

EVENTS NEWSLETTER

MAR/APR 2024



CHRISTIAN COUNTY LIBRARY
SEED LIBRARY

Good Thymes & Sunshine

Check out
up to five seed
packets.



CHRISTIAN COUNTY LIBRARY

SEED LIBRARY

MARCH 1 - MAY 31

Check out up to five seed packets from any community branch to plant at home!

More information at christiancountylibrary.org/seedlibrary



ADULTS ages 18 and older

March

Let's Play: Canasta

Sparta Branch

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

Learn how to play this well-known strategic card game that's part of the rummy family.

Potting Indoor Plants

with Christian County

Master Gardeners

Clever Branch

Tuesday, March 5

10:30 a.m. - Noon

Let's get those hands dirty. Bring your favorite plant, pot and soil for expert gardening guidance.

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.

Upcycled Greenhouses

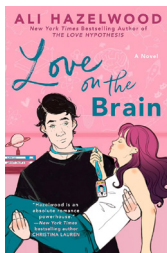
with Christian County

Master Gardeners

Ozark Branch

Thursday, March 7, 6-7 p.m.

Repurposing milk jugs is a creative and eco-friendly way to start seeds early. Supplies provided.



#BookClub

Nixa Branch

Friday, March 8

10-11 a.m.

A club for books seen on TikTok, this month is "Love on the Brain,"

Ali Hazelwood's viral romance. Toys will be provided for kiddos and adult supervision is required.

How to Manage Your Time

with Tiffany Orthman

Clever Branch

Tuesday, March 12, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Learn to identify time commitments, find consistent planning methods and prioritize that to-do list with help from an experienced life coach.

Income Replacement

Options in Retirement

with Stephanie Hohenshell

Nixa Branch & ZOOM

Wednesday, March 13

Noon-1 p.m.

Grow your retirement fund by adding additional sources of steady income. (Hint: you probably already have some.)



Reel Reads

Sparta Branch

Thursday, March 14

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Delve into a stark and rugged depiction of the Ozarks in Daniel

Woodrell's coming-of-age novel "Winter's Bone."

Sew This: Block of the Month Quilting

Clever Branch

Thursday, March 14

4:30-6:30 p.m.

*Registration opens Feb. 29

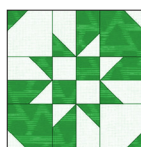
Nixa Branch

Monday, March 25

4:30-6:30 p.m.

*Registration opens March 11

Build your next quilting project with us block by block! Bring pieces of fabric with two unique colors or patterns and we'll provide the rest. Review the online FAQ for more details.



Dungeons & Dragons

Roundtable

Nixa Branch

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

For all ages

Ready to jump into the world of orcs, elves, displacer beasts and dragons? Join our informational D&D session as we prepare a new adventure for players of all skill levels.



Sci-Fi Horror Club:

Zombies are

Fungis!?

Ozark Branch

Wednesday

March 20, 6-7 p.m.

Have you heard of

Ophiocordyceps unilateralis?

It's the inspiration behind the post-apocalyptic worlds "The Last of Us" TV series and "The Girl With All the Gifts" by M.R. Carey. You won't want to miss this chilling discussion.

Bullet Journaling

Nixa Branch

Thursday, March 21

4:30-5:30 p.m.

For grades 7 and up

Add these decorative hand lettering techniques to your journal layouts while sharing the latest trends and design ideas with others.

Investing Basics

with Stephanie Hohenshell

Ozark Branch

Thursday, March 21, 6-7 p.m.

The truth is, it's never too early to start investing. Discover simple options for all budgets, large and small.

Tech Talk: Open Lab

Nixa Branch

Friday, March 22, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Got a new gadget and need help navigating the features? Drop in with your device for basic tech assistance or get started on self-paced technology tutorials.

Wildlife Watching:

Migratory Waterfowl

Lake Springfield Boathouse

2312 Lake Springfield Park Rd.

Saturday, March 23, 10-11:30 a.m.

For all ages

Did you know Missouri is home to over 20 species of ducks and geese? Meet us in the great outdoors to spot and identify these aquatic birds.



Books & Baristas

The Baked Bean

Coffee Shop, 1860

N. Commerce Drive

Nixa, Saturday

March 23, 10-11 a.m.

Investigate a shocking

series of crimes and conspiracies involving cold-blooded murder in "Killers of the Flower Moon" by David Grann.

Let's Play: UNO

Clever Branch

Friday, March 15, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Don't skip on the opportunity to have a wild time while playing multiple variations of this classic family game.

Craft Class:

Stamped Paper Clay Pots

Sparta Branch

Saturday, March 16, 10 a.m.- Noon

*Registration opens March 2

These air-dried clay pots are the perfect DIY decoration to store those important knick-knacks.

Register today at christiancountylibrary.org/events

ADULTS ages 18 and older

March

Backyard Chicken Chat with Dr. Elizabeth Walker Ozark Branch

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

For all ages

You'll have the best of "cluck" raising a thriving flock with these tips and tricks of chicken health and husbandry.

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Family Game Night with Haven Games Ozark Branch

Saturday, March 30, 2-4 p.m.

For all ages

It's an afternoon of competitive family fun with our wide selection of board games and snacks.



April

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Seed Starting Workshop with Christian County Master Gardeners

Sparta Branch

Thursday, April 4, 6-7 p.m.

Learn the steps to turn seeds into seedlings from local experts and enter to win your own germination kit.

The Science & Myth of Solar Eclipses with David Jarkins Nixa Branch

Saturday, April 6, 11 a.m.- Noon

For all ages

We will shed light on the folklore and science of the upcoming solar eclipse led by our NASA ambassador. Special glasses to view the solar eclipse will be given out while supplies last!

Let's Play: Dominoes Sparta Branch

Saturday, April 6, 2-4 p.m.

Whether you're a seasoned player or eager to learn, join in for an afternoon of friendly competition of dominoes.

How to Start Your Journey to Self-Discovery with Tiffany Orthman Clever Branch

Tuesday, April 9, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Plan your future, find your passions and discover new interests with a professional life coach.

National Library Week April 7-13

Monday, April 8
● Right to Read Day

Tuesday, April 9
● National Library
Workers Day

Wednesday, April 10
● National Library
Outreach Day

Thursday, April 11
● Take Action for
Libraries Day



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christiancountylibrary.org/local-authors-expo

Nixa community branch

Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

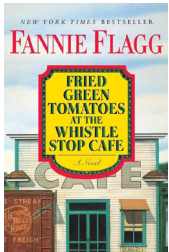
LOCAL AUTHORS EXPO

Whether you're an ambitious creator or an avid reader, we are celebrating all the unique stories found in our backyard.

Recommended for all ages.



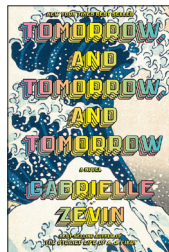
Hey local authors! Secure your booth by applying online or in person before March 16.



Reel Reads Sparta Branch

Thursday, April 11
3:30-4:30 p.m.

"A heart can be broken, but it keeps on beating, just the same." It's friendship and resilience set in Juliette, Georgia within "Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe" by Fannie Flagg.



#BookClub Nixa Branch

Friday, April 12
10-11 a.m.

Dive into the joys and tragedies involved with the creation and playing of video games in "Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow" by Gabrielle Zevin.

Craft Class:

Bubble Hydrangea Paintings Sparta Branch

Saturday, April 13, 2-4 p.m.

**Registration opens March 30*
Create a lovely piece of spring-inspired art with this quick and easy bubble painting technique.

Sew This: Block of the Month Quilting Clever Branch

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

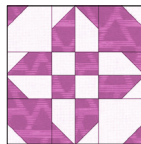
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Nixa Branch

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Books & Baristas

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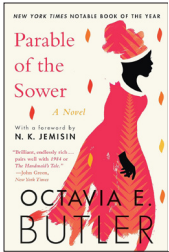
An explosion at a

Missouri dance hall tragically kills Alma's sister. Questions arise about who is at fault. Follow her suspicions in "The Maid's Version" by Daniel Woodrell.

ADULTS ages 18 and older

Social Security Basics with **Stephanie Hohenshell** **Nixa Branch & ZOOM**

Wednesday, April 17, Noon-1 p.m.
Understanding social security helps maximize its benefits. Learn to identify key features and strategies to avoid common mistakes.



Sci-Fi Horror Club: **Explores Earth Day** **Ozark Branch** Wednesday April 17, 6-7 p.m.

Unravel the intersection of science fiction, horror and real-world ecological efforts in Octavia E. Butler's dystopian classic "Parable of the Sower."

Let's Play: Bingo **Clever Branch**

Friday, April 19, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
BINGO! Enjoy an afternoon with favorite and alternate card patterns while playing against others.

Family Game Night with **Haven Games** **Ozark Branch**

Saturday, April 20, 2-4 p.m.

For all ages

It's an afternoon of competitive family fun with our wide selection of board games and snacks.



Tech Talk: Libby & Hoopla **Sparta Branch**

Friday, April 26, 11 a.m.- Noon
Bring your handheld devices to learn how to download eBooks, audiobooks, music, magazines and movies with your library card.

Adventurer's Guild **Nixa Branch**

Saturday, April 27, 2-4 p.m.

For all ages

Jump into the middle of beast encounters, dungeon crawls, treasure quests, character creation and more. This month, take up the sword and don the whiskers of a brave mouse adventurer in "Mausritter" by Losing Games.

FOL BOOK SALE **OZARK** 4-H COMMUNITY BUILDING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 – SATURDAY, APRIL 20

PREVIEW SALE TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 3–7 p.m.



Register today at christiancountylibrary.org/events



YARD

GAMES

Make the most out of sunny days by taking the fun outdoors with yard game sets. From croquet to pickleball, there are plenty to choose from. No need to buy expensive equipment, just bring your library card.

**Library
of Things.**

There's more to discover at
christiancountylibrary.org/things

BOOKS • AUDIOBOOKS • MOVIES • PUZZLES • GAMES



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TEENS for grades 7-12

March

Mug Cakes

Clever Branch

Wednesday, March 6

11 a.m.- Noon

Make a sweet treat within seconds inside your own one-of-a-kind mug.

Teen Advisory Board

Nixa Branch

Monday, March 11, 5-6 p.m.

**Registration required*

For grades 9 and up

We need your big ideas for future library events and activities—tell us during our next meeting.

Be a Kid Again Day

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, March 12, 2-4 p.m.

Go back to the good old days filled with finger paints, cartoons, LEGO bricks and sugary snacks.

Oath of the Frozen King:

D&D Adventure

Nixa Branch

Wednesday, March 13, 2-6 p.m.

**Registration opens Feb. 28*

Navigate the frigid dungeon in this one-shot campaign. Premade character sheets are provided.

Diamond Art Coasters

Sparta Branch

Monday, March 18, 4-5 p.m.

Bring a little sparkle and shine to your space with these coasters.

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Ozark Branch

Monday, March 18, 4:30-6 p.m.

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

Makerspace Challenge

Clever Branch

Tuesday, March 19, 3:30-5 p.m.

Get ready to explore and create! What can you make with cardboard tubes during this interactive, hands-on workspace?



Teen Book Club

Nixa Branch

Thursday, March 28

6-7 p.m.

A deadly competition for the throne will

determine more than just the fate of the empire in Rebecca Coffindaffer's space opera "Crownchasers." Snacks provided.

April

Anime Night

Nixa Branch

Monday, April 1, 4-5:30 p.m.

Love all things anime? Join us for an evening of watching popular shows and making character-inspired buttons.

Root Beer Floats and Books

Clever Branch

Tuesday, April 2, 4-5 p.m.

Books, root beer and ice cream are the perfect trio. Combine all three while we chat about your favorite reads.

Gen Z Trivia Night

Ozark Branch

Saturday, April 6, 4-5 p.m.

Test your pop culture knowledge to win fabulous prizes. Hosted by the library's Teen Advisory Board.

Teen Advisory Board

Ozark Branch

Monday, April 8, 5-6 p.m.

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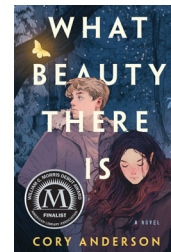
Get ready to explore and create! Turn Styrofoam balls into new creations during this interactive, hands-on workspace.

YA Book Swap

Sparta Branch

Monday, April 22, 4-5 p.m.

Out with the old, in with the new (or gently used). Bring a young adult book to exchange with others.



Teen Book Club

Nixa Branch

Thursday, April 25

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Choices come at a price in Cory Anderson's mystery

thriller "What Beauty There Is," a story of broken people trying to survive. Snacks provided.

KIDS & FAMILIES Pre-K - grade 6

March

STEM Saturday

Sparta Branch

Saturday, March 9, 10 a.m.- Noon

For grades 3 and up

Catch a leprechaun and test your luck with these magical experiments.

Fairy Houses

Clever Branch

Monday, March 11, 3-5 p.m.

**Registration opens Feb. 26*

Change an ordinary garden into an enchanted home for families of pixies.

Magazine Beads

Sparta Branch

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

For grades 3 and up

Get ready to recycle! Turn those old magazines into unique jewelry.



Cardboard Drive-In Paw Patrol:

The Mighty Movie

Ozark Branch

Friday, March 15

1:30-4 p.m.

Decorate and steer your 'box car' to a paw-tastic drive-in movie experience. Don't forget a pillow for an extra comfy seat. Rated PG.

Pie Day Storytime

Nixa Branch

Friday, March 15, 5-5:45 p.m.

All you knead is pie. Don't miss this especially delicious Storytime filled with fun and games.

PAWS for Reading

Nixa Branch

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

Reluctant readers can build confidence by reading to these cute and supportive furry friends. Arrive early to secure your spot.

Art Studio

Sparta Branch

Saturday, March 23

10 a.m.- Noon

Explore a variety of art techniques with paints, pens and other supplies.

Butterfly Gardening

Ozark Branch

Saturday, March 23, 2-3 p.m.

For grades 3 and up

Butterflies, pollinators and flowers, oh my! Learn how they all work together by watching your own plant grow. Seeds provided.

Pencil Cases

Clever Branch

Monday, March 25, 11 a.m.- Noon

For grades 3 and up

Add a personal touch to your school supplies with a stylish pouch for pencils and pens.



Register today at christiancountylibrary.org/events



Family Storytime

For kids up to age six

MONDAYS - SPARTA

11-11:45 a.m.

TUESDAYS - NIXA

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

WEDNESDAYS - OZARK

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

FRIDAYS - CLEVER

10:30-11:15 a.m.

KIDS & FAMILIES Pre-K - grade 6

April

STEM Saturday

Sparta Branch

Saturday, April 6, 10 a.m.- Noon

For grades 3 and up

Use paper, and only paper, to figure out these science experiments.

Bee Hotels

Clever Branch

Monday, April 8, 4-5 p.m.

**Registration opens March 25*

Help the ecosystem by giving these pollinators a *free-bee* place to live.

Homemade Dog Treats

Sparta Branch

Monday, April 8, 4-5 p.m.

For grades 3 and up

Learn the secret recipe to make the world's best treats for your favorite furry friend.

Family Photo Shoot

Ozark Branch

Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Registration opens March 29*

It will only take a moment to capture a lasting family memory. Photos will be emailed.

Unleashing Your Child's Math Superpowers: Multiplication with Dr. Patrick Sullivan

Nixa Branch

Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m.- Noon

**Registration opens March 30*

Struggling to make multiplication click? Apply these activities and strategies to boost skills at this hands-on math workshop designed for grades 3-5.

I Spy Jar

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, April 16, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Create your own indoor treasure hunt using rice, trinkets and sensory bottles.

Ozark Branch
Thursdays
9:45-10:30 a.m.

Baby Bounce

For babies up to 18 months



Toddler Time

For children 18 months to 3 years

Ozark Branch
First and third
Thursdays
10:45-11:30 a.m.

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Succulent Planters

Clever Branch

Monday, April 22, 11 a.m.- Noon

**Registration opens April 8*

For grades 3 and up

Learn the steps to keep plants growing happy and healthy with your own succulent and planter.

3D Flower Crafting

Nixa Branch

Monday, April 22, 5-6 p.m.

Celebrate Earth Day with special pop-up paper flowers.

Paper Airplane Studio

Ozark Branch

Friday, April 26, 4-5 p.m.

For grades 3 and up

These aren't your classic paper airplanes. Build and fly unique planes through the testing grounds.

Unleashing Your Child's Math Superpowers: Fractions

with Dr. Patrick Sullivan

Nixa Branch

Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m.- Noon

**Registration opens April 13*

Build a deeper understanding of fractions by learning new strategies and activities in this hands-on math workshop designed for grades 3-5.

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christiancountylibrary.beanstack.org

Put some spring into your step
by hopping into the reading
challenge on ♥ beanstack.

For All Ages

March 1 - April 30

SPRING INTO READING CHALLENGE



christiancountylibrary.org

Mon-Thu: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
Fri-Sat: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Closed Sundays

CLEVER
7428 W. Veterans Blvd.
(417) 743-2277

NIXA
208 N. McCroskey St.
(417) 724-6100

OZARK
1005 N. 4th Ave.
(417) 581-2432

SPARTA
147 Library Ln.
(417) 441-1400