

StoryWalk® Is Back!

The Gardens at
Woodfield in Nixa

Grubaugh Park
in Ozark



**LIBRARY
EVENTS
CALENDAR**

MAY/JUNE 2023



All Together Now

Join the Summer Reading Challenge!

JUNE 1 - JULY 31

christiancountylibrary.org/src2023

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

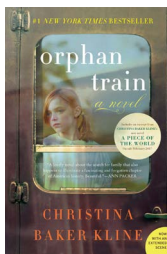
expert's trusted method.

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

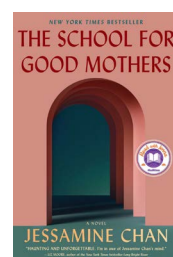
the Business Owner

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.

Egg Drop

Ozark Branch

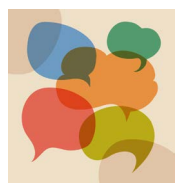
Saturday, May 20, 1-4 p.m.

**Registration opens May 1*

For all ages

Hatch a plan to protect your egg from a breathtaking 15-foot drop!

For rules and registration, visit: christiancountylibrary.org/eggdrop



StoryTellers

Clever Branch

Saturday, May 20

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.



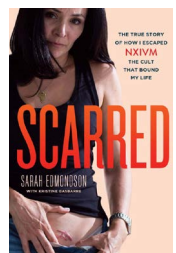
Raspberry Cordial Book Club

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.



True Crime Club

Ozark Branch

Thursday, May 25

6-7 p.m.

Sarah Edmundson tells her harrowing story in a cult organization for 12 years before escaping in "Scarred: The True Story of How I Escaped NXIVM, the Cult That Bound My Life."

June

Tai Chi with Chuck Mercer

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.

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(No Class June 1)

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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.

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.

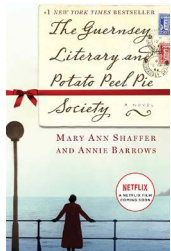
For all ages

Dance your heart out at this can't-miss parking lot party.

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ADULTS ages 18 and older

June



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.

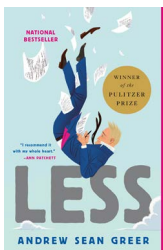


Craft Class: Darn It!

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.



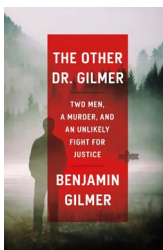
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True Crime Club

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.

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.



FOL Book Sale

Clever Freedom Celebration at Clever High School

Saturday, June 24

5-9 p.m.



Slave to Soldier Presented with the Kansas City Buffalo Soldiers Chapter Nixa Branch

Saturday, June 24, 2-3 p.m.

Learn about the men and women of color who served during the Civil War, WWII and the Korean War, known as the Buffalo Soldiers. Hear the story about Pvt. Isaac Johnson from his great grandson.



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.

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All Together Now

Christian County Library Summer Reading Challenge

June 1 - July 31, 2023 For All Ages

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.

STEP BY STEP:

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.



TEENS for grades 8-12

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.

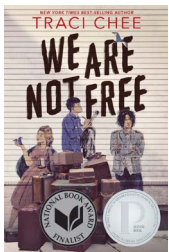
Whether you've only heard about the game, or played hundreds of times, there is space for you in the next adventure.

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.



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.

June

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.

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, June 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.

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.

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)?

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.

Paper Airplane Challenge

Sparta Branch

Friday, June 23, 3:30-5 p.m.

Fold 'em, toss 'em and see how far yours can fly in this paper-thin competition.

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.

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 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.



Movie Day: Princess Diaries **Ozark Branch**

Saturday, June 10
3-5 p.m.

A tea party at the library? Shut up!

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.

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!



Nixa Branch
Tuesdays

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

Ozark Branch
Wednesdays

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

Sparta Branch
Thursdays

10-10:45 a.m.

Clever Branch
Fridays

10:30-11:15 a.m.

Family Storytime

For kids up to age six



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.



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CHRISTIAN COUNTY LIBRARY

SCAVENGER HUNT

JUNE 1 - JULY 31

CLEVER

Near the
Children's Desk

1

On the bench
in the Library

2



Under the
restroom sign

3

NIXA

Next to
the Adult
Audiobooks

1

Between the
study rooms

2

OZARK

Under the
antique clock

1

Above the New
Picture Books

2

Near the Young
Adult shelves

3

TOGETHER



SPARTA

By the Storytime
room door

3



Next to
Children's
Nonfiction

1

Above the
charging station

2

At the Local
History section

3



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 _____

