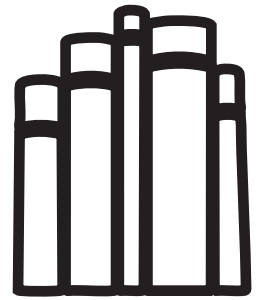


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EVENTS
NEWSLETTER
MAY/JUNE 2025

COLOR OUR WORLD



**Join the Summer
Reading Challenge!**

JUNE 2-JULY 31
ALL AGES





Christian County Library Summer Reading Challenge

June 2 - July 31, 2025 **AllAges**

Track Progress

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



Earn Points

Complete 500 points for a free book and one ticket toward
a prize pack of your choice. For a complete list of prizes,
visit christiancountylibrary.org/src2025prizes.
Babies, kids and teens receive reading reward
coupons full of local treats and activities.



Keep Van Gogh-ing

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



ADULTS ages 18 and older

May

Unifying Nixa Voices

Nixa Branch

Mondays, Wednesdays
and Thursdays

(Last Class May 22)

9:30-11:30 a.m.

*Registration opens the
previous Thursday

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*

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*

Yoga with Debra Tucker

Ozark Branch Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.

Nixa Branch Thursdays, 6-7 p.m.

(No Class May 22)

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

Genealogy Workshop

with **Brittany Russell**

Clever Branch

Saturday, May 3, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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

Let's Play: Hand and Foot

Sparta Branch

Saturday, May 3, 2-4 p.m.

Race to be the first to get rid of
all your cards, 'hand' first, and
then 'foot'. *Games*

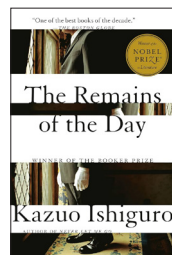
DIY Sugar Scrub and Salt Soak

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, May 6, 10-11 a.m.

Take Mother's Day to another level
with these personalized self-care
gifts. Toys provided for kids, with
parent/guardian supervision.

Arts & Crafts



It's duty and dignity
for the perfect butler
during post-World
War II England in "The Remains of
the Day" by Kazuo Ishiguro.

Book Clubs

Come & See: Thailand

Ozark Branch

Thursday, May 8, 6-7 p.m.

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

Education

Reel Reads

Sparta Branch

Thursday, May 8

3:30-4:30 p.m.

It's duty and dignity
for the perfect butler
during post-World



Wong's Unsolicited Advice for
Murderers" by Jesse Q. Sutanto.

Toys provided for kids, with
supervision by parents/caregivers.

Book Clubs

Plant Propagation

with **Christian County**

Master Gardeners

Clever Branch

Tuesday, May 13, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

You'll dig these easy methods to
separate plants to really get that
garden growing. *Outdoors*

How to Become an Engaged Neighbor and Why Your Health and Community

Demand It with David Burton

Nixa Branch

Tuesday, May 13, 6-8 p.m.

Good neighbors don't need tall
fences. Learn practical strategies
by a nationally recognized expert
to foster connections and combat
isolation. Funded by Missouri
Humanities Speakers Bureau.

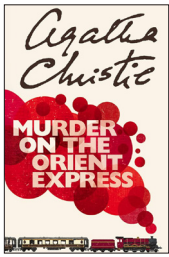
Talks & Lectures



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ADULTS ages 18 and older

May



Lit Happens!

Clever Branch

Wednesday, May 14
11 a.m.- Noon

Board the train with detective Poirot to unravel a thrilling

mystery in Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Orient Express."

Book Clubs

Egg Drop

Ozark Branch

Saturday, May 17, 2-4 p.m.

*Registration opens April 28

All ages

Get cracking with adventurous designs to safely land an egg from a 15-foot drop. *Education*

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

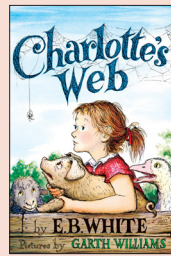
Family Game Night with Haven Games

Ozark Branch

Wednesday, May 21, 5-7 p.m.

All ages

It's an afternoon of competitive family fun with a collection of board games for all skill levels. Snacks included. *Games*



One Nixa, One Read Kickoff

Nixa Branch, Thursday, May 22, 5-7 p.m. All ages

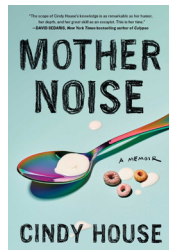
You will believe Wilbur is "terrific" and "radiant" after snagging a free copy of "Charlotte's Web" by E. B. White. This annual community-wide book club is a time to celebrate the lessons of kindness. One book per household, while supplies last. *Partnerships*

Native Plants with Christian County Master Gardeners Ozark Branch

Thursday, May 22, 5:30-7 p.m.

Using native plants benefits the environment, wildlife and even your wallet. You have to be here to learn more, including where to get them.

Outdoors



Books & Baristas

*The Baked Bean
Coffee Shop*, 1860
N. Commerce Drive
Nixa, Saturday
May 24, 10-11 a.m.

This memoir of parental responsibility, addiction and reconciliation will change your perspective in "Mother Noise" by Cindy House. *Book Clubs*

Botanical Watercolor Note Cards

Sparta Branch

Saturday, May 24, 2-4 p.m.

*Registration opens May 10
Create cyanotype-style botanical note cards inspired by vintage photographic prints using watercolor techniques.

Arts & Crafts

D&D Character Creation Workshop with Haven Games Nixa Branch

Saturday, May 24, 4-6 p.m.

Roll for adventure—let our Dungeon Masters guide you through the process of building worlds, writing compelling stories and dangerous battles. *Games*

True Crime Club Ozark Branch

Thursday, May 29, 6-7 p.m.

A fitness instructor is attacked during a morning workout. Even with surveillance footage the case remains unsolved. Who killed Missy Bevers? Bring your theories.

Entertainment

Uncovering History: Gravestone Cleaning

Ozark City Cemetery
521 W. Hall St., Ozark
Saturday, May 31, 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*

Register today at christiancountylibrary.org/events

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Monday, May 26
Memorial Day

Thursday, June 19
Juneteenth

Get 24/7 access to
eBooks, audiobooks,
music and more at
[christiancountylibrary.org/
digital-collection](http://christiancountylibrary.org/digital-collection)

June

Yoga with Debra Tucker

Ozark Branch Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.

Nixa Branch Thursdays, 6-7 p.m.

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

Stay Strong, Stay Healthy

Sparta Branch

Wednesdays and Fridays
(June 4-July 30) 10-11:30 a.m.

*Registration opens May 21

Build the strength needed to stay active and healthy as you age with weekly classes led by trained instructors to improve functional movements needed for everyday life. In partnership with the MU Extension. *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*

Genealogy Workshop

with **Brittany Russell**

Clever Branch

Saturday, June 7, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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

Let's Play: Cribbage

Sparta Branch

Saturday, June 7, 2-4 p.m.

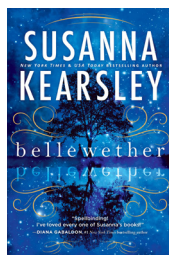
Grab a seat and shuffle up to be the first to reach 121 points. *Games*

Painted Tea Towels

Ozark Branch

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

Get creative using a variety of techniques to craft a custom design. Toys will be provided for children with parent/guardian supervision. *Arts & Crafts*



Lit Happens!

Clever Branch

Wednesday, June 11
11 a.m. - Noon

It's dual timelines, historical intrigue and themes of love

in Susanna Kearsley's "Bellewether."
Book Clubs

Beginner Watercolor:

Northern Lights

Ozark Branch

Wednesday, June 11, 2-3 p.m.

Brush along as we paint a starry view of the northern lights using new and classic watercolor techniques. *Education*



Reel Reads

Sparta Branch

Thursday, June 12
3:30-4:30 p.m.

A young farm girl enlists a tough U.S. Marshal to track

down her father's killer in Charles Portis' classic "True Grit."

Book Clubs

Come & See: India

Ozark Branch

Thursday, June 12, 6-7 p.m.

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

Education



#BookClub

Nixa Branch

Friday, June 13
10-11 a.m.

A book lover literally gets lost in her own book in

Ashley Poston's "A Novel Love Story." Toys provided for kids, with supervision by parents/caregivers.

Book Clubs

DIY Custom Glass Tumblers

Nixa Branch

Friday, June 13, 4:30-6 p.m.

*Registration opens May 30

Embellish your beverage game with these vinyl decals and designs.

Arts & Crafts

ADULTS ages 18 and older

June

Family Game Night with Haven Games Ozark Branch

Wednesday, June 18, 5-7 p.m.

All ages

It's an afternoon of competitive family fun with a collection of board games for all skill levels. Snacks included. *Games*

Cook Book Club Ozark Branch

Friday, June 20

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Something new to sink your teeth into! Bring a cookout-inspired dish to share while discussing past culinary adventures. *Book Clubs*

Dot Book Totes Sparta Branch

Saturday, June 21, 10 a.m.- Noon

*Registrations opens June 7

Craft a one-of-a-kind canvas bag using stencils and dot-painting techniques. *Arts & Crafts*

Diabetes Self-Management Nixa Branch

Thursdays (June 26-July 31)

12:30-2:30 p.m.

*Registration opens June 12

Learn the steps to manage the effects of type 2 diabetes from experts in this weekly seminar. Create action plans and share your experiences in a support group setting. In partnership with the MU Extension. *Wellness*

 **Extension**
University of Missouri

Pruning the Vegetable Garden with Christian County Master Gardeners

Sparta Branch

Thursday, June 26, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

To enhance your plant's fruit quality, learn the steps to effectively remove damage to promote healthy growth.

Outdoors

True Crime Club Ozark Branch

Thursday, June 26, 6-7 p.m.

The Jamisons' vehicle was found abandoned. Inside was their dog and \$32,000. Years later, the family was discovered but their cause of death remains unknown. Bring your theories of what happened.

Entertainment



Books & Baristas

*The Baked Bean
Coffee Shop, 1860
N. Commerce Drive
Nixa, Saturday
June 28, 10-11 a.m.*

Mike learns his estranged father is dying in Japan, but that's just the beginning. You won't believe the twists and turns in the dramedy "Memorial" by Bryan Washington. *Book Clubs*

Uncovering History: Gravestone Cleaning

I.O.O.F. Cemetery

6889 State Hwy. 14, Sparta

Saturday, June 28, 10 a.m.- Noon

Preserve our local history and help make a difference to an often overlooked part of our community. Cleaning supplies provided. *History*

Game Night with Village Meeple Board Game Cafe Nixa Branch

Saturday, June 28, 4-6 p.m.

Grab your friends for an evening of party game favorites such as Uno, Exploding Kittens, Codenames and others. *Games*

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BAG DAY

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Saturday, June 28, 9 a.

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TEENS grades 7-12

May



The Mystery Ink Society

Nixa Branch

Monday, May 5
4-5 p.m.

The team is back together to solve

a new case in "Killer Instinct"
by Jennifer Lynn Barnes. **Book Clubs**

Teen Advisory Board Ozark Branch

Monday, May 12, 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**

Sharpie Mugs Sparta Branch

Tuesday, May 13, 4-5 p.m.

**Registration opens April 29*

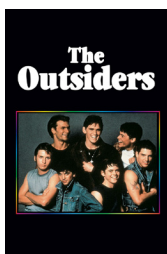
Personalize this cup so everyone knows it's yours! **Arts & Crafts**

Field Games Clever branch

Thursday, May 15, 4-5 p.m.

It's not officially summer vacation
unless yard games are involved.

Games



Hollywood Hangout

Clever Branch

Monday, May 19
3-5 p.m.

Join us for an epic
mashup of literature

and cinema. Enjoy movie-themed snacks and engaging discussions. This month's pick is "The Outsiders." Rated PG. **Movies**

Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club

Ozark Branch

Monday, May 19, 4:30-6 p.m.

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

Games

Snacks Around the World

Ozark Branch

Thursday, May 22, 4-5 p.m.

Take your taste buds on a global getaway while savoring the delicious flavors of South Korea. **Culinary**

DIY Mini Summer Bookshelf

Nixa Branch

Thursday, May 29, 4-5:30 p.m.

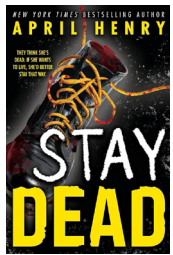
**Registration opens May 15*

It's big fun in a tiny package
with these mini TBR bookcase crafts.
Arts & Crafts



Register today at christiancountylibrary.org/events

June



The Mystery Ink Society

Nixa Branch

Monday, June 2
4-5 p.m.

Government secrets,
a plane crash and

assassins are just the beginning in
April Henry's thriller "Stay Dead."

Book Clubs

DIY Comics with Cody Walker

Sparta Branch

Thursday, June 5, 2-3 p.m.

**Registration opens May 22*

Local comic enthusiast answers your
questions about creating art for
others to enjoy. Paper and pencils
provided or bring your own.

Funded in part by a Ghost Light
Project award from the Missouri
Arts Council, in partnership with the
Missouri Association of Community
Arts Agencies. *Education*

Cupcake Decorating Workshop

Ozark Branch

Thursday, June 5, 3-4:30 p.m.

**Registration opens May 22*

Master the tasteful art of making
frosting and the perfect piping
techniques. *Culinary*

Tie-Dye Socks

Clever Branch

Monday, June 9, 3-4 p.m.

These groovy socks with vivid color
variations will make your friends
jealous. *Arts & Crafts*

Color Your Tote Bag

Sparta Branch

Monday, June 9, 3-4 p.m.

**Registration opens May 26*

Your reusable tote will be a
complete one-of-a-kind with these
vinyl patches. Funded in part by a
Ghost Light Project award from the
Missouri Arts Council, in partnership
with the Missouri Association of
Community Arts Agencies.

Arts & Crafts

Nintendo Switch:

Jackbox Games

Nixa Branch

Thursday, June 12, 3:30-5 p.m.

Have you ever played party games
on the TV? Now is your chance!

Bring your smart phone to join.

Games

Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club

Ozark Branch

Monday, June 16, 4:30-6 p.m.

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

Games

Squirt Gun Art

Clever Branch

Tuesday, June 17, 4-5 p.m.

We don't need paintbrushes.

Mist and spray a great work of art.

Arts & Crafts

Abstract Embroidery

with **Leslie Berry**

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, June 17, 4-5 p.m.

**Registration opens June 4*

Create exclusive fiber art creations
using needles, thread and other
materials with the help from a local
artist. Funded in part by a Ghost
Light Project award from the
Missouri Arts Council, in
partnership with the Missouri
Association of Community Arts
Agencies. *Arts & Crafts*

Let's Cook!

Sparta Branch

Monday, June 23, 3-4 p.m.

The perfect pickle brine begins
with fresh ingredients and spices.

Learn the steps to prepare your own
dill-lightful batch. *Culinary*

Comic Book Wall Art

Ozark Branch

Monday, June 23, 4-5 p.m.

Ka-Pow! Make a one-of-a-kind,
comic book-inspired masterpiece
to decorate your room.

Arts & Crafts

Round Robin Painting

Nixa Branch

Thursday, June 26, 4-5 p.m.

**Registration opens June 12*

By taking turns, nobody knows
what this art piece will look like in
the end. *Arts & Crafts*

KIDS & FAMILIES Pre-K - grade 6

May

Space Play Day

Nixa Branch

Friday, May 2, 10-11 a.m.

Blast off into galaxies far away during with special National Space Day-themed activities.

Entertainment

Mini Piñata

Nixa Branch

Monday, May 5, 1-2 p.m.

Take Cinco de Mayo to the next level with this minúsculo craft!

Arts & Crafts

Croc Charms

Clever Branch

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

Grades 3 and up

Add some flair to your footwear by designing unique accessories.

Arts & Crafts

I Spy Bottle

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, May 6, 4-5 p.m.

**Registration opens April 22*

Assemble your own indoor treasure hunt using rice and bottles.

Arts & Crafts

PAWS for Reading

Ozark Branch

Thursday, May 8, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Nixa Branch

Thursday, May 15, 4-5 p.m.

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

Literacy

My Festival Passport: Japan

Nixa Branch

Friday, May 16, 4-5 p.m.

Discover the traditions of Kodomo no Hi (Japanese Children's Day)

by crafting colorful carp banners.

Education

Yoga Storytime

Sparta Branch

Saturday, May 17, 10-10:45 a.m.

Stretch, breathe and read during this special meditative storytime.

Storytimes

Cardboard Sword Wars

Ozark Branch

Wednesday, May 28, 1:30-3 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

Master the art of sword building using recycled materials before jumping into the duel of a lifetime.

Arts & Crafts

Yarn Birds

Clever Branch

Thursday, May 29, 4-5 p.m.

**Registration opens May 15*

Grades 3 and up

No need for sewing needles or hooks to create this winged friend.

Arts & Crafts

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.

KIDS & FAMILIES Pre-K - grade 6

June

Summer Reading Kickoff

Ozark Branch

Monday, June 2, 3-6 p.m.

The Summer Reading Challenge begins at this come-and-go event bursting with live music from Kingdom Highway, board and video games provided by Haven Games, art projects and frozen treats (while supplies last). *Engagement*

Nature's Palette: The Art and Science of Animal Colors with **Dickerson Park Zoo**



Ozark Branch

Tuesday, June 3, 2-3 p.m.

Clever Branch

Monday, June 16, 2-3 p.m.

Animals have stripes, spots, swirls and speckles—learn why! Sponsored by the Christian County Friends of the Library. *Animals*

Magnet Painting

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, June 3, 4-5 p.m.

This craft will *attract* all sorts of creativity. Funded in part by a Ghost Light Project award from the Missouri Arts Council, in partnership with the Missouri Association of Community Arts Agencies. *Arts & Crafts*

Endangered Species with **Dickerson Park Zoo**



Nixa Branch

Monday, June 9, 10-11 a.m.

Find out what it means when an animal is listed as endangered. Sponsored by the Christian County Friends of the Library. *Animals*

Hit the Musical Road with **Uke 66**

Clever Branch

Wednesday, June 11, 10-11 a.m.

Start the summer on a high note with Rick and Karen Maxson as they share the story of a lone ukulele's adventure around the world.

Performances

Paper Mosaics with **Leslie Berry**

Sparta Branch

Thursday, June 12, 10-11 a.m.

*Registration opens May 29
Transform paper into different shapes and sizes to create something entirely brand new. Funded in part by a Ghost Light Project award from the Missouri Arts Council, in partnership with the Missouri Association of Community Arts Agencies. *Arts & Crafts*

Superhero Training Camp with **Ultimate Cosplay League**

Ozark Branch

Thursday, June 12, 2-3:30 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

Become the hero for a day! Create your own mask and cape, test your skills and meet actual superheroes!

Entertainment

Pigment of Your Imagination with **Will Stuck**

Nixa Branch

Friday, June 13, 10-11 a.m.

Let's Van Gogh, go, go! It's a show all about color and art, featuring music, stories and science.

Performances

Under the Sea Storytime **Ozark Branch**

Saturday, June 14, 10-11 a.m.

Dive into adventure during this special ocean-themed storytime and craft. *Storytimes*

Things That Go! Play Day **Nixa Branch**

Saturday, June 14, 2-4 p.m.

Zoom into high-speed entertainment with toy cars, trucks, trains and more!

Education

Color Your World with **Mad Science**

Ozark Branch

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

Step into ROYGBIV's world where rainbows amazingly appear using light and prisms. *Performances*

Tutu Workshop **Sparta Branch**

Wednesday, June 18, 4-5 p.m.

*Registration opens June 4

Get ready to spin and twirl! Pick your perfect color and style before transforming into a dazzling ballerina. *Arts & Crafts*

Colorful Magic with **Marty Hahne**

Nixa Branch

Friday, June 20, 10-11 a.m.

The Reading Magician uses materials found in the library to perform mystifying illusions. But, he needs your help to make it happen! Sponsored by the Christian County Friends of the Library. *Performances*

Register today at christiancountylibrary.org/events

My Festival Passport: Sweden
Nixa Branch

Friday, June 20, 4-5 p.m.

Experience Midsummer's colors when crafting flower wreaths and enjoying fruity treats. *Education*

Watercolor Painting
Clever Branch

Monday, June 23, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Bring the mythical world of unicorns to life using watercolor techniques. *Arts & Crafts*

Music with Marko Polo
Ozark Branch

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

Get ready to sing, stomp, wiggle and giggle with interactive sing-along songs to get your body and mind grooving. Sponsored by the Christian County Friends of the Library. *Performances*

Bubble Art Play Day
Ozark Branch

Wednesday, June 25, 2-3 p.m.

Everything is more fun with bubbles—even art projects. *Arts & Crafts*

Animals of Australia
with Dickerson Park Zoo
Sparta Branch



Thursday, June 26, 10-11 a.m.

You won't have to travel to the land down under to interact with their native animals. Sponsored by the Christian County Friends of the Library. *Animals*

DIY Comics with Cody Walker
Clever Branch

Friday, June 27, 4-5 p.m.

**Registration opens June 13*

Grades 3 and up

Local comic enthusiast answers your questions about creating art for others to enjoy. Paper and pencils provided or bring your own. *Education*

Raptors of North America
with Dickerson Park Zoo
Nixa Branch



Monday, June 30, 2-3 p.m.

You will want to fly over to learn about these birds of prey. Sponsored by the Christian County Friends of the Library. *Animals*

Tissue Paper Collage
Clever Branch

Monday, June 30, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Don't miss creating colorful artwork in this very, very Eric Carle-inspired craft. *Arts & Crafts*



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 | Thursdays
10:45-11:30 a.m.

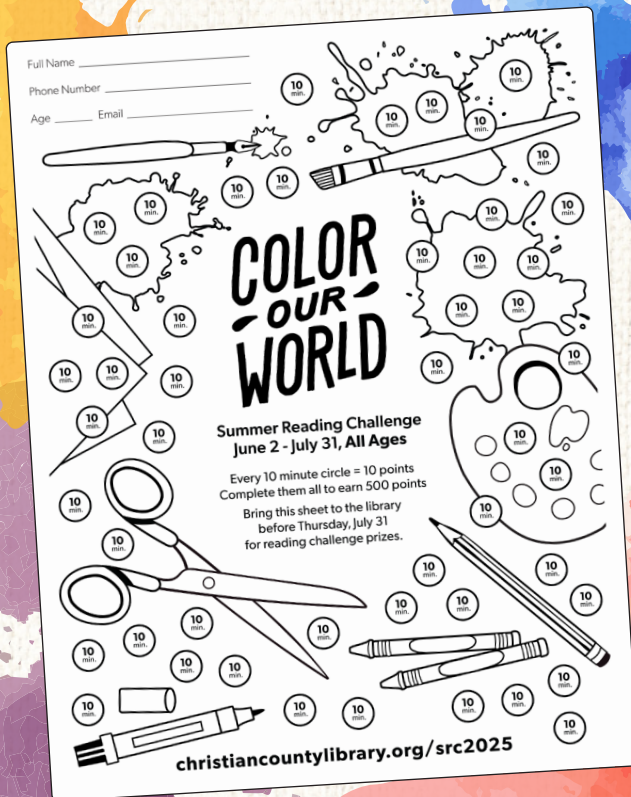


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SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

June 2 - July 31 • All Ages



Game Board



Scavenger Hunt



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Mon-Thu: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
Fri-Sat: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
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(417) 743-2277

NIXA
208 N. McCroskey St.
(417) 724-6100

OZARK
1005 N. 4th Ave.
(417) 581-2432

SPARTA
147 Library Ln.
(417) 441-1400