

Learn, Discover and Play with your library card!

Starting May 13, check out a Family Pass to the Discovery Center.

Find out more at christiancountylibrary.org/discovery-center-pass

Discovery Center

ADULTS ages 18 and older

May



Book Signing with Governor Mike Parson Nixa Branch Thursday, May 2 1-2:30 p.m. The Governor is

stopping by for a short presentation and book signing of "No Turnin' Back" by Dr. Jim Jones, which chronicles the journey from meager beginnings to the highest political office in the state. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

Tai Chi with Chuck Mercer Clever Branch

Thursdays, 11 a.m.- Noon Find your inner balance each week with Legacy Martial Ways.

Yoga with Debra Tucker

Ozark Branch Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m. Nixa Branch Thursdays, 6-7 p.m. (No Class May 30)

Take time for yourself with weekly classes from 417 Create Art & Yoga Studio.

Wildlife Watching: Migratory Birds

Bluff Spring Trail 1550 W. Jackson St., Ozark Saturday, May 4, 10-11:30 a.m. All ages

Get in touch with nature while identifying native migratory birds. We will meet outside the OC (Ozark Community Center).

Genealogy Workshop with Brittany Russell Clever Branch

Saturday, May 4, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Search your roots with a local genealogy enthusiast to discover new branches on the family tree.

Companion Planting with Christian County Master Gardeners Clever Branch

Tuesday, May 7, 6-7 p.m. Does your plant have a BPF (best plant friend)? Find out which greeneries are besties that can thrive together.

Sew This: Block of the Month Quilting Clever Branch

Thursday, May 9 4:30-6:30 p.m.

*Registration opens April 25

Nixa Branch

Monday, May 20, 4:30-6:30 p.m. *Registration opens May 6 Build your next quilting project with us block by block! Bring fabric with two unique colors or patterns and we'll provide the rest. Review the online FAQ for more details.



#BookClub Nixa Branch Friday, May 10 10-11 a.m. During Asian American and Pacific Island

Heritage month, jump into Suzanne Park's contemporary romance, "So We Meet Again." Toys will be provided for kids, with supervision by parents.

Egg Drøp

Ozark Branch Saturday, May 11, 2-4 p.m. *Registration opens April 22 All ages

Get cracking with adventurous designs to safely land an egg from a 15-foot drop. For rules and registration, visit: christiancountylibrary.org/eggdrop

21st Century Missouri Gothic: The Novels and Films of Gillian Flynn with Dr. Katherine Gilbert Nixa Branch

Monday, May 13, 6-7 p.m. Explore how this Kansas City native's Gothic thrillers reflect the landscape and history of local Missouri families and generational secrets. Led by an Associate Professor of English from Drury University.

Medicare: Where Do I Begin? with Stephanie Hohenshell

Wednesday, May 15, Noon -1p.m. Nixa Branch & Google Meet

There are many ways to protect yourself and loved ones from medical costs. Learn the ins and outs of Medicare and the options available with a local financial planner.



Sci-Fi Horror Club Ozark Branch Wednesday, May 15

6-7 p.m. Beware the night hag in this re-telling of two classic Edgar Allan

Poe tales in "What Moves the Dead" by T. Kingfisher.



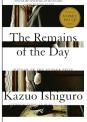
Reel Reads Sparta Branch

Thursday, May 16 3:30-4:30 p.m. Follow aspiring author Flora Poste through the witty and

whimsical world of "Cold Comfort Farm" by Stella Gibbons.

Good Bugs or Bad Bugs with Christian County Master Gardeners Ozark Branch

Thursday, May 16, 6-7 p.m. It's hard to tell which insects are helping or harming your garden. Buzz by and learn how to identify which is which.



Books & Baristas The Baked Bean Coffee Shop, 1860 N. Commerce Drive Nixa, Saturday May 18, 10-11 a.m. A retiring butler

reconciles his life of service in "The Remains of the Day" by Nobel Prize winning author Kazuo Ishiguro.

Uncovering History: Gravestone Cleaning

Ozark City Cemetery 521 W. Hall St., Ozark Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m.- Noon Preserve our local history and help make a difference to an often overlooked part of our community. Cleaning supplies provided.

Adventurer's Guild: Cry of the Chaos Pack Nixa Branch

Saturday, May 18, 2-4 p.m. All ages

Jump into the middle of beast encounters, dungeon crawls, treasure quests and character creation to take down a dangerous pack of wolves threatening a village.

Let's Play: Spoons Sparta Branch

Saturday, May 18, 2-4 p.m. Think fast! This rapid paced card swapping game will test your reflexes.



Author Visit: Linda Harper Clever Branch Monday, May 20 4:30-6 p.m. Meet the local author

of "Under the Fig

Tree," a new book exploring the healing power of community while facing the inevitability of death.

Craft Class: DIY Flower Pots Ozark Branch

Wednesday, May 22, 1-2 p.m. *Registration opens May 8 Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! Repurpose tin cans into gardening containers to hold newly propagated plant clippings.

Tech Talk: Open Lab Ozark Branch

Friday, May 24, 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. Picked up a new gadget and need help figuring it out? Bring your device to us for basic tech assistance.

Craft Class: Seed Balls Sparta Branch

Saturday, May 25, 10 a.m.- Noon

*Registration opens May 11 Get those hands dirty and support pollinators (such as bees and butterflies) to boost Missouri's ecosystem.

Button and Pin Trading Nixa Branch

Saturday, May 25, 1-3 p.m. <mark>All ages</mark>

Swap your old buttons or pins with others and make your own. There will even be prize raffles.

Family Game Night with Haven Games Ozark Branch

Saturday, May 25, 2-4 p.m. All ages

Enjoy an afternoon of competitive family fun with a wide selection of board games.



One Nixa, One Read Kickoff Nixa Branch Thursday, May 30 5-7 p.m. All ages It's your golden

ticket opportunity to pick up a free copy of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" by Roald Dahl during this kickoff event. One Nixa, One Read is an initiative for the entire community (young and old) to read the same book, attend events and celebrate the lesson of kindness. One book per household, while supplies last.

Register today at christiancountylibrary.org/events

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Rain Gardens with Christian County Master Gardeners Nixa Branch

Tuesday, June 4, 6-7 p.m. Channel water runoff from driveways and roofs into a DIY native plant sanctuary.

12 Tips to Help Secure Your Financial Future with Stephanie Hohenshell Nixa Branch & Google Meet

Wednesday, June 5, Noon -1 p.m. Take control of your finances in order to shape your desired future lifestyle with these helpful tips by a local financial planner.

Tai Chi with Chuck Mercer Clever Branch

Thursdays, 11 a.m.- Noon Find your inner balance each week with Legacy Martial Ways. Uncovering History: Gravestone Cleaning Mt. Caramel Cemetery 4039 Mt. Carmel Rd., Clever Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m.- Noon Preserve our local history and help make a difference to an often overlooked part of our community. Cleaning supplies provided.

Let's Play: Monopoly Sparta Branch

Saturday, June 8, 2-4 p.m. Pass Go and collect \$200 in this classic game of strategy, chance and real estate.

D&D Adventures: Salted Legacy with Haven Games Nixa Branch

Saturday, June 8, 2-6 p.m. Unravel the mystery while browsing the attractions and local foods of the

Dyn Singh Night Market. Or will you leave with only souvenirs?

Adventures in A.I. Panel Nixa Branch & Google Meet Tuesday, June 11, 6-7 p.m.

A.I. is the future, but what do we know about it? A panel of four local experts share their experiences and opinions on this new algorithm, followed by Q&A. Panel members:

- Scott Blevins
- Joey Borovicka
- Heather Noggle
- Jared Johnson

Sew This: Block of the Month Quilting Clever Branch



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#BookClub Nixa Branch

Friday, June 14 10-11 a.m. There's no way Daphne would actually start her new

chapter by falling in love with her ex-fiance's new fiance's ex...right? Find out in Emily Henry's latest novel "Funny Story." Toys will be provided for kids, with supervision by parents.

Preventative Maintenance with James River Ford

James River Ford 400 N. 20th St., Ozark Saturday, June 15, 10-11:30 a.m. *Registration opens June 1 Be prepared for that summer road trip by learning how to check fluids and change tires from a certified technician. Pizza provided.



D&D Adventures: The Murkmire Malevolence with Haven Games Nixa Branch

Saturday, June 15, 2-6 p.m. The new exhibition at the Varkenbluff Museum holds a danger no one expects. Are you able to infiltrate and steal the display before midnight?

Dungeon Master 101 with Troy from "I Want To Be A GM" YouTube Channel Nixa Branch

Saturday, June 15, 2-6 p.m. *Registration opens June 1 Discover the steps to create your own exciting D&D adventure with guidance from an experienced Dungeon Master in this ongoing workshop.

Marriage and Money with Stephanie Hohenshell Nixa Branch & Google Meet

Tuesday, June 18, Noon -1 p.m. Avoiding financial issues with your partner begins with open conversations about money. Hear helpful tips to kick-start the (sometimes difficult) dialogue with a local financial planner.

A Study in Color with Tiffany Collins Nixa Branch

Tuesday, June 18, 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, 6-7 p.m.

*Registration opens June 4 Unleash your creativity with help from an experienced artist and curator of Lucid TLC Arts. During this series you will practice acrylic painting, color theory and paint mixing. Funded in part by a Ghost Light Project award from the Missouri Arts Council, in partnership with the Missouri Association of Community Arts Agencies.



Reel Reads Sparta Branch Thursday, June 20 3:30-4:30 p.m. Emma and Dexter meet for the first time on graduation

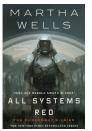
night. Tomorrow they must go their separate ways. Where will they be on this day next year? And the year after that? Find out in "One Day" by David Nicholls.

Window Boxes with Christian County Master Gardeners Sparta Branch

Thursday, June 20, 6-7 p.m. Add a pop of color to your home with these stylish and handy window boxes.

D&D Adventures: The Joy of Extradimensional Spaces with Haven Games Nixa Branch

Saturday, June 22, 2-6 p.m. A good book is able to pull you into the story—this one literally does! Will you survive the tale?



Sci-Fi Horror Club Ozark Branch Wednesday, June 26 6-7 p.m. Do robots think? Or feel emotions? You might be

surprised by the answers in Martha Wells' novellas "All Systems Red" and "Artificial Condition."



\$ 3 Bag Day

FOL Spring Book Sale -

Clever community branch Saturday, June 22, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. All Ages

For more information visit christiancountylibrary.org/friends



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Ukulele for Beginners with Uke 66 Sparta Branch

Thursday, June 27, 2-3:30 p.m. *Registration opens June 13 All ages

Learn the ukulele in no time with personalized lessons by the founders of Uke 66. At the end, you'll know four chords and two songs. Funded in part by a Ghost Light Project award from the Missouri Arts Council, in partnership with the Missouri Association of Community Arts Agencies.



Books & Baristas The Baked Bean Coffee Shop, 1860 N. Commerce Drive Nixa, Saturday June 29, 10-11 a.m. In "The Adventurer's

Son," Roman Dial sets out to uncover the mystery behind his son's disappearance.

Craft Class: Bee Houses Sparta Branch

Saturday, June 29, 2-4 p.m.

*Registration opens June 15 Even pollinators need free-bee places to live. Provide a safe space with these special homes.

D&D Adventures: Lost Mine of Phandelver with Haven Games Nixa Branch

Saturday, June 29, 2-6 p.m. A shadowy letter from a trusted friend tells of riches that lie in a lost mine.

Dungeon Master 101 with Troy from "I Want To Be A GM" YouTube Channel Nixa Branch

Saturday, June 29, 2-6 p.m. *Registration opens June 1 Discover the steps to create your own exciting D&D adventure with guidance from an experienced Dungeon Master in this ongoing

workshop.



Matinee Friday: Twister Clever Branch Friday, June 28 3-5 p.m. All ages

never forget with this blast of twisted nostalgia. Rated PG-13.



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Monday, May 27 **Memorial Day**

Wednesday, June 19 Juneteenth

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

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ADVENTURE AT YOUR LIBRARY

Christian County Library Summer Reading Challenge

June 1 - July 31, 2024 All Ages

TRACK 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

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/src2024prizes**. Babies, kids and teens receive the Reading Rewards Coupon Book full of local treats and activities.

KEEP EXPLORING

Every 500 additional points earned is another virtual ticket. Continue reading, completing activities, writing book reviews and attending library events all summer for more chances to win.





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TEENS grades 7-12

May

DIY Bottle Keychains Clever Branch

Monday, May 6, 3-4 p.m. Bottle up those favorite things inside this delightful on the go keepsake.

Teen Advisory Board Nixa Branch

Monday, May 13, 5-6 p.m. Grades 9 and up

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

Art Studio Sparta Branch

Monday, May 20, 4-5 p.m.

Let your imagination run wild with these art supplies and techniques including paints, pens, collages and more.

Dungeons & Dragons Club Ozark Branch

Monday, May 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 this adventure.

Makerspace Challenge Clever Branch

Tuesday, May 21, 3:30-5 p.m. Get ready to explore and create! What can you make using pipe cleaners during this interactive, hands-on workspace?



Teen Book Club Nixa Branch

Thursday, May 30 5:30-6:30 p.m. Honor. Courage. Heart. It's a competition of a

lifetime for Maia in Elizabeth Lim's fantasy "Spin the Dawn." Snacks provided.

June

Anime & Candy Sushi Nixa Branch

Monday, June 10, 5-6 p.m. Binge the first episodes of "Ouran High School Host Club" while snacking on sushi-inspired candies. Rated TV-14.

Travel Scrapbook Clever Branch

Wednesday, June 12, 4-5 p.m. Store travel memories and future destination dreams in this scrapbook. Don't forget to bring your favorite past-trip souvenirs such as pictures, ticket stubs and postcards.

After Hours Adventure Ozark Branch

Saturday, June 15, 5-7:30 p.m. Wonder what happens in the library after hours? Find out for yourself with fort building, Nintendo switch games, crafts, snacks and more.

Dungeons & Dragons Club Ozark Branch

Monday, June 17, 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, June 18, 3:30-5 p.m. Get ready to explore and create! Find out what's possible using magnetic tiles during this interactive, hands-on workspace.

Ocean In a Jar Sparta Branch

Friday, June 21, 3-4 p.m.

*Registration opens June 7 Landlocked this summer? Bring the sea to you with this splashy craft.

Vacation Tile Coasters Nixa Branch

Friday, June 28, 4-5 p.m. Unleash your artistic flair with personalized travel-themed tile coasters.

KIDS & FAMILIES Pre-K - grade 6

May

Edible Cookie Dough Clever Branch

Wednesday, May 1, Noon -1 p.m. Learn the steps to make tasty flavors of cookie dough (and this time, it's okay to lick the spoon).

STEM Saturday: Plants & Seeds Sparta Branch

Saturday, May 4, 3-5 p.m. Construct a distinctive seed pod delivery system and watch it grow a pinto bean sprout.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover Ozark Branch

Friday, May 10, 4-5 p.m.

Bring your (second) favorite stuffed pal for an afternoon Storytime. Then, your buddy is invited to stay overnight at the library and we will email you about their adventures. Just don't forget to pick them up the next morning!

Moms + Muffins Storytime Nixa Branch

Saturday, May 11, 2-3 p.m.

*Registration opens April 27 A very special Storytime and craft for our supportive mother figures. All are welcome including moms, grandmas and aunts too.

Hair Scrunchies Clever Branch

Monday, May 13, 4-5 p.m. Grades 3 and up This trendy no-sew scrunchie is

sure to impress all your friends.

Magnetic Travel Checkers Sparta Branch

Tuesday, May 14, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Grades 3 and up

Pass the time on a long car ride with a handmade miniature game set.

PAWS for Reading Nixa Branch

Thursday, May 16, 4-5 p.m. Reluctant readers can build confidence by reading to these cute and supportive furry friends. Arrive early to secure your spot.

Diaper Derby Ozark Branch Friday, May 17, 10-11 a.m.

Babies 5 months and up

Scooters, crawlers and teeter toddlers will race for the chance to win board books.

Play-Doh Play Day Sparta Branch

Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m.- Noon Let the Play-Doh speak to you while crafting squishy creations to take home.

Spy Academy Ozark Branch

Saturday, May 18, 1:30-3 p.m. Grades 3 and up

First, learn the skills needed to become a top-rated spy. Then, try them out during a library scavenger hunt.

Family Storytimes

Kids up to age six



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

June

Marty the Magician: The Magical Library Adventure Nixa Branch

Monday, June 3, 2-3 p.m. Known as "The Reading Magician," he uses magic to highlight materials found in the library, including nature, art, travel and more. Sponsored by the Christian County Friends of the Library.

Superhero Training Camp Ozark Branch

Thursday, June 6, 2-3 p.m. Craft your superhero persona and save the city with these minigames—just don't let anyone know your secret identity.

A Musical Adventure with Uke 66 Sparta Branch



Monday, June 17, 10-11 a.m.

Kick off your summer on a high note! Rick and Karen Maxson share the story of a lone ukulele's adventure around the world. Funded in part by a Ghost Light Project award from the Missouri Arts Council, in partnership with the Missouri Association of Community Arts Agencies.

Sand Art

Sparta Branch

Friday, June 7, 4-5 p.m. *Registration opens May 24 Grades 3 and up

Combine different shades of sand into mesmerizing color combos to create a stunning art piece.

Radical Reptiles with Dickerson Park Zoo Ozark Branch

Monday, June 10, 10-11 a.m. Not all reptiles are scary. See for yourself with these scaly animal ambassadors. Sponsored by the Christian County Friends of the Library.

Merida Meet & Greet with Princesses of the 417 Clever Branch

Tuesday, June 11, 2-3 p.m. Meet and trade stories with the bravest princess you've ever seen. Sponsored by the Christian County Friends of the Library.

Mike & Nancee: Adventure on the Farm Sparta Branch

Thursday, June 13, 10-11 a.m. Nixa Branch

Saturday, June 29, 10-11 a.m.

Scurry, hop or gallop over to the farm for folksongs, folktales and animal tunes. Funded in part by a Ghost Light Project award from the Missouri Arts Council, in partnership with the Missouri Association of Community Arts Agencies.

Animals of the Night with Dickerson Park Zoo Nixa Branch

Friday, June 14, 2-3 p.m. You would usually have to stay up pretty late to catch a glimpse of these nocturnal animals. Or you can just visit the library. Sponsored by the Christian County Friends of the Library.



STEM Saturday: Pirates Sparta Branch

Saturday, June 15, 10 a.m.- Noon Time to get nautical with these pirate-themed challenges, mateys!

My Reading Passport Clever Branch

Saturday, June 15 11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. *Registration opens June 1 Grades 3 and up

How many places have you visited via books? Keep track of all of those worlds in your own official reading passport.

Tiny Canvas Art Nixa Branch

Saturday, June 15, 11 a.m.- Noon <mark>Grades 3 and up</mark>

It's time to paint your own miniature masterpiece. Supplies (of all sizes) provided.



Movie Day: Wish Nixa Branch Monday, June 17

3:30-5:30 p.m. Have you ever wished upon a star?

Find out how Asha's wish helps save her kingdom from Magnifico. Rated PG.

Barbie Dance Party! with Princesses of the 417 Ozark Branch

Tuesday, June 18, 10-11 a.m. **Registration opens June 4* Hi Barbies! Wear your cutest, danciest outfit to jam with the queen of pink herself.

Barbie Meet & Greet with Princess of the 417 Ozark Branch

Tuesday, June 18, 11 a.m.- Noon Strike a pose and take a selfie with the most iconic fashionista ever!

Adaptation Exploration with Dickerson Park Zoo Sparta Branch

Saturday, June 22, 2-3 p.m. Uncover the wild science of animal traits, techniques and adaptations. Sponsored by the Christian County Friends of the Library.

Animals of Africa with Dickerson Park Zoo Clever Branch

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

You don't have to fly anywhere to see these native animals of Africa. Sponsored by the Christian County Friends of the Library.

Helmet Safety with the Christian County Ambulance District Ozark Branch

Tuesday, June 25, 10-11 a.m.

Not only can helmets be a fashion statement — they also keep us safe during outdoor activities. Receive one of these life savers to take home. Supplies are limited.



Dragon Eggs Clever Branch

Tuesday, June 25, 11 a.m.- Noon Scales, tails and teeth! Crack open this DIY dragon egg if you dare.



Movie Day: The Pirates! Band of Misfits Sparta Branch

Tuesday, June 25 3-5 p.m. Ahoy! Follow a misfit

pirate crew as they journey to win the coveted Pirate of the Year Award. Rated PG.

Let's Make a Kite Ozark Branch

Saturday, June 29 10:30-11:30 a.m. <mark>Grades 3 and up</mark>

Let's go flying! Build, decorate and soar your one-of-a-kind kite!

Baby Bounce

babies up to 18 months

Ozark Branch

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

Toddler Time children 18 months to 3 years

Ozark Branch

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