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MAR/APR 2023



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**SPRING INTO
READING CHALLENGE**

March 1 - April 30 More info on the back.

ADULTS ages 18 and older

March

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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



**SOUTHWEST MISSOURI
CAMERA CLUB**

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.



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.

Writers' Workshop: Good Housekeeping and Clean Writing with Bon Tindle Nixa Branch

Saturday, March 11, 2-3:30 p.m.

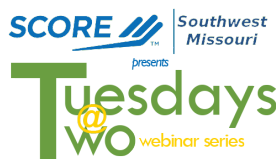
Bring your questions and learn tips and tricks for revising, editing and publishing your own writing.

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.



Turning Pages Book Club Clever Branch

Tuesday, March 14, 11 a.m.- Noon

Book lovers, unite! Join us for this first meeting and help decide what to read in the coming months.



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.



Let's Play: Bridge Sparta Branch

Saturday, March 18, 2-4 p.m.

**Registration opens March 4*

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

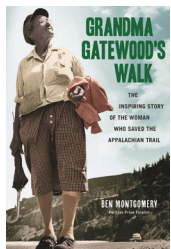
murder in cold blood in "Killers of the Flower Moon" by David Grann.

**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.**

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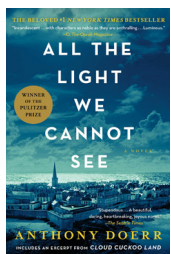


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Books & Baristas
The Baked Bean
 Coffee Shop, 1860
 N. Commerce Drive
 Nixa, Saturday
 March 25, 10-11 a.m.
 At age 67, Emma

Gatewood set out to walk the Appalachian Trail and did so—three times! Learn about those hikes and how she helped preserve the historic trails in “Grandma Gatewood’s Walk” by Ben Montgomery.



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.



April

Reception and Art Talk:
Candid People Photography
Ozark Branch



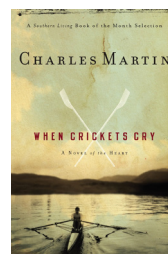
Saturday, April 1
 2-4 p.m.
 Oh, snap! Want to know how to take those beautiful candid photos of people? Find out how and speak with local artists about their work.

Craft Class:
Decoupage Flower Pots
Sparta Branch
 Saturday, April 1, 10 a.m.- Noon
 *Registration opens March 18
 Make your pots stand out from the pack with this easy and charming upgrade.

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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.



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 spoonfull!) with the club.



StoryTellers
Clever Branch
 Saturday, April 15
 10-11:30 a.m.
 For all ages

Storytelling is the heart of teaching and learning. Share your stories of years gone by with the community during this open discussion.

Let's Play: Bridge
Sparta Branch
 Saturday, April 15, 2-4 p.m.

*Registration opens April 1
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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.



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.

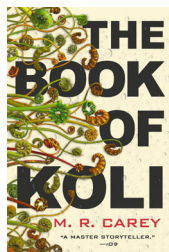
Field Trip: **Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds**

2278 Baker Creek Rd, Mansfield
Friday, April 21, 10-11 a.m.

*Registration opens April 1

For all ages

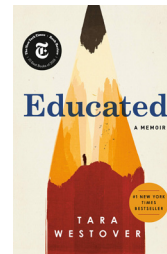
Meet at the **Ozark community branch at 9 a.m.** Take a field trip with us to Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds in Mansfield, MO. We'll tour the beautiful grounds, bakery, packing operations and seed store. Dress accordingly, and bring money for souvenirs and lunch.



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.

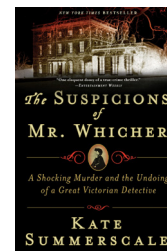


Raspberry Cordial Book Club

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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March 1 - May 31

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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.

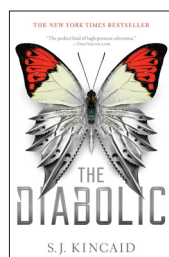
Whether you've only heard about the game, or played hundreds of times, there is space for you in the next adventure.

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.

Teen Advisory Board

Nixa Branch

Monday, April 10, 5-6 p.m.

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Study Hall and Snacks

Nixa Branch

Tuesday, April 11, 4:30-6 p.m.

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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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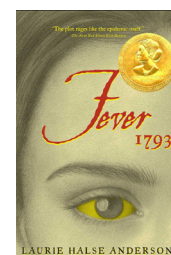
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Teen Book Club

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."

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).

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.

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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.

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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.



KIDS & FAMILIES Pre-K - Grade 4

March

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.

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.

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.

April

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!

PAWS for Reading

Nixa Branch

Thursday, April 20, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
**Registration opens April 6*
These pups are all ears! Reluctant readers can build confidence while reading to the cutest audience around.

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.

Noisy Playtime

Sparta Branch

Saturday, April 22, 1-2 p.m.
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Baby Bounce Ozark Branch

Friday, April 14, 9:45-10:30 a.m.
Friday, April 28, 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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March 1 - April 30

The weather is warmer and flowers are blooming,
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