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A close-up, over-the-shoulder shot of a young child with short, light brown hair. The child is looking down at an open book, which is out of focus in the foreground. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting an indoor setting with plants. The lighting is warm and natural.

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR KATY PATTISON

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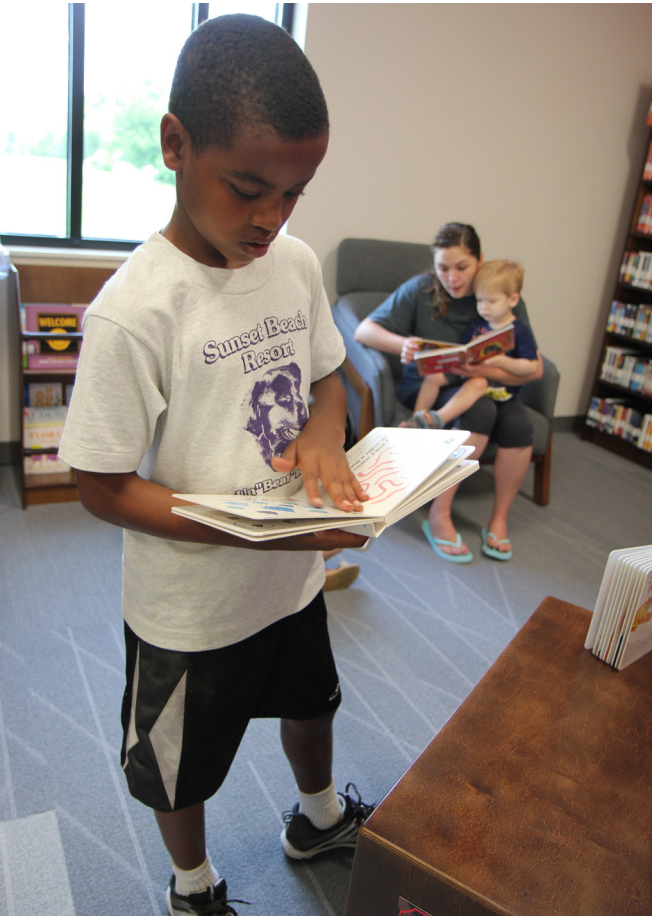
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COVER

Nixa Branch Grand Opening, May 19.
Photo by Elizabeth Price for
the Christian County Library.

INSIDE COVER

TOP: Photo by Drew Douglas
for the City of Nixa.
BOTTOM: Photo by Elizabeth Price
for the Christian County Library.



Nixa residents now have their own hometown library, thanks to a renewal of the library’s 20-cent tax levy in August 2017. See page 4 for more photos of the Nixa Branch Grand Opening on May 19.



GERI GODBER
Executive Director

KATY PATTISON
Deputy Director

A New Era for Christian County

Welcome to PageTurner, the new Christian County Library quarterly newsletter and events guide. You’ll find our library events listed here for every age group in a beautiful new layout. You’ll also see this quarterly update from your library administrators, along with some news stories that will keep you in the loop about what your library has been doing and how our services are impacting community members.

This has been a banner year for the library district. The first public library branch in Nixa opened May 19, and the Ozark Branch will reopen Aug. 11 after its first major renovation in nearly 30 years. As the district is updating, expanding, and modernizing its facilities, you can expect both new and familiar faces when you make a visit to one of our branches. With more than 20 new full- and part-time jobs created during this first phase of our expansion, we want you to know you can still expect the same hometown customer service we hope you’ve always experienced when visiting the Christian County Library.

More than 1,500 people attended the Nixa Branch Grand Opening on May

19 (more about that on page 4), and we’re expecting a lot of excitement from the Ozark community on Aug. 11 when we finally premiere the new look and feel of the Ozark Branch. The building redesign includes an updated exterior and interior look; handicap accessible front doors and restrooms; a new circulation desk area that makes the public and staff spaces more open and efficient; easy-to-reach shelving; a drive-through window; and the addition of a meeting space in the children’s area.

If you’d like to join us for the Ozark Branch Grand ReOpening on Aug. 11, there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Ozark Chamber of Commerce at 10:30 a.m. Doors open to the public at 11:00 a.m., and at noon, we’ll enjoy an energetic performance by the band Kicking Jacksie in our newly redesigned Netzer Community Room.

This is probably not the day to quietly browse the library – it’s a day of celebration. This time last year, Christian County voters approved the library’s first funding measure in 46 years. One year later, the first phase of the expansion is complete. And even in a library, that’s something to get a little noisy about!

On May 19, Nixa’s public library opened its doors for the first time.



For the library staff, including 14 employees who were experiencing their first day on duty, it was all-hands-on-deck, as more than 1,500 people streamed through the doors throughout the day.

Earlier that morning, Nixa community leaders, Nixa Chamber of Commerce representatives, library officials, Library Foundation officers, and Friends of the Library members came for a preview of the new facility. They were given a tour of the building, designed by Sapp Design and infilled by Nesbitt Construction.

Executive Director Geri Godber and Deputy Director Katy Pattison pointed out the new community and study rooms, the technology available to the public, the teen and children’s areas, and offered a peek of the staffing areas, including departments like Collection Services and Interlibrary Loan that make the library run behind the scenes. After the tour, Nixa Mayor Brian Steele was

issued the first library card at the new branch.

Also on hand that morning were representatives from Central Trust Company, representing the Stanley and Elaine Ball Foundation. In 2015 the Foundation granted \$100,000 to the Christian County Library Foundation to help the library better serve the community through expanding library facilities in Christian County. The children’s area in the Nixa Branch is named in honor of Stanley and Elaine Ball, who were passionate about children and education. The Friends of the Library also provided funds for the shelving in the children’s area, which was custom built by the Ed Hines Company in Nixa.

At 11:00 a.m. the group assembled in front of the main entrance with Nixa Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Chris Russell for a ribbon-cutting ceremony, livestreaming on Facebook, and a quick interview with Pattison.

“I keep thinking of the generations of children in Nixa who grew up without a public library, and this changes all that.”

KATY PATTISON

“I keep thinking of the generations of children in Nixa who grew up without a public library in their hometown, and this changes all that.”

Godber and Loretta Hermann, Nixa resident and Vice President of the Library Board of Trustees, cut the ribbon.

In the afternoon, families attended a Summer Reading Challenge kick-off performance by musician Dino O’Dell. Throughout the day, lines were long at the service desk. By the end of the day, 239 new library cards were issued, and the number of the people who visited beat any previous Christian County Library daily attendance record by more than 1,000 people.

As the doors locked at 5:00 that evening, library staff let out a collective cheer, “We did it!”

OZARK BRANCH SUPERVISOR

Jordan Gloyd

Meet the newest member of our administrative team: Jordan Gloyd, Ozark Branch Supervisor. Jordan joins us from Springfield-Greene County Library District, where she was Circulation Manager at the Library Station.



Where are you originally from?
I’m originally from Branson. My dad’s family moved to this area from Maryland after the Civil War and we just stuck around.

What’s your favorite book?
The Once and Future King by T.H. White - it’s been my favorite book for about 15 years.

Tell us about your job.
I work with a team to serve the people of Christian County by helping them access library buildings, materials, and programs. That means making sure staff have what they need to do their jobs well and making the library easy and intuitive for patrons to use. I firmly believe in libraries as an instrument of good, and I think it’s part of my job to help other people connect with libraries on a deeper level than just a place to borrow books (though that certainly is a fun and important aspect of libraries).

What exciting projects are you working on?
The biggest project, though it sounds a bit corny, is getting to know the staff and patrons. You can’t serve people well unless you know them. Along with other members of administration, I’m also working on a procedure manual for staff. Finally, The Great American Read is coming up, and I’m working on ways our library district can participate to bring some awesome events and contests to Christian County!

NIXA BRANCH SUPERVISOR

Brandon Jason

You’ll find this familiar face bustling about the Nixa Branch. Brandon Jason, former Library Specialist, oversees daily operations as the Nixa Branch Supervisor.



Where are you originally from?
I was born in Joplin and have lived in Galena, Kansas; Kimberling City; and Branson.

Which Hogwarts house do you belong to?
Gryffindor, where dwell the brave at heart!
BONUS: In the American wizarding school, Ilvermorny, I belong in Thunderbird, the house that favors adventurers.

Tell us about your job.
As the Nixa Branch Supervisor, I oversee circulation activity, the MOBIUS/ILL department, and help coordinate the Nixa Youth Services staff. I also develop adult programming for our patrons and host the monthly Books & Baristas library book club in Nixa.

What do you love about your branch?
I love being part of Nixa’s first public library, and I’m excited for it to be a learning place for everyone in this growing community.

What exciting projects are you working on?
After receiving several requests from patrons, I am transfiguring Books & Baristas into a monthly Harry Potter book club for grown-ups (don’t worry, it will revert to Books & Baristas after a few months!). I’m also percolating an idea for a monthly grown-up film club, in which we watch a film and analyze technique, theme, etc. We’ll see what develops!



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Join us for a fall tour of the Nathan Boone Homestead

Venture out to Ash Grove with the library in October to learn about Missouri icon Nathan Boone. The tour will feature interesting information about his home, cemeteries on the property, the 1937 Ash Grove tornado, and the role of the area during the Civil War.

Meet at the Nixa Branch on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 9:00 a.m. We will carpool to the site. Bring a sack lunch if you’d like. The library will provide drinks and dessert for the discussion after the tour. Seating is limited to 4 registrants per family. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Sept. 15.

the
GREAT
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READ

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The Great American Read is an eight-part PBS series and nationwide competition that explores the impact of America’s 100 best-loved books, as voted on by the public. People from across the country can vote for their favorite of the 100, and at the end of the series, one winner will be announced.

Christian County Library, along with several regional public libraries, is partnering with our local PBS affiliate, Ozarks Public Television, to celebrate The Great American Read through a film festival, trivia contest, and region-wide book cover contest. We’ll also host a vote to find out which of the 100 books is best-loved by Christian County residents.

Visit The Great American Read page on our website at christiancountylibrary.org/GAR to vote for your favorite book, and learn more about all the ways we’re celebrating America’s 100 best-loved books.

THE GREAT AMERICAN READ

Film Festival



JANE EYRE

Aug 3, 6:30-8:30pm, Nixa Branch
Directed by Cary Joji Fukunaga, this 2011 adaptation of Charlotte Brontë’s “Jane Eyre” stars Mia Wasikowska, and Michael Fassbender. Rated PG-13. Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens July 13.



GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Aug 17, 6:30-8:30pm, Ozark Branch
Directed by David Lean, this 1946 adaptation of Charles Dickens’ “Great Expectations” stars John Mills and Valerie Hobson. This film is not rated. Seating is limited. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens July 27.



THE GODFATHER

Sept 7, 6-9pm, Nixa Branch
Directed by Francis Ford Coppola, this classic 1972 adaptation of Mario Puzo’s “The Godfather” stars Marlon Brando and Al Pacino. Rated R. Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Aug. 17.



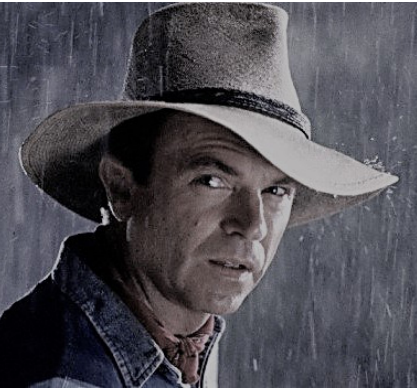
APOCALYPSE NOW

Sept 21, 6-8:30pm, Ozark Branch
Francis Ford Coppola, this 1979 adaptation of Joseph Conrad’s “Heart of Darkness” stars Martin Sheen and Marlon Brando. Rated PG-13. Seating is limited. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Aug. 31.



THE COLOR PURPLE

Oct 5, 6:30-8:30pm, Nixa Branch
Directed by Steven Spielberg, this 1985 adaptation of Alice Walker’s “The Color Purple” stars Whoopi Goldberg and Oprah Winfrey. Rated PG-13. Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Sept. 14.



JURASSIC PARK

Oct 19, 6:30-8:45pm, Ozark Branch
Directed by Steven Spielberg, this 1993 adaptation of Michael Crichton’s “Jurassic Park” stars Sam Neill and Laura Dern. Rated PG-13. Seating is limited. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Sept. 28.

TECHNOLOGY COURSES

In addition to Adult Technology Courses, Christian County Library offers free, one-on-one appointments with our technology trainers. Call (417) 724-6100 or visit our website to Book-a-Trainer.

AUG 7, 3:30-5PM, NIXA BRANCH

Introduction to Kindle Devices

Amazon’s Kindle is a great bargain and can be used as both an e-reader and a tablet. Learn more about your Kindle in this class, including how to get connected, navigate menus and features, download apps, use security options and parental controls, Alexa, and more. Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens July 17.

AUG 13, 3:30-5PM, NIXA BRANCH

Introduction to the Internet Part I: Connect

In this class we’ll discuss what equipment you need to connect to the Internet and what types of software are available. You’ll learn how the Internet was created and what a URL is. Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens July 24.

AUG 16, 3:30-5PM, NIXA BRANCH

Introduction to the Internet Part II: Search

Can’t find what you’re looking for on the Internet? Get better results! We’ll cover search techniques and discuss various search engines and how they work. Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens July 24.

AUG 20, 3:30-5PM, NIXA BRANCH

Introduction to the Internet Part III: Communicate

Learn how to use social media, email, forums, and blogs. Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens July 24.

AUG 21, 3:30-5PM, NIXA BRANCH

Introduction to Apple Devices

Do you have an iPhone or iPad and want to learn how to use it? We’ll show you how to download and organize apps, use Siri, take advantage of built-in programs and features, change your settings and the look of your screen, make calls and Facetime with other iPhone users, and more. Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens July 31.



AUG 23, 3:30-5PM, NIXA BRANCH

Introduction to the Internet Part IV: Cyber Security

Do you want to go online but are afraid to catch a virus or have your personal information stolen? This class will address computer and online security techniques. Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens July 24.

SEPT 10, 3:30-5PM, NIXA BRANCH

Introduction to Android Devices

Learn the basics of your Android device, including managing security and privacy, downloading apps, taking photos, communicating with others, and more. Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Aug. 20.

SEPT 18, 3:30-5PM, NIXA BRANCH

Introduction to Windows 10

Have you upgraded to Windows 10? Learn how the operating system differs from previous versions of Windows. Bring your own laptop to follow along if you like. Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Aug. 28.

OCT 1, 3:30-5PM, NIXA BRANCH

Computer Skills Part I: Meet the Computer

Begin at the beginning! Discover basic computer parts and what they do. Learn how to use a mouse or trackpad, what the keyboard does, and how to improve your typing skills. Learn how digital information is stored and how portable storage devices can help you. Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Sept. 10.

OCT 15, 3:30-5PM, NIXA BRANCH

Computer Skills Part II: Software

What is the difference between hardware and software? We’ll discuss the difference between different operating systems and how to manipulate windows. Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Sept. 10.

OCT 16, 3:30-5PM, NIXA BRANCH

Computer Troubleshooting: Common Issues

Is your computer not starting properly? Is it running slowly? Are you concerned about viruses and security for your device? Learn some commons solutions and preventative measures that will help you avoid these problems. Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Sept. 25.

OCT 22, 3:30-5PM, NIXA BRANCH

Computer Skills Part III: Settings

Learn how to go into the Control Panel on your computer and discover the tasks you can perform from there. Learn how to change your desktop settings and give your computer a more customized look. Learn about some built-in features that make your computer more accessible for those with disabilities. Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Sept. 10.

OCT 29, 3:30-5PM, NIXA BRANCH

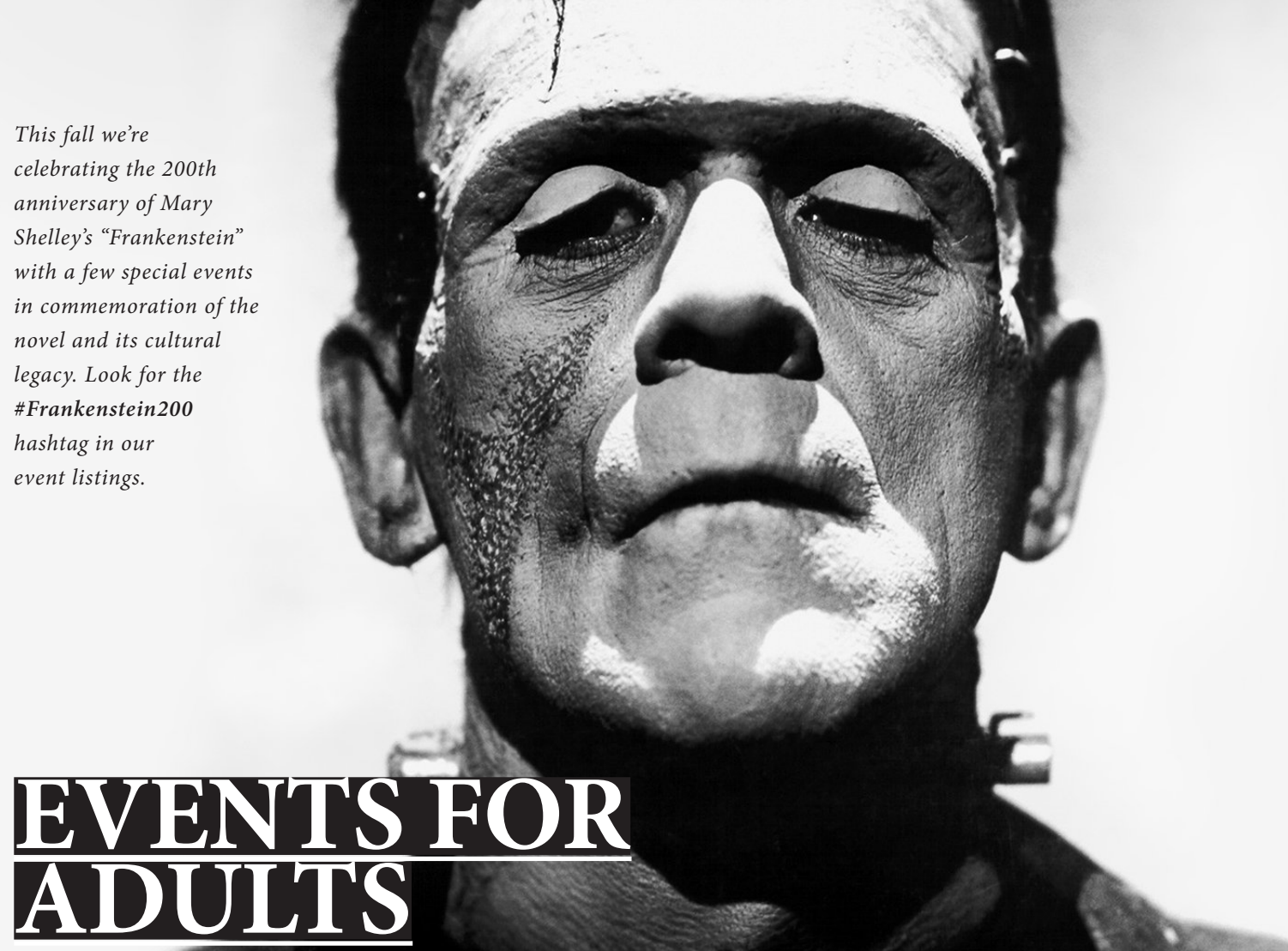
Computer Skills Part IV: File Management

Learn to organize your files so you can easily recover information on your computer. Learn to create new folders, to rename old ones, and to locate files you saved on your computer. Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Sept. 10.

NOV 5, 3:30-5PM, NIXA BRANCH

Computer Skills Part V: Copy + Paste

Learn how to use the copy and paste functions to save information from the Internet, in your email, or on your hard drive, and move information on your computer. Plus, learn how to use keyboard shortcuts. Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Sept. 10.



This fall we're celebrating the 200th anniversary of Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein" with a few special events in commemoration of the novel and its cultural legacy. Look for the #Frankenstein200 hashtag in our event listings.

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

AUG 2, 10AM-12PM, NIXA BRANCH

World Breastfeeding Week

Join us in celebrating World Breastfeeding Week, Aug. 1-7, with the Mom to Mom group. Hosted by the Christian County Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), this monthly breastfeeding support group meets each month to discuss a topic relevant to our community of moms and conduct a drawing for a related gift. Snacks are provided and children are welcome. Call Christian County WIC at (417) 581-2385 for details.

AUG 11, 10:30AM-5PM, OZARK BRANCH

Ozark Branch Grand ReOpening: Schedule of Events

It's time to celebrate the grand reopening of the newly renovated Ozark Branch. Join us for a ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Ozark Chamber of Commerce at 10:30 a.m. Doors open to the public at 11:00 a.m.

At noon, enjoy a free musical performance by Kicking Jacksie. This three-man band plays their own brand of roots country/rock music with a full slate of original songs written by Jack Bowden.

AUG 13, ALL DAY, OZARK BRANCH

Make + Take: Water Bottle Wind Spirals

Are you artistic or crafty? Ready to try some new projects? Stop by the make-and-take table at the library and create something beautiful to decorate or put to use in your home or give as a gift. At this event, you'll learn how to turn used water bottles into colorful wind spirals.

AUG 14, 12-1:30PM, OZARK BRANCH

Writing the Stories of Our Lives

Find your voice so you can begin to tell your story in writing. Susan Rogers will help you discover what tools work best for you and help you find inspiration for the story you want to tell.

AUG 14, 6-7PM, OZARK BRANCH

History of the Ozark Mill with Wayne Glenn

Located southeast of the Ozark Branch, the Ozark Mill is one of the iconic landmarks of Christian County. Local historian and radio personality Wayne Glenn (The Old Record Collector) will discuss the history of the site and its various owners.

AUG 14, 6-7:30PM, NIXA BRANCH

Spellbooks + Wizards

Books & Baristas has been temporarily transfigured into Spellbooks & Wizards! Grab your broomsticks and wands and join the wizarding community of Christian County for an epic read-through of J.K. Rowling's enchanting Harry Potter series. We'll kick start the August meeting with a discussion of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" AND "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets." Ages 18+.

AUG 21-SEPT 25, 6-7PM, OZARK BRANCH

Yoga in the Library (Ozark)

Join us every Tuesday in Ozark (Aug. 21-Sept. 25) for our popular Hatha yoga class. This gentle, restorative yoga class, taught by certified instructor Debra Tucker of 417CreateArt and Ageless Yoga, will introduce students to basic principles of alignment and technique while slowly strengthening the body and calming the mind. This 45-minute class is free of charge and suitable for all levels. The Ozark class will not meet in October so our Friends of the Library can prepare for the Fall Book Sale. No registration required.

AUG 23-OCT 25, 6-7PM, NIXA BRANCH

Yoga in the Library (Nixa)

Join us every Thursday in Nixa (Aug. 23-Oct. 25) for our popular Hatha yoga class. This gentle, restorative yoga class, taught by certified instructor Debra Tucker of 417CreateArt and Ageless Yoga, will introduce students to basic principles of alignment and technique while slowly strengthening the body and calming the mind. This 45-minute class is free of charge and suitable for all levels. No registration required.

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

AUG 25, 10AM-12PM, OZARK BRANCH

Art School with Katie Gaspard:

The Art of Tie Dye

Katie Gaspard from KTGaspard Designs will demonstrate basic tie-dye techniques. Bring your own shirt to dye. Seating is limited. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Aug. 4.

AUG 28, 10:30-11:30AM, NIXA BRANCH

Life Hacks: Parenting with Positive Discipline

We all need a little help adulting at times. Join us for a new monthly series with presenter Deborah Calhoun, a licensed local counselor, who will give us some practical advice to make our lives better. Get tips on parenting, strengthening relationships, and decreasing stress. Adults 18+. Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Aug. 7.

AUG 28, 1-2PM, OZARK BRANCH

Brown Bag + Book Club

Join us each month for a discussion of popular fiction and nonfiction titles. Bring your lunch if you'd like, and we'll provide drinks and dessert. In August, we'll discuss "All My Love, George... Letters from a WWII Hero" by Southwest Missouri author Darla Noble. Stay for a Q&A with the author after the discussion.

AUG 30, 6:30-8:30PM, IGUANA ROJA

The Great American Read Trivia Contest

We're headed to Iguana Roja Restaurante at 107 E. Church Street in Ozark for our individual trivia competition with questions based on the 100 books selected for The Great American Read, a new eight-part PBS series and multi-platform initiative that explores and celebrates the power of reading and the books we love. Plan to purchase your own appetizers, dinner, or drinks... or just join us for trivia. Winners will receive some great bookish prizes and the opportunity to compete on the Christian County Library team against other libraries for the regional competition at Missouri State University in the fall. Seating is limited. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Aug. 2. Adults 18+.

SEPT 4, 6-7PM, NIXA BRANCH

Meet + Greet with Local Author Connie Yen

Join local archivist and Missouri Writers’ Guild member Connie Yen for a discussion of her new nonfiction book “Sinner and Savior: Emma Molloy and the Graham Murder.” Yen tells the complex story of Emma Molloy, whose public persona as an Evangelist and temperance advocate ends up on a crash course with her personal life.

SEPT 8, 1-2PM, OZARK BRANCH

Cooking School: Soups + Stews

It may still be warm outside, but we’ll help you prepare for fall meals by demonstrating some featured recipes and techniques from our favorite soup cookbooks. Seating is limited. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Aug. 18.

SEPT 11, 12-1:30PM, OZARK BRANCH

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SEPT 22, 1-2PM, NIXA BRANCH

D.I.Y. Steampunk Photo Frames

Show off your engineering and design skills with this steampunk arts and crafts program. Come to the Nixa Branch to assemble your own photo frame with bolts, gears, and clock faces. Then take your frame home to put a treasured photo in! Adults 18+. (Ages 12-17 allowed with adult.) Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Sept. 1.

SEPT 25, 8:30AM-8PM, ALL BRANCHES

National Voter Registration Day

Every year millions of Americans find themselves unable to vote because they miss a registration deadline, don’t update their registration or aren’t sure how to register. Christian County Library, in partnership with National Voter Registration Day, wants to make sure everyone has the opportunity to vote. Stop by our special voter registration table at any of our branches on Sept. 25, and make sure you’re registered to vote!

SEPT 25, 10:30-11:30AM, NIXA BRANCH

Life Hacks: Strengthening Relationships

We all need a little help adulting at times. Join us for a new monthly series with presenter Deborah Calhoun, a licensed local counselor, who will give us some practical advice to make our lives better. Get tips on parenting, strengthening relationships, and decreasing stress. Adults 18+. Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Sept. 4.

SEPT 25, 1-2PM, OZARK BRANCH

Brown Bag + Book Club

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OCT 1, ALL DAY, OZARK BRANCH

Make + Take:

Fall Leaves Faux-Stained Glass

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OCT 13, 9AM-2PM, ASH GROVE

Field Trip: Nathan Boone Homestead

Venture out to Ash Grove with the library this fall to learn about Missouri icon Nathan Boone. The tour will feature interesting information about his home, cemeteries on the property, the 1937 Ash Grove tornado, and the role of the area during the Civil War. Meet at the Nixa Branch on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 9AM. We will carpool to the site. Bring a sack lunch if you’d like. The library will provide drinks and dessert for the discussion after the tour. Seating is limited to 4 registrants per family. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Sept. 15.

OCT 13, 1-2PM, NIXA BRANCH

Cooking School: How to Cook Everything Fast

Life is busy. But Mark Bittman’s “How to Cook Everything Fast” has techniques and recipes that can simplify and speed up your dinner routine, while still producing a healthy, homemade meal with fresh ingredients. Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Sept. 22.

OCT 13-20, OZARK BRANCH

Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale

Support your Friends at the Fall Book Sale, Oct. 13-20. Proceeds benefit library programs and events funded by Friends of the Library. Hours are Monday-Thursday: 12-8PM; Friday: 12-5PM; and Saturday: 8:30AM-5PM. The Friends Night Preview Sale will be held Friday, Oct. 12 from 6-8PM. You must be a member to attend. Memberships are \$6 for adults and \$10 for families.

OCT 16, 6:30-8PM, OZARK BRANCH

Post-Modern Prometheus (#Frankenstein200)

Help us celebrate the 200th anniversary of Mary Shelley’s “Frankenstein” by watching the Emmy-winning X-Files episode, “Post-Modern Prometheus,” based on the story. We’ll follow it up with a discussion of the unique episode. Seating is limited. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Sept. 25.

OCT 20, 1-2PM, NIXA BRANCH

Franken-Pumpkin Party (#Frankenstein200)

Help us celebrate the 200th anniversary of Mary Shelley’s “Frankenstein” by painting pumpkins in the style of Frankenstein’s monster face. Reveal your inner artist on a unique canvas and display your pumpkins proudly during the fall season. Adults 18+. (Ages 12-17 allowed with adult.) Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Oct. 1.

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OCT 27, 2-3:30PM, OZARK BRANCH

Horror Makeup Workshop (#Frankenstein200)

Learn to apply special effects makeup by creating two realistic-looking basic wounds in this class with Katie Gaspard from KTGaspard Designs. Seating is limited. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Oct. 6.



EVERY THURSDAY, 10:30-11:30AM, OZARK BRANCH
Music + Movement

Babies: (Ages 0-2): Join us every Thursday in Ozark (Aug. 16-Oct. 25) for Music and Movement. This story-time includes finger plays, action rhymes, and plenty of songs! Your child will learn early literacy skills that will help them grow into eager readers using Racing to Read.

EVERY FRIDAY, 10-11AM, NIXA BRANCH
Music + Movement

Babies: (Ages 0-2): Join us every Friday in Nixa (Aug. 10-Oct. 26) for Music and Movement. This story-time includes finger plays, action rhymes, and plenty of songs! Your child will learn early literacy skills that will help them grow into eager readers using Racing to Read.

AUG 13, SEPT 10, OCT 15, 4:30-6PM, OZARK BRANCH
Paws for Reading

Families (All ages): Come read to a dog trained by the Alliance of Therapy Pets. Children who have difficulty reading can be self-conscious about reading aloud, but sitting and reading with a dog can help them relax, build self-esteem, and associate reading with a fun experience.

AUG 27, SEPT 24, OCT 22, 4:30-6PM, NIXA BRANCH
Paws for Reading

Families (All ages): Come read to a dog trained by the Alliance of Therapy Pets. Children who have difficulty reading can be self-conscious about reading aloud, but sitting and reading with a dog can help them relax, build self-esteem, and associate reading with a fun experience.

EVERY TUESDAY, 11AM-12PM, CLEVER BRANCH
Family Storytime

Families (All ages): Join us every Tuesday in Clever (Aug. 7-Oct. 30) for Family Storytime. This storytime has stories, songs, and activities for parents and children to do together while learning early literacy skills using Racing to Read, the library's early literacy initiative.

EVERY WEDNESDAY, 11AM-12PM, OZARK BRANCH
Family Storytime

Families (All ages): Join us every Wednesday in Ozark (Aug. 15-Oct. 31) for Family Storytime. This storytime has stories, songs, and activities for parents and children to do together while learning early literacy skills using Racing to Read, the library's early literacy initiative.

EVERY THURSDAY, 10-11AM, NIXA BRANCH
Family Storytime

Families (All ages): Join us every Thursday in Nixa (Aug. 2-Oct. 25) for Family Storytime. This storytime has stories, songs, and activities for parents and children to do together while learning early literacy skills using Racing to Read, the library's early literacy initiative.

SEPT 15, 10:30AM-12:30PM, OZARK BRANCH

Lifese Sorry!: Family Edition

Families (All ages): If you love to play board games then this event is for you. Come play on our giant Sorry! board. Slide huge pieces across the board and bump your friends back to start. Get all your pieces to home base to win the game. This is a come-and-go event.

SEPT 22, 2:00-4:00 PM, OZARK BRANCH

Peter Rabbit Movie Party

Families (All ages): Come watch Peter Rabbit and make a themed craft. We'll have light snacks and water to keep the party hopping. Please let the library know if your child has any food allergies. Seating is limited. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Sept. 1.

SEPT 25, 3-5PM, OZARK BRANCH

Tinker Tuesday

School Age (K-6th grade): Have you ever wanted to use your imagination to create amazing things? Come to this new program and use your mind to solve a problem or just make something fun. Every month we'll have new activities to try. Join us anytime from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

SEPT 28, 2-3PM, NIXA BRANCH

Doughnut Decorating Daze

Families (All ages): Create a special doughnut just for yourself! Add frosting, filling, and candies to invent the best doughnut ever. Please let the library know if your child has any food allergies. Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Sept. 8.

SEPT 29, 2-3PM, OZARK BRANCH

Doughnut Decorating Daze

Families (All ages): There are some great doughnut shops that have tons of flavors, but have you ever wanted to create a special doughnut just for yourself? Well, today is your day! Add frosting, filling, and candies to invent the best doughnut ever. Please let the library know if your child has any food allergies. Seating is limited. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Sept. 8.

OCT 19, 6-7:30PM, NIXA BRANCH

Frankenstein's Mad Science Trick-or-Treat

Families (All ages): Calling all the mad scientists in your family! Make an entrance in your most fabulous costume and indulge in food, friends, and mad science fun. Be sure to bring a container to collect lots of treats!

OCT 20, 6-7:30PM, OZARK BRANCH

Frankenstein's Mad Science Trick-or-Treat

Families (All ages): Calling all the mad scientists in your family! Make an entrance in your most fabulous costume and indulge in food, friends, and mad science fun. Be sure to bring a container to collect lots of treats!

OCT 23, 3-5PM, OZARK BRANCH

Tinker Tuesday

School Age (K-6th grade): Have you ever wanted to use your imagination to create amazing things? Come to this new program and use your mind to solve a problem or just make something fun. Every month we'll have new activities to try. Join us anytime from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Did you know that when you sing or chant a rhyme with your child you are helping them practice their listening, memory, and vocabulary skills? Every time they repeat a word, rhyme, or song it strengthens pathways in their brain. This will make it easier the next time they learn something new.



EVENTS FOR TWEENS

AUG 14, SEPT 11, OCT 9, 4:30-5:30PM, NIXA BRANCH

Tween Advisory Board

Tweens (Grades 4-7): We are dying to know what's cool in the tween world and what kind of events you wish were happening at the library! Join the advisory board and you will get to help plan events, play fun games, and meet other amazing tweens in your area. Sound like a good time? Apply for a spot on the Tween Advisory Board at the library or online at christiancountylibrary.org/support.

SEPT 8, 10-11AM, OZARK BRANCH

Kinetic Slime

Tweens (Grades 3-6): Do you love slime? Do you like kinetic sand? In this program you can make a combination of kinetic sand and slime! You get the best of both worlds with a slime that holds shape! Be sure to wear clothes that can get messy. Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Aug. 25.

SEPT 14, OCT 12, 4-5PM, OZARK BRANCH

Tween Advisory Board

Tweens (Grades 4-7): We are dying to know what's cool in the tween world and what kind of events you wish were happening at the library! Join the advisory board and you will get to help plan events, play fun games, and meet other amazing tweens in your area. Sound like a good time? Apply for a spot on the Tween Advisory Board at the library or online at christiancountylibrary.org/support.

SEPT 15, 2:30-4PM, OZARK BRANCH

Lifesize Sorry!: Tween Edition

Tweens (Grades 3-6): If you love to play board games then this event is for you. Come play on our giant Sorry! board. Slide huge pieces across the board and bump your friends back to start. Be careful not to get yourself sent back to start! Get all your pieces to home base to win the game. Seating is limited. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Aug. 25.

OCT 30, 4:30-6PM, OZARK BRANCH

Fandom Cosplay Glow Bash

Tweens (Grades 3-6): Fandoms unite! Represent your favorite fandom, showcase your mad costuming skills, and devour some delicious snacks at this epic glow-in-the-dark party. All fandomers are welcome, whether they be Jedis, Bronies, Potterheads, or something else entirely! Seating is limited. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Oct. 9.

Did you know that listening to an audiobook is reading? Audiobooks build narrative and creative skills, help kids understand the structure of a story, and can increase reading comprehension.



EVENTS FOR TEENS

AUG 2, SEPT 6, OCT 4, 4-5PM, NIXA BRANCH

Teen Book Club

Teens (Grades 7-12): Join us for a discussion of this month's book selection. Snacks provided. Need a copy of a book? Email youthservices@christiancountylibrary.org.

Book Club Selections:

August: "World of Ink and Shadow" by Lena Coakley

September: "Challenger Deep" by Neal Shusterman

October: "This Dark Endeavor" by Oppel Kenneth

AUG 7, SEPT 4, OCT 2, 4:30-5:30PM, NIXA BRANCH

Teen Advisory Board

Teens (Grades 8-12): We are dying to know what's cool in the teen world and what kind of events you wish were happening at the library! Join the advisory board and you will get to help plan events, play fun games, and meet other amazing teens in your area. Sound like a good time? Apply for a spot on the Teen Advisory Board at the library or online at christiancountylibrary.org/support.

SEPT 4, OCT 2, 4-5PM, OZARK BRANCH

Teen Book Club

Teens (Grades 7-12): Join us for a discussion of this month's book selection. Snacks provided. Need a copy of a book? Email youthservices@christiancountylibrary.org.

Book Club Selections:

September: "Challenger Deep" by Neal Shusterman

October: "This Dark Endeavor" by Oppel Kenneth

SEPT 17, 4:30-5:30PM, NIXA BRANCH

Bad Art Night

Teens (Grades 7-12): We'll provide the wacky material, you make the bad art. Leave your good taste at home and let your creativity run free! The "best" (or is it the worst?) art will win an ugly trophy.

SEPT 20, 5:30-6:30PM, OZARK BRANCH

Bad Art Night

Teens (Grades 7-12): We'll provide the wacky material, you make the bad art. Leave your good taste at home and let your creativity run free! The "best" (or is it the worst?) art will win an ugly trophy.

SEPT 27, OCT 25, 4:30-5:30PM, OZARK BRANCH

Teen Advisory Board

Teens (Grades 8-12): We are dying to know what's cool in the teen world and what kind of events you wish were happening at the library! Join the advisory board and you will get to help plan events, play fun games, and meet other amazing teens in your area. Sound like a good time? Apply for a spot on the Teen Advisory Board at the library or online at christiancountylibrary.org/support.

OCT 26, 6-7:30PM, NIXA BRANCH

Fandom Cosplay Glow Bash

Teens (Grades 7-12): All the cosplay. All the fandoms. All the feels. Represent your fave fandom, showcase your mad cosplay skills, and devour some delicious snacks at this epic glow-in-the-dark party.



Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale

Support your Friends at the Fall Book Sale, Oct. 13-20. Proceeds benefit library programs and events funded by Friends of the Library. Hours are Monday-Thursday: 12-8PM; Friday: 12-5PM; and Saturday: 8:30AM-5PM. The Friends Night Preview Sale for members will be held Friday, Oct. 12 from 6-8PM. Memberships are \$6 for adults and \$10 for families.