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# ADULTS ages 18 and older

## March

### **Genealogy Workshop** with **Brittany Russell** **Clever Branch**

Saturday, March 1  
10:30-11:30 a.m.

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

### **Let's Play: Euchre** **Sparta Branch**

Saturday, March 1, 2-4 p.m.

Partner up for fast-paced, trick-taking rounds of this classic card game. *Games*

### **Yoga with Debra Tucker** **Ozark Branch** Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m. **Nixa Branch** Thursdays, 6-7 p.m. (No Class March 6)

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

### **Tai Chi with Chuck Mercer** **Clever Branch**

Thursdays, 11 a.m.- Noon

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

### **Animal Keychains** **Ozark Branch**

Monday, March 10, 10-11 a.m.

Add a tad of swag to your keys with a pom pom craft. *Arts & Crafts*

### **Seed Starting with Christian** **County Master Gardeners** **Clever Branch**

Tuesday, March 11  
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Learn the do's and don'ts of successful germination from the experts. *Outdoors*



### **Reel Reads**

#### **Sparta Branch**

Thursday, March 13  
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Set in 1950s America, Colm Tóibín's "Brooklyn" captures

a young immigrant's struggle to find herself in an unfamiliar world.

*Book Clubs*



### **#BookClub**

#### **Nixa Branch**

Friday, March 14  
10-11 a.m.

Don't miss this tale of two rivals and one unforgettable

summer in Emily Henry's "Book Lovers." Toys provided for kids, with parent/guardian supervision.

*Book Clubs*

### **Floral Suncatchers**

#### **Sparta Branch**

Saturday, March 15, 10 a.m.- Noon

\*Registration opens March 1

Transform sunlight into art with radiant floral window décor.

*Arts & Crafts*

### **Raised Beds with Christian** **County Master Gardeners** **Ozark Branch**

Thursday, March 20, 5:30-7 p.m.

Dig into the pros and cons of building a garden bed with the professionals. *Outdoors*

### **Adopt a Plant**

#### **Ozark Branch**

Monday, March 24, 10-11 a.m.

Pick a new plant friend and give its pot a stylish makeover. Toys will be provided for children with parent/guardian supervision. *Arts & Crafts*

### **The Lord of the Rings**

#### **Trivia Night**

#### **Nixa Branch**

Wednesday, March 26, 4-6 p.m.

Gather the fellowship and put your knowledge of Middle-earth lore and characters to the test for a chance to win fantastic prizes. *Games*

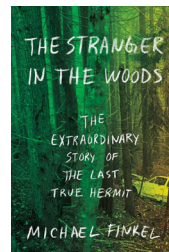
### **True Crime Club**

#### **Ozark Branch**

Thursday, March 27, 5-7 p.m.

Put on your detective hat and work together to solve the mystery in the Unsolved Case Files game.

*Entertainment*



### **Books & Baristas**

#### **The Baked Bean**

#### **Coffee Shop, 1860**

N. Commerce Drive

Nixa, Saturday

March 29, 10-11 a.m.

For 27 years

Christopher Knight avoided all human contact living in the woods. Find out why in Michael Finkel's "The Stranger in the Woods."

*Book Clubs*



# Unifying Nixa Voices

Free English as a Second Language (ESL) courses for non-English speakers. Childcare is available at no cost provided by Nixa Public Schools, Missouri State University's English Language Institute and Christian County Library. *Education*

**Nixa Branch** | Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m. (No class March 17, 19 and 20)

\*Registration opens the previous Thursday

## April

### Yoga with Debra Tucker

**Ozark Branch** Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.

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### Tai Chi with Chuck Mercer

**Clever Branch**

Thursdays, 11 a.m.- Noon

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### Origami Animals

**Ozark Branch**

Thursday, April 3, 2-3 p.m.

Fold, pinch and crease to make these fun creature pals.

*Arts & Crafts*

### Genealogy Workshop

with **Brittany Russell**

**Clever Branch**

Saturday, April 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: Scrabble

**Sparta Branch**

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

Spell out some f-u-n while putting your vocabulary to the test. *Games*

### Say Their Names:

Identifying Enslaved People

with **Leslie James**

**Nixa Branch**

Monday, April 7, 6-7 p.m.

This field archivist is on a mission to leave no name behind. Hear how her research with the state census morphed into a project to identify the names of all enslaved individuals in Southwest Missouri.

*Talks & Lectures*



### Lit Happens!

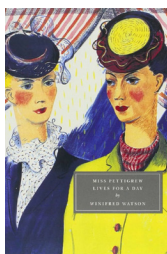
**Clever Branch**

Wednesday, April 9

11 a.m.- Noon

Rediscover the meaning of family, hope and second

chances in Lisa Wingate's "Tending Roses." *Book Clubs*



### Reel Reads

**Sparta Branch**

Thursday, April 10

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Jump into the charming and whimsical world of

Winifred Watson's "Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day." *Book Clubs*

### Come & See: South Korea

**Ozark Branch**

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

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

*Education*



### #BookClub

**Nixa Branch**

Friday, April 11

10-11 a.m.

A grumpy Scotsman and a centuries old curse collide in

"Under Loch and Key" by Lana Ferguson. Toys provided for kids, with parent/guardian supervision.

*Book Clubs*

### Spring Weaving

**Sparta Branch**

Saturday, April 12, 2-4 p.m.

\*Registration opens March 29

Woven wonders await! Give a fresh touch to any room with this spring-inspired wall hanging.

*Arts & Crafts*

### Beginner Watercolor

**Landscapes**

**Ozark Branch**

Wednesday, April 16, 2-3 p.m.

Create a tranquil piece of art while exploring new painting techniques.

*Education*

### BYOD: Bring Your Own Device

**Ozark Branch**

Thursday, April 17, 6-7 p.m.

Got a new gadget and want some help figuring it out? Bring your device to us for basic tech and how-to assistance. *Technology*

Register today at [christiancountylibrary.org/events](https://christiancountylibrary.org/events)

# ADULTS ages 18 and older

## LOCAL AUTHORS EXPO

### Nixa Branch

Saturday, April 19  
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

All ages

We are celebrating all of the unique stories found in our backyard. Here is your chance to meet emerging and established local authors, purchase their works and find a new favorite read. *Entertainment*

Want to be a part of the event?  
Secure your booth by applying  
online by March 7.

## April

### True Crime Club

#### Ozark Branch

Thursday, April 24, 5:30-7 p.m.

The Zodiac Killer baffled police with cryptic ciphers and chilling taunts. To this day, his identity is a mystery. Bring your theories. *Entertainment*

### Composting with Christian County Master Gardeners

#### Sparta Branch

Thursday, April 24  
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Waste not, want not. Turn those kitchen scraps into garden magic. *Outdoors*



### Books & Baristas

*The Baked Bean  
Coffee Shop, 1860  
N. Commerce Drive  
Nixa, Saturday  
April 26, 10-11 a.m.*

Truth and lies blur in

Catriona Ward's "The Last House on Needless Street," where a serial killer, death and a stolen child haunt an ordinary-looking home.

*Book Clubs*

### Uncovering History: Gravestone Cleaning

#### Rose Hill Cemetery

2571 Rose Hill Rd., Billings  
Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m. - Noon  
Preserve our local history and help make a difference to an often overlooked part of our community. Cleaning supplies will be provided. *History*

### Bullet Journaling

#### Nixa Branch

Monday, April 28, 5-6 p.m.

Design creative additions for those journal layouts while sharing your latest ideas with others.

*Arts & Crafts*

### Pressed Flower Bookmarks

#### Ozark Branch

Tuesday, April 29, 10-11 a.m.

Turn dried florals into a one-of-a-kind bookmark. Toys provided for kids, with parent/guardian supervision.

*Arts & Crafts*

## FOL BOOK SALE OZARK 4-H COMMUNITY BUILDING

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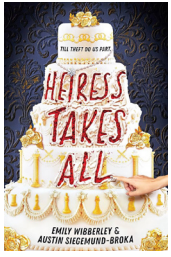


**PREVIEW SALE TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 3-7 p.m.**

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## March



### **The Mystery Ink Society** **Nixa Branch**

Monday, March 3  
4-5 p.m.

A wedding, a heist and a girl with a vendetta. "Heiress Takes All" by Emily Wibberley and Austin Siegemund-Broka is part adventure and part mystery. *Book Clubs*



### **Movie Day: Barbie** **Nixa Branch**

Friday, March 7  
4-6 p.m.

Life in plastic just got cinematic. Rated PG-13. *Movies*

### **Teen Advisory Board** **Ozark Branch**

Monday, March 10, 5-6 p.m.  
**Grades 9 and up**

Your voice matters! Tell us what you'd love to see at library events during our next meeting. *Engagement*

### **Women's History Trivia** **Sparta Branch**

Tuesday, March 11  
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Test your knowledge and learn fascinating facts with a game that celebrates trailblazers who shaped the world. *History*



### **Hollywood Hangout** **Clever Branch**

Monday, March 17  
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 "Ella Enchanted." Rated PG. *Movies*

### **Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club** **Ozark Branch**

Monday, March 17, 4:30-6 p.m.  
Meetup with others to explore fantastic worlds, clash with monsters, spin lore and heroic feats while playing the greatest RPG of all time! *Games*

### **Pizza Wars** **Nixa Branch**

Wednesday, March 19  
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Sample slices from local pizzerias to vote for the best slice in town at this ultimate pizza showdown. *Culinary*

### **Snacks Around the World** **Ozark Branch**

Thursday, March 20, 4-5 p.m.  
Take your taste buds on a global getaway and savor the delicious flavors of the Philippines. *Culinary*

### **Book Swap** **Clever Branch**

Monday, March 24, 4-5 p.m.  
Out with the old, in with the new (or gently used). Bring two Young Adult books to exchange with others. *Engagement*

## April



### **The Mystery Ink Society** **Nixa Branch**

Monday, April 7  
4-5 p.m.

An accidental arsonist turned tour guide must solve a deadly riddle hidden in an abandoned mansion in "Death at Morning House" by Maureen Johnson. *Book Clubs*

### **Snail Planter** **Clever Branch**

Thursday, April 10, 4-5 p.m.  
Get your hands messy and your garden fancy with this air-dried clay creation. *Arts & Crafts*

### **Open Mic Night** **Nixa Branch**

Thursday, April 10, 4-5 p.m.  
**Sparta Branch**  
Tuesday, April 15, 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
Share your poetry and stories while supporting others at this National Poetry Month workshop. *Literacy*

### **Teen Advisory Board** **Nixa Branch**

Monday, April 14, 5-6 p.m.  
**Grades 9 and up**  
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# TEENS grades 7-12

## April

### Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club

**Ozark Branch**

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

Meetup with others to explore fantastic worlds, clash with monsters, spin lore and heroic feats while playing the greatest RPG of all time! *Games*

### Painted Rock Cacti

**Ozark Branch**

Tuesday, April 22, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Turn ordinary rocks into painted desert gems! *Arts & Crafts*



### Hollywood Hangout

**Clever Branch**

Monday, April 28  
3-5 p.m.

Think you know a lot about movies? Bring

a snack (inspired by the film) as we watch "Tuck Everlasting."

Rated PG. *Movies*

## KIDS & FAMILIES Pre-K - grade 6

## March

### Trucks & Diggers Storytime

**Ozark Branch**

Saturday, March 1, 10-11 a.m.

From bustling work zones to open highways, get ready for tales of heavy-duty heroes. *Storytimes*

### Build a Bird's Nest

**Clever Branch**

Monday, March 3, 3:30-5 p.m.

Learn the method of how birds create their cozy homes while crafting your own. *Education*

### Seuss Celebration

**Sparta Branch**

Monday, March 3, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Step into the colorful world of Dr. Seuss, where imagination takes center stage with crafts and activities. *Entertainment*

### Block & Roll Playtime

**Sparta Branch**

Tuesday, March 4

10:30 a.m.- Noon

Children up to 3 years

Music, toys and new friends — let the fun begin! *Education*

### Barbie Play Date

**Nixa Branch**

Saturday, March 8, 2-4 p.m.

Celebrate National Barbie Day by wearing pink and taking photos in a life-sized doll box. *Entertainment*

### PAWS for Reading

**Ozark Branch**

Thursday, March 13

4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Nixa Branch**

Thursday, March 20, 4-5 p.m.

Reading to this furry audience improves literacy skills, builds confidence and reduces stress.

*Literacy*

### Poké Ball Terrariums

**Ozark Branch**

Tuesday, March 18

4:30-5:30 p.m.

\*Registration opens March 4

Capture your creativity by building a Pokémon ball-sized world.

*Arts & Crafts*

### Fairy Lanterns

**Clever Branch**

Thursday, March 20, 3:30-5 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

Light up the night with these simple paper luminaries. *Arts & Crafts*

### My Festival Passport: Persia

**Nixa Branch**

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

Become immersed in Nowruz (first day of spring) with authentic Persian New Year celebrations. *Education*

### D&D Adventures with Haven Games

**Nixa Branch**

Saturday, March 22, 1-3 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

Find supplies and traverse the jungle in order to survive but beware of the many prehistoric creatures living on Dino Island. *Games*



### Movie Day: IF

**Sparta Branch**

Saturday, March 22  
3-5 p.m.

Join Bea as she reunites imaginary friends with their

owners. Rated PG. *Movies*

# KIDS & FAMILIES Pre-K - grade 6

## April

### Block & Roll Playtime

#### Sparta Branch

Tuesday, April 1, 10:30 a.m.- Noon

Children up to 3 years

Music, toys and new friends — let the fun begin! *Education*

### Seed Mosaics

#### Clever Branch

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

Nature is calling. Get creative with beans, seeds and imagination for this art project. *Arts & Crafts*

### Bugs, Bugs, Bugs Storytime

#### Ozark Branch

Saturday, April 5, 10-11 a.m.

Ready to bug out? These little critters make the world so cool. *Storytimes*

### Bee Bath

#### Sparta Branch

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

\*Registration opens March 25

Bee generous! Make a water source to help keep your garden buzzing with life. *Arts & Crafts*

### Paws for Reading

#### Ozark Branch

Thursday, April 10, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

#### Nixa Branch

Thursday, April 17, 4-5 p.m.

Reading to this furry audience improves literacy skills, builds confidence and reduces stress. *Literacy*

### Terrariums

#### Clever Branch

Monday, April 14, 3-4 p.m.

\*Registration opens March 31

Grades 3 and up

Time to go green by creating a thriving, sustainable home for your plants. *Education*

### Earth Day Bird Feeder

#### Nixa Branch

Friday, April 18, 10-11 a.m.

\*Registration opens April 4

Celebrate our planet with a treat for the birds in your neighborhood. *Education*

### My Festival Passport: Finland

#### Nixa Branch

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

Walpurgis Night is a traditional spring celebration you can't miss. *Education*

### Scrunch Art Rainbow

#### Sparta Branch

Saturday, April 19, 3-4 p.m.

Add color to your day with a little creativity and tissue paper.

*Arts & Crafts*

### Garden Stakes

#### Clever Branch

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

\*Registration opens April 7

Grades 3 and up

Your plants will shine with these jeweled accessories. *Outdoors*

### Star Wars STEM Day

#### with 501st Legion

#### Ozark Branch

Saturday, April 26

10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

May the crafts be with you during an out-of-this-world day of themed activities and special guest appearances. *Entertainment*

### D&D Adventures

#### with Haven Games

#### Nixa Branch

Saturday, April 26, 1-3 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

A series of disturbances plagues the Dyn Singh Night Market. Find out why while navigating an endlessly changing maze of stalls filled with incredible wares, enticing smells and magical lights. *Games*

## OZARK BRANCH THURSDAYS

### BABY BOUNCE

Babies up to 18 months

9:45-10:30 a.m.



### TODDLER TIME

Children 18 months  
to 3 years

10:45-11:30 a.m.



Register today at [christiancountylibrary.org/events](http://christiancountylibrary.org/events)

# Family Storytime

kids up to age six



## Sparta Branch

Mondays : 11-11:45 a.m.

## Ozark Branch

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

## Nixa Branch

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


## Clever Branch

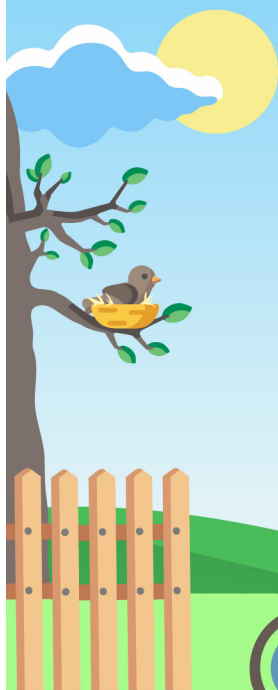
Fridays : 10:30-11:15 a.m.

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# SPRING INTO READING CHALLENGE

March 1 - April 30 All Ages

Ready, Set, Bloom!  
Put some spring into  
your step by entering  
the reading challenge  
on  beanstack.



## LOCAL AUTHORS EXPO

### Hey local authors!

Secure your booth  
by applying online  
or in person

**before March 7.**



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