Join the Summer Reading Challenge!

June 1 - July 31

ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY

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
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.

**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 greenery is 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.

**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).

**#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.

**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.

**Egg Drop**
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/egdropp
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.
All ages
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.

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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
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**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

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Nixa Branch
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*Registration opens June 10
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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-fiancé’s new fiancée’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.

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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.

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 15, 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.”

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.

For more information visit christiancountylibrary.org/friends
June

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
Go for a ride you’ll never forget with this blast of twisted nostalgia. Rated PG-13.

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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.
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.

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.

**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.

**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.

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### 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.

#### 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.

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### Family Storytimes
**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.
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 mini-games—just don’t let anyone know your secret identity.

A Musical Adventure with Uke 66
Sparta Branch
Thursday, June 6, 2-3 p.m.
Clever 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
Saturday, June 29, 10-11 a.m.
Nixa Branch
Saturday, June 10, 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.- Noontime
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
Grades 3 and up
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.
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.

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.

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.

Let’s Make a Kite
Ozark Branch
Saturday, June 29
10:30-11:30 a.m.
Grades 3 and up
Let’s go flying! Build, decorate and soar your one-of-a-kind kite!

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Toddler Time
children 18 months to 3 years
Ozark Branch
Thursdays
10:45-11:30 a.m.

Baby Bounce
babies up to 18 months
Ozark Branch
Thursdays
9:45-10:30 a.m.

Dragon Eggs
Clever Branch
Tuesday, June 25, 11 a.m.- Noon
Scales, tails and teeth! Crack open this DIY dragon egg if you dare.
Escape the ordinary this Summer!

JUNE 1 - JULY 31

Christian County Library
Scavenger Hunt
June 1 - July 31
All Ages

All Ages Game Board

Christian County Library
Summer Reading Challenge
June 1 - July 31
Every 10 minute circle = 10 points.
Color them all to earn 500 points!
Bring this sheet to the library
before/adult adult. July 31 for your
reading challenge prizes.

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