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The Gardens at Woodfield in Nixa

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Join the Summer Reading Challenge!

June 1 - July 31

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ADULTS ages 18 and older

**May**

**Yoga with Debra Tucker**  
Ozark Branch  
Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.  
Nixa Branch  
Thursdays, 6-7 p.m.  
(No Classes May 25 & May 30)  
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.

**Crumbling Ozark History with Andy Coleman & Cory Williams**  
Ozark Branch  
Thursday, May 4, 6-7 p.m.  
Last year a historic building collapsed on the Ozark square. Hear the science behind why it happened, and how to prevent future building failures, from professional engineers.

**How to Get a G.R.I.P. on Butterfly Gardening with Steve Craig**  
Nixa Branch  
Saturday, May 6  
2-3 p.m.  
Attract butterflies to your garden using this local expert’s trusted method.

**Let’s Play: Bridge**  
Sparta Branch  
Saturday, May 6, 2-4 p.m.  
Learn this popular trick-taking card game while enjoying conversation and refreshments with others.

**Turning Pages Book Club**  
Clever Branch  
Tuesday, May 9  
11 a.m.- Noon  
Molly knows she has one last chance. The only thing keeping her out of juvie is a community service sentence. Don’t miss “Orphan Train,” a novel by Christina Baker Kline.

**Cookbook Connections**  
Sparta Branch  
Thursday, May 11  
3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Feeling hot, hot, hot? Choose a spicy recipe, try it out and let us know if we should add it to our weekly menus.

**Magic: The Gathering Commander Night with Haven Games**  
Ozark Branch  
Friday, May 12, 3-6 p.m.  
For all ages  
May the bravest Commander emerge victorious! Challenge others to games and achievements for a chance to earn prizes.

**Uncovering History: Gravestone Cleaning**  
McConnell Cemetery  
1637 Union Chapel Rd., Nixa  
Saturday, May 13, 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.

**Craft Class: Diamond Painting**  
Clever Branch  
Saturday, May 13  
10:30-11:30 a.m.  
*Registration opens April 29  
Feel stress melt away as you diamond paint (a combination of cross stitch and paint by number) bookmarks.

**Writers’ Workshop: Avoid the Block with Bon Tindle**  
Nixa Branch  
Saturday, May 13, 2-3:30 p.m.  
Writer’s block will be a thing of the past with these tips and tricks.

**SCORE Tuesdays @ Two: Property Maintenance for the Business Owner**  
Nixa Branch  
Tuesday, May 16, 2-3 p.m.  
*Registration opens May 9  
Learn how to navigate this important aspect of business ownership that is often neglected with Tim Bartholomew from Handy Helper.

**Books & Baristas**  
The Baked Bean Coffee Shop, 1860 N. Commerce Drive  
Nixa, Saturday  
May 20, 10-11 a.m.  
“The School for Good Mothers” puts the expectations of motherhood on trial by a host of government officials in this dystopian novel by Jessamine Chan.
**June**

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Clever Branch

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**Let’s Play: Bridge**
Sparta Branch

Saturday, June 3, 2-4 p.m.
Learn this popular trick-taking card game while enjoying conversation and refreshments with others.

**The Game is Afoot!**
Ozark Branch

Saturday, June 3, 1-5 p.m.
*Registration opens May 20
Do you think you have what it takes to solve a crime? Test your skills in this unsolved case file game.

**Yoga with Debra Tucker**
Ozark Branch

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Nixa Branch
Thursdays, 6-7 p.m.
(No Class June 1)
Take time for yourself with weekly classes from 417 Create Art & Yoga Studio.

**Cookbook Connections**
Sparta Branch

Thursday, June 8 3:30-4:30 p.m.
What’s your go-to recipe in a hurry? Dish up a quick bite and bring some to share with others.

**Raspberry Cordial Book Club**
Ozark Branch

Tuesday, May 23 1-2 p.m.
A young woman from a small tea farming village begins to question tradition as she encounters new ideas and modern life in “The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane” by Lisa See.

**Field Trip: Springfield Botanical Gardens**
Springfield Botanical Gardens
2400 S. Scenic, Springfield
Friday, June 9 10-11 a.m. or 11 a.m.- Noon
*Registration opens May 26
For all ages
It’s peak blooming season in the Springfield Botanical Gardens at Nathaniel Greene. Take a guided tram tour of the grounds to learn about the different types of flora. Meet at the Botanical Center building before the tour.

**Uncovering History: Grave Cleaning**
I.O.O.F. Cemetery
6889 State Hwy. 14, Sparta
Saturday, June 10, 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.

**Writers’ Workshop: Building a Body of Work with Bon Tindle**
Nixa Branch

Saturday, June 10, 2-3:30 p.m.
Take your writing journey to the next level by creating a portfolio of your work.

**Summer Dance Party with DJ Ray Datema**
Clever Branch

Saturday, June 10, 6:30-8 p.m.
For all ages
Dance your heart out at this can’t-miss parking lot party.

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Turning Pages Book Club
Clever Branch
Tuesday, June 13
11 a.m.- Noon
In the aftermath of WWII, a writer forms an unexpected bond with the residents of an island when she decides to write a book about their experiences during the war in “The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society” by Mary Ann Schaffer.

Brown Bag Travelogue
Ozark Branch
Tuesday, June 13, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Explore the world without leaving the library. This month we travel the Emerald Isle as Renee Brumett presents her trip to Ireland.

Stay Strong, Stay Healthy
Nixa Branch
Wednesdays and Fridays (June 14 - Aug. 4)
9:30-10:30 a.m.
*Registration opens April 24
All fitness levels are encouraged to participate in this exercise program that builds muscle and bone density.

Craft Class: Darn It!
Sparta Branch
Saturday, June 17, 10 a.m.- Noon
Repair and revive old worn-out clothes with a cute and simple darning technique.

Books & Baristas
The Baked Bean
Coffee Shop, 1860 N. Commerce Drive
Nixa, Saturday
June 17, 10-11 a.m.
Instead of going to an awkward wedding of an ex, or facing your fifties, why not just travel the world? Avoidance is key in “Less,” a Pulitzer Prize-winning book, by Andrew Sean Greer.

StoryTellers
Clever Branch
Saturday, June 17
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.

True Crime Club
Ozark Branch
Thursday, June 22
6-7 p.m.
Dr. Gilmer was respected in the community until he strangled his ailing father. “The Other Dr. Gilmer” by Benjamin Gilmer looks into mental illness made worse by a prison system that’s not equipped to handle this vulnerable population.

Raspberry Cordial Book Club
Ozark Branch
Tuesday, June 27
1-2 p.m.
A mysterious shop in 18th century London sells a poisonous way for women to change their futures in “The Lost Apothecary” by Sarah Penner.

FOL Book Sale
Clever Freedom Celebration at Clever High School
Saturday, June 24
5-9 p.m.

Safety During Your Visit to the Mark Twain National Forest
Sparta Branch
Saturday, June 24, 3-5 p.m.
Rangers from the U.S. Forest Service discuss everything you might encounter, from hazardous trees and weather, to native wildlife.

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TRACK YOUR PROGRESS
Download the Beanstack app
(or visit christiancountylibrary.beanstack.org)
to log minutes read, write book reviews and track
completed activities and library event attendance.

EARN POINTS TOWARD PRIZES
Earn 500 points for a free book and one ticket toward
a prize pack of your choice. For a complete list of prize
packs, visit christiancountylibrary.org/src2023prizes.
Babies, kids, tweens and teens will also receive a Reading
Rewards coupon book full of local treats and activities.

KEEP MOVING FORWARD
Every 500 additional points earned is another virtual
ticket. Continue reading, completing activities, writing
book reviews and attending library events all summer
long for more chances to win.
How to Log Reading on Beanstack

**Using the App**

1. **Creating a Beanstack Account**
   If you’re new to Beanstack, download the app to your device and follow the instructions to create a new account.

   Note: When asked “How will you participate in Beanstack?” Tap At My Library, School or Bookstore, then Find A Site, and search for Christian County Library.

2. **Register for the Summer Reading Challenge**
   After signing into the Beanstack app, tap Discover to find the Summer Reading Challenge. Scroll down and tap Join Challenge. Now start reading!

3. **Log Your Reading**
   There are several ways to log and track reading using the Beanstack app. Here’s the easiest method:

   Tap , then Reading, then Log Without a Title. Enter the number of minutes spent reading or listening to a book, then tap Done.

**Log Reading for the Whole Family!**

In the Beanstack app, click settings then Readers to Add a Reader. For desktop or the website, select Your Name or Initials in the top right corner. Select Add a Reader to start logging minutes for a child or family member.

**Using a Computer**

1. **Creating a Beanstack Account**
   Start by visiting: christiancountylibrary.beanstack.org and click Register an Individual or Family. Follow the instructions to create a new account.

2. **Register for the Summer Reading Challenge**
   After signing into Beanstack, scroll down and click the Summer Reading Challenge. Then, tap Join Challenge and answer the questions.

3. **Log Your Reading**
   Click Log Reading at the top left corner and follow the instructions to record time spent reading or listening to a book.
## May

**Teen Advisory Board**  
**Ozark Branch**  
Monday, May 8, 5-6 p.m.  
*Registration required*  
We need your big ideas for future library events and activities—tell us at our next meeting.

**Dungeons & Dragons Club**  
**Ozark Branch**  
Monday, May 15, 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, May 16, 3:30-5 p.m.  
Ready to explore and create something new? Use balloons to design a fidget toy at this interactive, hands-on workspace.

**Silent Library**  
**Clever Branch**  
Monday, June 5, 3-4:30 p.m.  
These challenges are hard, and there’s a catch. You have to finish them while staying totally silent. How quiet can you be?

**Anime Night**  
**Sparta Branch**  
Monday, June 12, 4:30-6 p.m.  
Love all things anime? Join us for an evening of watching popular shows and making character-inspired buttons.

**Nerdy Trivia Night**  
**Ozark Branch**  
Thursday, June 15, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Test your knowledge of all things nerdy. Gather a team of five to compete for fame, glory and a Sonic restaurant gift card.

**Makerspace Challenge**  
**Clever Branch**  
Tuesday, June 20, 3:30-5 p.m.  
Ready to explore and create something new? Design your own heart for the “I Found a Quilted Heart Project” at this interactive, hands-on workspace.

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**The Secret Lab Escape Room**  
**Nixa Branch**  
Thursday, June 22  
10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
*Registration opens June 8*  
Can your team solve the puzzles, save the world and escape the lab before time runs out?

**Teen Book Club**  
**Nixa Branch**  
Tuesday, June 27  
6-7 p.m.  
Two sisters. One dangerous secret and 24 hours to uncover the truth. Dive into a world of water in the sci-fi thriller, “The Vanishing Deep” by Astrid Scholte.

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**Teen Book Club**  
**Nixa Branch**  
Tuesday, May 23  
6-7 p.m.  
A group of second-generation Japanese American lives are turned upside down when forced into incarceration camps in “We Are Not Free,” a historical fiction novel by Traci Chee.

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**Without the support and donations from the Christian County Friends of the Library, many of these events would not have been possible.**

**Thank you!**
TWEENS for grades 5-7

May

design a book bag
Nixa Branch
Saturday, May 6, 1-2:30 p.m.
With the Summer Reading Challenge fast approaching, you’re gonna need a new book bag. Use fabric paint, markers and stencils to create a unique tote for the summer.

Makerspace Challenge
Clever Branch
Tuesday, May 16, 3:30-5 p.m.
Ready to explore and create something new? Use balloons to design a fidget toy at this interactive, hands-on workspace.

June

Upcycle Tin Cans
Nixa Branch
Saturday, June 3, 1-2:30 p.m.
Give cans a new life by repurposing them into a set of coasters, containers or cute décor.

Friendship Bracelets
Ozark Branch
Saturday, June 17, 3-4 p.m.
Make new friends—and new bracelets—but keep the old. Will yours be silver or gold (or another color)?

KIDS & FAMILIES Pre-K - Grade 4

May

Tutu Workshop
Ozark Branch
Friday, May 12, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Get ready to spin and twirl. Choose your own tutu color and style before transforming into a ballerina.

Noisy Playtime
Sparta Branch
Saturday, May 13, 1-2 p.m.
Everybody make some noise! Play, dance, sing and explore using musical instruments.

June

PAWS for Reading
Nixa Branch
Thursday, May 18, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
*Registration opens May 4
These pups are howling for your stories. Reluctant readers can build confidence while reading to the cutest audience around.

Sensational Snakes with Dickerson Park Zoo
Sparta Branch
Tuesday, May 30, 10-10:45 a.m.
Don’t miss these awesssome snake ambassadors and learn about their survival adaptations, along with other fun facts.

Holiday Closings

Monday, May 29
Memorial Day

Monday, June 19
Juneteenth

Get 24/7 access to eBooks, audiobooks, music and more
christiancountylibrary.org
June

Choose Your Own M.E.S.S. with Will Stuck
Ozark Branch
Friday, June 2, 10-11 a.m.
Use your voice and work together to help Will with his M.E.S.S (Music, Education, Stories and Science) during a one-of-a-kind performance.

Creating Cartoon Characters with Will Stuck
Sparta Branch
Friday, June 2, 1-2 p.m.
For grades 2 and up
Grab a pencil and some paper, and learn the basics of creating your own cartoon characters.

Mirabel Meet and Greet
Nixa Branch
Thursday, June 8, 10-11 a.m.
No more waiting on a miracle! Meet and take a selfie with a member of your favorite magical family.

Belle Meet and Greet
Ozark Branch
Friday, June 9, 10-11 a.m.
Be our guest (minus the gray stuff) to mingle with of our favorite princesses.

Noisy Playtime
Sparta Branch
Saturday, June 10, 1-2 p.m.
Everybody make some noise! Play, dance, sing and explore using musical instruments.

Princess Diaries Dart Art
Ozark Branch
Saturday, June 10, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
*Registration opens May 27
Channel your inner Mia Thermopolis while creating a collaborative art project using balloons and darts.

Baby Bounce
Ozark Branch
On select Thursdays
May 11, May 25
June 8, June 22
9:45-10:30 a.m.
Babies up to 18 months
Join us for fingerplays, action rhymes, plenty of songs and playtime!

Movie Day: Princess Diaries
Ozark Branch
Saturday, June 10
3-5 p.m.
Sip and snack on royal treats as you watch an ordinary girl learn she’s a princess.

Rapunzel Meet and Greet
Clever Branch
Monday, June 12, 10-11 a.m.
Have you got a dream to meet this princess with magical hair? Now you can, plus snap a photo (but leave your frying pans at home).

Homemade Ice Cream
Clever Branch
Wednesday, June 14
3:30-4:30 p.m.
*Registration opens May 31
This frozen treat is fun to eat and even easier to make—all you need is a bag.

Meet the Nixa Fire Protection District
Nixa Branch
Thursday, June 15, 2-3:30 p.m.
Learn best practices for fire safety, take an up-close look at the ladder truck and hang out with some of the fire crew.

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June

Partners in Survival with Dickerson Park Zoo
Sparta Branch
Saturday, June 17, 2-2:45 p.m.
Parasitic or mutualistic? Learn about the different types of symbiotic relationships, and discover how and why species benefit with help from some animal ambassadors.

Movie Day: Encanto
Nixa Branch
Tuesday, June 20 3:30-5:30 p.m.
We don’t talk about Bruno... at least not while the movie’s on. Watch and sing along with us.

Creepy Crawlies with Dickerson Park Zoo
Clever Branch
Wednesday, June 21, 2-2:45 p.m.
They may look scary, but these animals are important parts of our ecosystem. Discover how they’ve adapted for survival despite their creepy appearance.

Meet the Ozark Fire Protection District
Ozark Branch
Friday, June 23, 10-11 a.m.
Learn best practices for fire safety, take an up-close look at the ladder truck and hang out with some of the fire crew.

One World, Many Animals with Dickerson Park Zoo
Nixa Branch
Monday, June 26, 2-2:45 p.m.
We share the earth with millions of species. Meet a few of them and learn how they are integral to the health of the planet.

Helmet Safety with the Christian County Ambulance District
Sparta Branch
Tuesday, June 27, 10-11 a.m.
Not only are they a fashion statement, but helmets keep us safe during outdoor activities. Plus, receive one of your own to take home! Supplies are limited.

Mike & Nancee: Meetin’ at the Ol’ Campground Today
Ozark Branch
Tuesday, June 27 10-11 a.m.
Clever Branch
Wednesday, June 28 2-2:45 p.m.
Hear folksongs, folktales, funny animal tunes, lore and even a few outlaw yarns of pioneer days in rural Missouri.

What Is My Watershed Address? with James River Basin
Nixa Branch
Thursday, June 29 2-3 p.m.
For grades 3 and up
What happens to a raindrop after it falls? Find out using watershed models and maps to learn about management practices, pollution and the impact on local water quality.

Register today at christiancountylibrary.org/events
Use the clues to find Super Secret Codes at each community branch location. Make sure to write the answers down and log them in the Library Events Activity Badge on Beanstack to earn up to 120 points in the Summer Reading Challenge.
Full Name ____________________________
Phone Number _________________________
Age _____ Email _______________________

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Every 10 minute puzzle piece = 10 points.
Color them all to earn 500 points!
Bring this sheet to the library
before Friday, July 31 for your
reading challenge prizes.

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