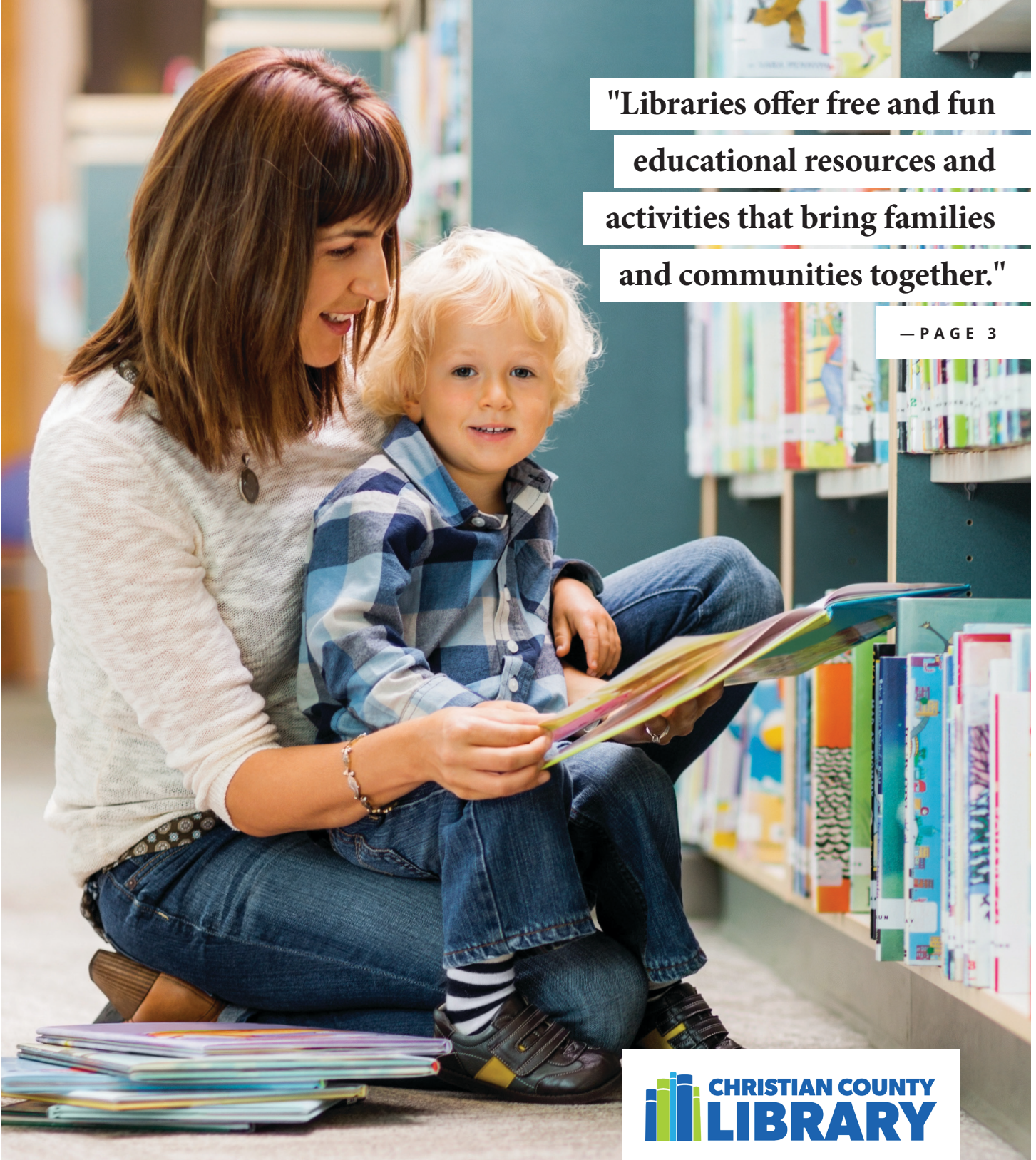


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Christian County readers collectively logged one million minutes of reading during the 2019 Winter Reading Challenge in January. Earlier this year, Christian County Library received a \$1,000 from TV's Mark Cuban for achieving the winter reading challenge goal. On May 16, 2019 Christian County Library Deputy Director Katy Pattison and Youth Services Coordinator Dana Roberts shared \$500 of the award with Least of These, Inc., a local food bank that provides food, hygiene, and clothing assistance to struggling families. The remaining \$500 is reserved for future children's events at the Christian County Library.



Library Outreach Manager Scott Villarreal with storyteller Deb Swanagan who, Villarreal says, "wove fear with strength and courage and determination," at the Arts and Aging in Missouri conference hosted by the Missouri Arts Council in April 2019.



This September Christian County Library is joining the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide for Library Card Sign-Up Month, a time to remind parents, caregivers and students that a library card is the first step towards academic achievement and lifelong learning.

A library card opens a world of infinite possibilities through resources and services that give students the tools to succeed in school and beyond. From STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) programs and family storytimes to online resources for students and parents, libraries transform lives through education.

Libraries offer free and fun educational resources and activities that bring families and communities together. Check out p. 21 of the PageTurner for a full listing of storytimes and events for children, p. 19 for tween events,

and p. 17 for teen events. Libraries also play an important role in the education and development of children. Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.

As part of Library Card Sign-Up month, Christian County Library's Outreach team will be reaching out to county schools this fall, and kids and teens attending participating schools will have the opportunity to sign up for a public library card through their school. The school with most students registered for library cards will win \$200 for their library. Library cards are free to all county residents, and to students and staff of county schools. For more information about how to sign up for a library card, please visit any Christian County Library branch or visit us online at christiancountylibrary.org.



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For the last two years, Christian County Library's weekly yoga classes have been among the most popular programs offered for adults at the libraries in Ozark and Nixa. Taught by instructor Debra Tucker of 417Create Art and Yoga, the classes regularly fill the library's meeting spaces with an average of 20 participants each session. The library is pleased to announce the receipt of a \$1,300 grant from the Nixa Community Foundation that will fund the continuation of yoga classes for one year at the Nixa Branch Library, with the library continuing to fund the classes at the Ozark Branch.

If yoga seems like an odd choice for a library class, Elizabeth Jones disagrees. Elizabeth has regularly attended the yoga class at the Ozark Branch Library since it began in March 2017, and believes the class has made a difference in her life. "I do think it's important that the library continues to offer classes like yoga. Some people can't necessarily afford \$50 or \$60 a month to attend fitness classes — it has to go to diapers and wipes, and other things."

That's part of the reason why the Nixa Community Foundation selected Yoga at the Library as a project worthy

of funding through the Rural Ozarks Health Initiative from the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. The yoga classes funded through NCF impact adults of all ages and income brackets, with the goal of establishing habits of regular physical activity among individuals who for whom economic factors, fitness level, or age have been obstacles in the past. Attendees need not be library cardholders to participate in the class.

Library director Geri Godber explained, "People sometimes think of the library as just a place to check out books, but our mission is really to connect people with any resources that help them learn new ideas and skills and connect with their community — that can be through books or other media, or through classes like yoga, as well as the many other programs we offer."

Instructor Debra Tucker agrees. "Yoga classes at the library make it possible for those who would not go to a gym or exercise regularly because of financial issues, intimidation, time, or scheduling issues to benefit from group discipline by committing to stretching and movement." Debra started



practicing yoga after a brain injury, in the hopes that it would lead to better focus and concentration. Now, she loves it for the flexibility and relaxation it provides. "As an instructor, people in class who have been skeptical about yoga regularly tell me they are amazed at the improvements in their physical and emotional, stress reduction, and overall well-being."

The students who attend the library class are a diverse group, both men and women of all ages, backgrounds, and physical abilities. "The great thing about the class is that everyone is accepted and never feels judged. No matter how much or little they can do, there are lasting benefits," explained Debra.

Elizabeth Jones, who has ridden her scooter in the freezing cold so she wouldn't miss the class, added, "It's a big happy yogi family."

Yoga at the Library happens every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Ozark Branch Library, and every Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Nixa Branch Library.



Stay Connected:

CHECK OUT A WiFi HOTSPOT

Use your library card to
gain access to one week of
FREE wireless internet at
home or on the go.

You can now borrow WiFi hotspots for free with your Christian County Library card! A WiFi hotspot is a small device that you can pair with your mobile device, like a laptop, smart phone, or tablet, in order to access the internet. The hotspot uses cellular data from Sprint, so users will have free and unlimited access to the internet anywhere where Sprint offers service. The library currently owns 15 hotspots, available for checkout at any Christian County Library branch. The device can be borrowed for one week. If all of the library's hotspots are in use, cardholders can request them just like a book—visit coolcat.org, search hotspot, place a hold, and select your desired pick-up location.



Nixa High School student uses Interlibrary Loan service to earn first place in National History Day research competition.



PICTURED (Left to right): MOBIUS/Interlibrary Loan staff Kaleb Phillips and Ann Mathews celebrate Nixa High School student Dallin Attwooll's first place win at National History Day with dad, Charles Attwooll and teacher, Mr. Greg Walker.

Christian County Library offers a number of ways that library patrons can borrow materials from other libraries. The library's contains about 60,000 items, but a library card allows patrons to borrow millions of other items. Patrons can request titles from MOBIUS, a network of public and academic libraries online at searchmobius.org. Or, they can submit a traditional interlibrary loan request at coolcat.org, and library staff can check for availability of items from libraries across the United States. These services are popular among library users in the know, and Christian County Library employs a busy staff to process and handle requests and materials from other libraries.

Last fall, MOBIUS/Interlibrary Loan assistant Ann Mathews started handling some unique requests from Nixa High School student Dallin Attwooll. "He first caught our attention due to the number of requests he was making, It's unusual for a student to ask for that much material," she said. Attwooll borrowed dozens of books through Christian County Library's interlibrary loan program during his research, and library staff were wowed by both his ability to identify sources and his persistence in obtaining them. "As his sources started crossing our desk, we became interested in the research itself," said Mathews. Attwooll was researching the Holodomor, a man-made famine that killed millions of Ukrainians in the 1930s, for his National History Day project.

National History Day is a program for 6th–12th grade students "focused on historical research, interpretation, and creative expression," according to the NHD website. Kelly Matney, one of Attwooll's teachers at Nixa High School, typically

has all his students complete a project. "They gain extreme research skills... they learn how and where to find information. They learn that research is a marathon and not a sprint. They learn how to properly collaborate and interact with librarians, museum curators, and others."

Matney also told the library he starts the year by helping his students get library cards. Greg Walker, Attwooll's other history teacher explained, "Students need to learn that the internet is not the end-all to research. It should be just one piece of the large research puzzle."

The best National History Day projects created by Nixa High School students are entered into a regional contest held at Missouri State University, and may move on to a state-level competition. Attwooll's project this year, a website titled "The Holodomor: A Dictator's Triumph Over a Starving Nation," which his teacher called "one of the most well-researched projects that has come across my desk in years," took first place in its category at the regional competition. It also performed well in the state competition.

Ann Mathews wasn't surprised by Attwooll's success. "He was such a delight to work with—polite, articulate, and enthusiastic."

Visit Dallin Attwooll's National History Day project at 21012759.weebly.com/ Learn more about how Christian County Library's interlibrary loan department can connect you with resources to help you succeed by calling (417) 724-6100.

LIBRARY CON 2019

LibraryCon brings geeky, action-packed fun to Springfield and Christian County, Aug. 16th & 17th.

LibraryCon is a fun and geeky annual event hosted by the Springfield-Greene County Library at the The Library Center in Springfield, MO (4653 S. Campbell Ave.). Christian County Library is partnering with the Springfield-Greene County Library District to bring some fun LibraryCon events and activities to Christian County. LibraryCon kicks off Friday Night with visiting comic artist and writer Eric Shanower at the Nixa Branch from 4:30–6 p.m. (details below). Then you can head north to The Library Center for a concert featuring Harry and The Potters at 7 p.m. Come back to The Library Center on Saturday, Aug. 17 for the main event, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Bring the whole family to meet authors and illustrators, attend a Geeky Storytime or a Draw-Along with artists, meet one of your favorite superheroes, and much more! Look for the red LibraryCon icon  throughout this issue of PageTurner for LibraryCon themed activities happening in Christian County, and visit thelibrary.org/librarycon/ for a full listing of LibraryCon events happening in Springfield.

Comics and Drawing Tips with Eric Shanower

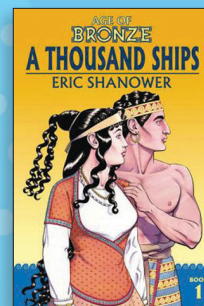
Friday, Aug. 16, 4:30–6 PM at the Nixa Branch



This year the Christian County Library is partnering with the Springfield-Greene County Library to bring Award-Winning, New York Times best-selling cartoonist Eric Shanower to the Nixa Branch on Aug. 16. Shanower will give an overview of his career

writing and drawing comics and graphic novels. He'll demonstrate some basic tips on drawing figures and perspective for all ages to follow. With some audience participation, he'll create a comic right before your eyes!

Shanower will sell and sign books for half an hour after the event. You might know Shanower from his graphic novel series, *Dorothy and the Wizard of Oz*, a unique reimagining of the classic Wizard of Oz story, or *Age of Bronze*, the complete story of the Trojan War retold for a 21st century audience. *This event is open for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.*



TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Get the most from your digital device with Adult Technology Courses.

Need more personalized help? Call (417) 724-6100 to Book-a-Trainer to schedule a one-on-one training session with Library Staff.

Introduction to Kindle Devices

Wednesday, Aug. 7, 3:30–5 PM
at the Nixa Branch

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. *Registration is required and opens July 15. Register online with your library card or call (417) 724-6100.*

Smartphone Workshop

Thursday, Aug. 15, 3:30–5 PM
at the Nixa Branch

In this interactive class, we'll have a brief presentation, and then work together to practice some common tasks. You'll get to try sending a text message, taking and sharing a picture, finding a new app, browsing the web, and more! Please bring your phone with you and make sure the battery is charged. *Registration is required and opens July 15. Register online with your library card or call (417) 724-6100.*

Introduction to Windows 10

Friday, Aug. 30, 3:30–5 PM
at the Nixa Branch

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. *Registration is required and opens July 15. Register online with your library card or call (417) 724-6100.*

Computer Troubleshooting:

Common Issues

Saturday, Sept. 14, 3:30–5 PM
at the Nixa Branch

Is your computer not starting properly or running slowly? Are you concerned about viruses and security for your device? Learn some common solutions and preventative measures that will help you avoid these problems. This class intended for patrons who are comfortable with the basics of computing. *Registration is required and opens Aug. 12. Register online with your library card or call (417) 724-6100.*

Introduction to the Internet

Part I: Connect

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 3:30–5 PM
at the Nixa Branch

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 how to get where you want to go. *Registration is required and opens Aug. 26. Register online with your library card or call (417) 724-6100.*

Introduction to the Internet

Part II: Search

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 3:30–5 PM
at the Nixa Branch

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. *Registration is required and opens Aug. 26. Register online with your library card or call (417) 724-6100.*

3D PRINTING:

You can do that at the library, and
it's easier than you might think!

Bring your ideas out of your imagination
and into reality in just four simple steps:

Step 1: Find (or make) a 3D Model

Thingiverse and Tinkercad are some
free online resources to get you started.

Step 2: Submit your request

Step 3: Pay for your print

Prints cost \$1/hour of printing time.
The library can provide an estimate
before printing.

Step 4: Pick up your item

Visit [christiancountylibrary.org/
3Dprinting](http://christiancountylibrary.org/3Dprinting) to start your project!



Need some inspiration? Over 25 things you can print on the 3D printer:

- Action figures
- Planter for your houseplants
- Replacement parts for tools, tech, and other gear
- Hinges, fasteners, spacers
- Measuring cups
- Plastic containers
- Holiday ornaments
- A cell phone case
- Business card holder
- Scientific models
- Fishing lures
- Golf and football tees
- A door stop
- Lego-style building blocks
- Jewelry
- Guitar picks
- Home decor
- Tablet/cell phone stand
- Bookmarks
- "Flexi" toys with interlocking movable parts
- Keychains
- Dungeons and Dragons or RPG character figures
- Cosplay gear
- A unicorn!
- Cord and cable management tools
- Desktop storage
- Vacuum part adapters
- That one missing boardgame piece...
- + Almost anything else you can imagine.

Introduction to the Internet

Part III: Communicate

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 3:30–5 PM
at the Nixa Branch

Learn how to set up an email account and send and receive email. We'll also discuss the basics of social networks and blogs. *Registration is required and opens Aug. 26. Register online with your library card or call (417) 724-6100.*

Introduction to the Internet

Part IV: Cybersecurity

Wednesday, Oct. 23, 3:30–5 PM
at the Nixa Branch

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. *Registration is required and opens Aug. 26. Register online with your library card or call (417) 724-6100.*

A woman and a man are hula hooping in a park. The woman is on the left, wearing a light-colored long-sleeved shirt and pants, with a green hula hoop. The man is on the right, wearing a yellow and white striped polo shirt and khaki pants, with a blue hula hoop. They are both smiling and have their arms raised. The background shows trees and a grassy area.

EVENTS FOR

ADULTS

For audiences age 18+. Some events are suitable for all ages and will be noted in the description. Children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Explore processes of healthy living and aging in our Health Forum Series at the Clever Branch. Learn tips for growing a happy family and safe community in our library events for Adults this Fall.

MONTHLY BOOK CLUBS FOR ADULTS

Books & Baristas

Tuesdays, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, and Oct. 8

6–7 PM at Walkabout Coffee Shop

1860 N. Commerce Dr., Nixa, MO 65714

Are you a busy adult who'd like some time out to discuss books and drink coffee with fellow literature lovers? Then join us for our monthly book club at Walkabout Coffee Shop.

- **Aug. 13:** *Gather the Daughters* by Jennie Melamed
- **Sept. 10:** *The Alienist* by Caleb Carr
- **Oct. 8:** *The Family Plot* by Cherie Priest

Reading Between the Wines Book Club

Thursdays, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, and Oct. 17

6:30–7:30 PM at Vineyard Market

1759 W. State Hwy. J, Ozark, MO 65721

Adults 21+: Join us at Vineyard Market for a glass of wine and book discussion. Participants are not obligated to drink alcohol to attend, but the 21+ age restriction is required for all in attendance.

- **Aug. 15:** *The 7½ Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* by Stuart Turton
- **Sept. 19:** *Turtles All the Way Down* by John Green
- **Oct. 17:** *The Long Halloween* by Jeph Loeb

Brown Bag and Book Club

Tuesday, Aug. 27, Sep 24, and Oct. 22,

1–2 PM at the Ozark Branch

Join us each month to discuss recent and popular fiction and non-fiction titles. Bring your lunch if you'd like, and we'll provide drinks and dessert.

- **Aug. 27:** *Becoming Mrs. Lewis: The Improbable Love Story of Joy Davidman and C.S. Lewis* by Patti Callahan
- **Sept. 24:** *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead
- **Oct. 22:** *The Ocean at the End of the Lane* by Neil Gaiman

The Librarian's Book Club

Tuesdays, Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 22,

7–8 PM at the Clever Branch

Ages 16+: Have you ever wondered what your librarians are reading? At the Librarian's Book Club we will share a review of our book choices for the month, give reasons why we might recommend the book, and provide read-alike suggestions. *Registration is required for this program. Registration opens on the 1st of the month and closes on the Friday before each session. Call (417) 743-2277 to register.*

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Yoga at the Library

Nixa Branch: Weekly, Every Thursday

Aug. 1–Oct. 31 (except Oct. 10) 6–7 PM

Ozark Branch: Weekly, Every Tuesday

Aug. 6–Oct. 29, 6–7 PM

This gentle, restorative yoga class taught by certified instructor Debra Tucker of 417Create Art and Yoga will introduce students to the basic principles of alignment and technique while slowly strengthening the body and calming the mind.

The Library Venue: Open Mic Music

Monthly on Tuesdays:

Aug. 6, Sept. 3, and Oct. 1

6–7 PM at the Clever Branch

Music in the library? Yes! Come tune in with family and friends.

Bring your voice, or instruments, and your own equipment to share your talent with the community. *All ages are welcome with adult supervision. Registration is required for performers.* Registration opens on the 1st of the month and closes on the Friday before each session. Call (417) 743-2277 to register.



Between the Lines Coloring Club

Monthly on Mondays: Aug. 12 and Sept. 9

6–7 PM at the Clever Branch

Clear away the Monday blues and relieve stress with our coloring club for adults. The library will provide some supplies. You may bring your own if you wish.

Writing the Stories of Our Lives

Monthly on Tuesdays: Aug. 13, Sept. 10, and Oct. 8

Noon–2 PM at the Ozark Branch

Find your voice so you can begin to tell your story in writing. Discover what tools work best for you and find inspiration for the story you want to tell, no matter what it is.

Your Family History

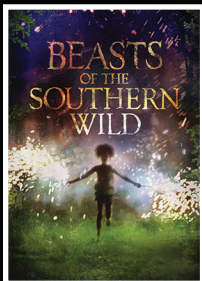
Monthly on Thursdays: Aug. 29, Sept. 26, and Oct. 31, 10:30–11:30 AM at the Clever Branch

Whether you're a seasoned family historian, or a beginner digging up family roots, we can help! Learn how to build your family tree using free library resources. You're welcome to bring your own laptop. *Registration is required and opens at the end of each previous session. Register online with your library card or call (417) 743-2277.*

Friday Film Club

Monthly on Fridays: Aug. 9, Sept 13, and Oct. 11, 6–8:30 PM at the Nixa Branch

Love watching and talking about movies? Each month we'll watch a recent or classic film, and afterward we'll discuss its writing, acting, technical artistry—all of it. The library will provide refreshments, and registration is requested but not required (so we know how much popcorn to make). Don't miss our upcoming movie marquee!



Aug. 9: *Beasts of the Southern Wild*
rated PG-13



Sept. 13:
Gosford Park
rated R



Oct. 11:
The Innocents
Not Rated





Knitting is a great way to destress, engage your mind, or keep focus while listening to an audiobook.

Register for Learn How to Knit in early August to learn the absolute basics of the craft.

MORE EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Crafting Class: Learn How to Knit

**Saturday, Aug. 3, 10 AM–Noon and
Thursday, Aug. 8, 2–4 PM at the Ozark Branch**

Learn the first steps of knitting in this class for absolute beginners. The library will provide US size 8 knitting needles, participants must bring a skein of "worsted weight" yarn. Please register for only one of the two sessions. *Registration is required and opens July 1 for both sessions. Register online with your library card, or call (417) 581-2432.*

Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body

Saturday, Aug. 10, 1–2:30 PM at the Nixa Branch

The Alzheimer's Association will demonstrate Alzheimer's research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement. We will use hands-on tools to learn how to plan for healthy aging. *Registration is required and opens July 13. Register online with your library card, or call (417) 724-6100.*


Health Forum: Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

**Wednesday, Aug. 14, 1:30–2:30 PM
at the Clever Branch**

A representative from the Alzheimer's Association will discuss the disease stages and risk factors of Alzheimers and how it differs from dementia. They'll also go over research and treatment currently available, as well as resources the organization has to offer. *Learn Registration is required. Registration opens Aug. 1 and closes Aug. 12. Register online with your library card or call (417) 743-2277.*

Comics & Drawing Tips with Eric Shanower

Friday, Aug. 16, 4:30–6 PM at the Nixa Branch

Award-winning, cartoonist Eric Shanower will give an overview of his career creating comics and graphic novels. He'll demonstrate some tips on drawing figures and perspective, and create a comic before your eyes! *All ages welcome with adult.* A LibraryCon Event (See p. 7 for details). 



Preserving Your Harvest

Saturday, Aug. 17, 10 AM–Noon at the Ozark Branch

Learn how to preserve your garden vegetables with Mike from White Harvest Seed Company in Hartville, MO. He will go over preserving, canning, and dehydrating so you will be able to enjoy your harvest year round. *Registration is required and opens July 27. Register online with your library card or call (417) 581-2432. All ages are welcome.*

Life Hacks: Love and Logic for Parenting

Monday, Aug. 19, 5:30–7 PM at the Nixa Branch

Learn some simple and effective strategies for parenting children from birth to adulthood using the the "Love and Logic" approach. "Love" is a willingness to set and enforce limits with compassion and empathy and "Logic" allows children to make decisions and learn through natural

consequences. *Registration is required and opens July 15. Register online with your library card or call (417) 724-6100.*

High School Equivalency & Adult Literacy with OTC

Tuesday, Aug. 20, 6–7 PM at the Nixa Branch

Meet Ozarks Technical College instructor Beverly Compton and learn about the college's *free* High School Equivalency courses and other adult literacy programs.



Intro to Tai Chi Fitness

**Wednesday, Aug. 21, 10:30–11:30 AM
at the Clever Branch**

The practice of Tai Chi can strengthen your body, increase coordination, and improve mental alertness. Chuck Mercer, founder and lead instructor of Legacy Martial Art Schools in Springfield, will demonstrate and discuss the art of Tai Chi Chuan. *Registration is required. Registration opens Aug. 1 and closes Aug 19. Call (417) 581-2432 to register.*

Winter Gardening

Thursday, Aug. 22, 6–7 PM at the Ozark Branch

Marla Hull with the Christian County Master Gardeners will offer guidance on how to extend your growing season by using cold frames, and hoop houses. We'll also learn what varieties of vegetables can grow in cold conditions. *All ages are welcome with adult supervision.*

Science Saturday: Tree Identification

Saturday, Aug. 24, 9:30–11 AM at the Ozark Branch

Learn how to identify trees with a forester from the Missouri Department of Conservation, then test your new skills on a short loop around Finley River Park. *All ages are welcome with adult supervision.*

Human Trafficking:

How to Spot It and How to Help

Thursday, Aug. 29, 6–8 PM at the Ozark Branch

Cox Health Forensic Program Coordinator Lana Garcia will give an overview of human trafficking and what it looks like in our area. We'll learn about red flags to look out for and how to intervene using community resources.

Homeschoolers Connect:

Library Resources for Parents

Thursday, Sept. 5, 7–8 PM at the Clever Branch

In this special edition of Homeschoolers Connect we'll demonstrate free resources the library offers that can help enrich your homeschooling experience. Come back with the kids for our monthly Homeschoolers Connect program (see p. 23). *Registration is required. Registration opens Aug. 9 and closes Sept. 3. Register online with your library card or call (417) 743-2277.*

Crafting Class:

Make Your Own Bath Bombs

Saturday, Sept. 7, 11 AM–Noon at the Ozark Branch

Make your own relaxing and vibrant bath bomb and treat yourself to a spa day at home. Things may get a bit messy, so be sure to wear appropriate clothing. *Registration is required. Registration opens Aug. 1 and closes Sept. 4. Register online with your library card or call (417) 581-2432.*

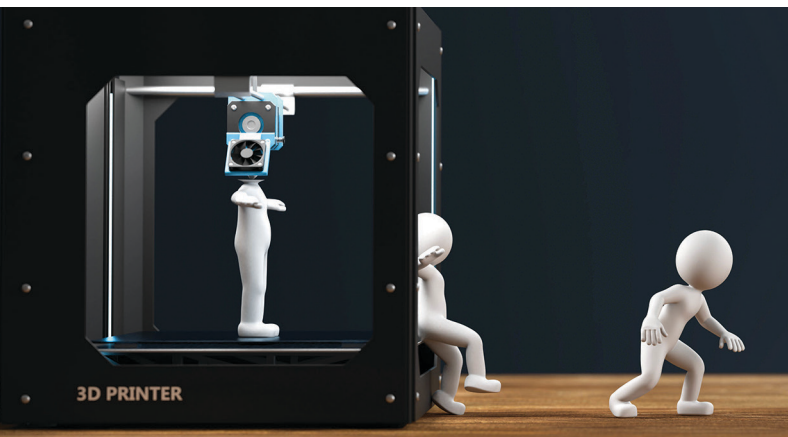
Downton Abbey Tea Time

**Saturday, Sept. 7, 3–4:30 PM
at the Nixa Branch**

Stop by for a delightful afternoon of tea, crumpets, and watch an episode of Downton Abbey, in celebration of the new movie coming this month. *Registration*



is required. Registration opens Aug. 10 and closes Aug. 31. Register online with your library card, or call (417) 724-6100. Ages 12+ are welcome with adult.



Techie Q&A

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 6–7 PM at the Clever Branch

Do you have a burning question about a new technology or need guidance with a device you already own? Drop by our open question-and-answer forum to ask Library IT staff about almost anything tech related. *All ages are welcome with adult supervision.*

Health Forum: Final Wishes

**Wednesday, Sept. 11, 1:30–2:30 PM
at the Clever Branch**

Planning end-of-life wishes can seem a little daunting, but Preferred Hospice is here to help get you started. Preparing ahead of time will help ensure your loved ones will know what to do when the time comes. *Registration is required. Registration opens Aug. 1 and closes Sept. 9. Register online with your library card or call (417) 743-2277.*

Culinary School:

Learn & Sip at Vineyard Market

**Saturday, Sept. 14, 2–3:30 PM at Vineyard Market
(1759 W State Hwy J, Ozark, MO 65721)**

Adults 21+: Heather Davis, owner of Vineyard Market in Ozark, will teach us about the wonders of wine, which will include a tasting. *Registration is required and opens Aug. 15. Register online with your library card or call (417) 581-2432.*

Life Hacks: Teen Suicide Prevention

Monday, Sept. 16, 5:30–7 PM at the Nixa Branch

Age 16+: Suicide is a difficult topic, but as the second leading cause of death for young people ages 15–24, it's too important to ignore. Learn some helpful strategies to discussing this topic with your family, and how to get help. *All ages are welcome. Children under age 16 must have a parent or guardian present. Registration is required and opens Aug. 12. Register online with your library card or call (417) 724-6100.*

In Your Community: Christian County

Emergency Management

Thursday, Sept. 19, 6–7 PM at the Clever Branch

September is National Preparedness Month. The Christian County Emergency Management team will be here to demonstrate what they do for the community and provide guidance on things you can do to be prepared for disasters before they happen. *Registration is required. Registration opens Sept. 1 and closes Sept. 17. Register online with your library card or call (417) 743-2277.*

Science Saturday: "Parasitism and

Symbiosis" with Dr. Chris Barnhart

Saturday, Sept. 21, 2–3 PM at the Ozark Branch

Despite negative stereotypes, parasites are among the world's most sophisticated organisms. They stabilize ecosystems, encourage diversity, and some may even confer health benefits on their hosts. Dr. Chris Barnhart of Missouri State University will discuss all of this and more! *All ages are welcome with adult supervision.*

Crafting Class: Book Folding

Saturday, Sept. 28, 1–3 PM at the Nixa Branch

Come to the Nixa Branch to make decorative folding book art. The only tool you need is your hands! The library will provide books and other materials, but feel free to bring your own book if you'd like. *Ages 12+ are welcome with adult supervision. Registration is required. Registration opens Sept. 7 and closes Sept. 25. Register online with your library card, or call (417) 724-6100.*



Field Trip: National Tiger Sanctuary

Saturday, Oct. 5, 11 AM–Noon

at the National Tiger Sanctuary

518 State Highway BB, Saddlebrooke, MO 65630

National Tiger Sanctuary is a non-profit, rescue organization that provides a permanent home for exotic and domestic animals in Saddlebrooke, MO. Join the library in a guided tour to visit and learn about the sanctuary's big cat residents. This tour will be a ¼ mile walk on gravel paths and approx. one hour long. You may bring strollers, electric scooters, or wheelchairs as needed. Meet us at the Ozark Branch at 10 a.m. to follow us there, or meet at the sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. to check in. The outdoor tour will continue rain or shine, so dress for the weather. *All ages welcome with adult supervision. Registration is required and opens Sept. 7. Attendance is limited to two-people per household. Register online with your library card or call (417) 581-2432.*

Health Forum: Breast Cancer Awareness

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 1:30–2:30 PM

at the Clever Branch

The Breast Cancer Awareness Foundation of the Ozarks will be at the library to inform you about the facts and myths surrounding breast cancer, a disease that can impact anyone's life. They'll also discuss programs and resources they offer and will provide applications for a free screening. *Registration is required. Registration opens Sept. 12 and closes Oct. 7. Register online with your library card or call (417) 743-2277.*

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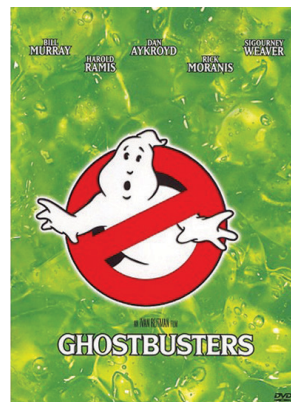
Visit Askinosie Chocolate factory

Friday, Oct. 11, 2–3 PM at Askinosie Chocolate

514 E. Commercial St., Springfield, MO 65803

Take a tour of the nationally-recognized chocolate manufacturer Askinosie Chocolate in Springfield, MO. Get a peak at the entire chocolate-making process from farmers harvesting cocoa pods to the factory mechanical process. And of course, enjoy samples throughout! Meet us at 1:15 p.m. at the Ozark branch to follow us there, or arrive at Askinosie Chocolate at 2 p.m. for the tour. *All ages are welcome with adult supervision. Registration is required and*

opens Sept. 1. Register online with your library card or call (417) 581-2432.



Ghostbusters Party

Saturday, Oct. 12,

**10 AM–5 PM at the
Ozark Branch**

Come hang out at the library for an entire day of ghostly fun! We'll be watching all three Ghostbusters movies and enjoy themed snacks, games and activities for all ages throughout the branch.

We're also hosting two slime-making session for tweens and their families (See Make Your Own Ghostbusters Ectoplasm on p. 21) Film screening times:

- **10–12 PM:** *Ghostbusters* (1984), rated PG
- **1–3 PM:** *Ghostbusters II* (1989), rated PG
- **3–5 PM:** *Ghostbusters: Answer the Call* (2016), rated PG-13



The Library Does That! Missouri History

Thursday, Oct. 17, 6–7 PM at the Clever Branch

Local author Victoria Cosner will share the unbelievably true story about the “murderous matrons of Missouri,” two

Missouri women who used arsenic as a means to get what they wanted at the turn of the 20th century. Cosner has spent the better part of 30 years poking around graveyards and digging for lost pieces of history, so it’s sure to be a spooky and mysterious story. *Registration is required. Registration opens Aug. 1 and closes Sept. 30. Register online with your library card or call (417) 743-2277.*

Crafting Class: Yarn Balls

Saturday, Oct. 19, 11 AM–Noon at the Ozark Branch

Create artful, hollow balls of yarn using balloons, glue, and colorful yarn. This project will be messy and the yarn balls will need to dry at the library for at least a day. *Registration is required. Registration opens Sept. 15 and closes Oct. 16. Register online with your library card or call (417) 581-2432.*

Crafting Class: Horror Icon Pumpkin Painting

Saturday, Oct. 19, 1–3 PM at the Nixa Branch

Celebrate this spooky season with a unique twist on jack-o-lanterns! Join our crafting class to paint a pumpkin in the style of your favorite horror character, then display your art during the fall season. *Registration is required. Registration opens Sept. 28 and closes Oct. 16. Register online with your*

library card, or call (417) 724-6100. Ages 12+ are welcome with adult supervision.

Life Hacks: "Why Can't We All Just Get Along?"

Monday, Oct. 21, 5:30–7 PM at the Nixa Branch

Age 16+: Families are beautiful, complicated, and ever-changing beings. This program will teach different strategies to approach a difficult family member. Learn what you can do to help prevent the feeling of dread in future interaction. *Registration is required and opens Sept. 16. Register online with your library card or call (417) 724-6100.*

Biz & Rec: Amazon Prime

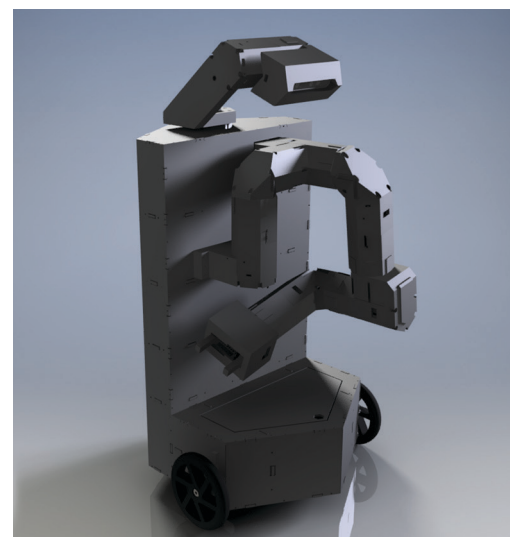
Thursday, Oct. 24, 6–7 PM at the Clever Branch

Do you use Amazon Prime? If you're only using it to get quick shipping time on your online orders, you might not be using your account to its fullest potential. Come to Biz & Rec to learn how you can use Amazon Prime to access and stream movies, music, books and more. *Registration is required. Registration opens Oct. 1 and closes Oct 22. Register online with your library card or call (417) 743-2277.*

Science Saturday: Robotics with Zach Allen


Saturday, Oct. 26, 2–3 PM at the Ozark Branch

Explore the world of robotics with Zach Allen, CEO of Slate Robotics in Springfield, MO. He will discuss the field of robotics, and demonstrate the Slate TR2 model, "a human sized robot for hackers." *All ages are welcome with adult supervision.*

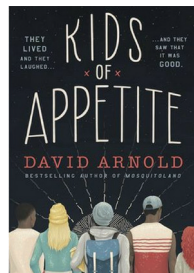


EVENTS FOR TEENS

*For teens in grades 7–12
unless noted otherwise.*

Something mysterious is afoot at the library... Look for the magnifying glass  to find top-secret events, escape room activities, mystery games, and more.

MONTHLY EVENTS FOR TEENS



Teen Book Club

(Grades 9–12): Join us for a discussion of this month's book selection. Meet other teens and enjoy some snacks while you're here! Need a copy of a book? Email the library to place it on hold for you: youthservices@christiancountylibrary.org.

Nixa Branch: Monthly on Thursdays:

Aug. 1, Sept. 5, and Oct. 3, 6–7 PM

- **Aug 1:** *In the Neighborhood of True* by Susan Kaplan Carlton
- **Sept. 12:** *Waiting for Fitz* by Spencer Hyde
- **Oct. 3:** *Kids of Appetite* by David Arnold

Ozark Branch: Monthly on Tuesdays:

Aug. 6, Sept. 3, Oct. 1

- **Aug. 6:** *Waiting for Fitz* by Spencer Hyde
- **Sept. 3:** *Kids of Appetite* by David Arnold
- **Oct. 1:** *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin

Teen Advisory Board

Nixa Branch: Monthly on Tuesdays:

Aug. 6, Sept. 3, and Oct. 1, 4:30–5:30 PM

Ozark Branch: Monthly on Thursdays:

Aug. 22, Sept. 26, and Oct. 24, 4:30–5:30 PM

Grades 8–12: We are dying to know what is cool in the teen world and what kinds of events you want to see happen at the library! Join the advisory board and you will earn volunteer hours, play fun games, and meet other amazing teens in your area. This will also look great on future job and college applications. Sound like a good time? *Apply for a spot on the Teen Advisory Board at the library or online at christiancountylibrary.org/volunteer/. Applications must be approved by library staff before attending.*

Anime Club

Monthly on Tuesdays: Aug. 27, Sept. 24, and Oct. 29 6–7 PM at the Ozark Branch

Come watch anime and eat fun snacks! Vote on what show we watch at the beginning of each meeting. Participants will have a chance to win a prize at the end of the program.

Dungeons and Dragons

Thursday, Sept. 19, and Oct. 17, 5:30–7 PM at the Nixa Branch


Have you ever wanted to be an elf, fight a dragon, or save a village? Join us for the role playing game Dungeons and Dragons and become whatever hero you can imagine. All experience levels are welcome.

Spiderman: Into the Spider-Verse**Viewing Party****Monday, Aug. 12, 5–7 PM at the Nixa Branch**


Join us for a viewing of Spiderman: Into the Spiderverse, the latest animated story in the Spiderman "multiverse." Enjoy snacks, coloring pages, and enter a drawing to win a prize!

A LibraryCon Event (See p. 7 for details). 


Candy Sushi**Tuesday, Aug. 13, 5:30–6:30 PM at the Ozark Branch**

Join us as we watch a food themed Anime show and make sushi out of sweet treats. Participants will have a chance to win a prize! *Registration is required. Registration opens July 23 and closes Aug. 6. Register online with your library card or call (417) 581-2432.* A LibraryCon Event (See p. 7 for details). 

Comics & Drawing Tips**with Eric Shanower****Friday, Aug. 16, 4:30–6 PM at the Nixa Branch**

Award-winning, cartoonist Eric Shanower will give an overview of his career creating comics and graphic novels. He'll demonstrate some tips on drawing figures and perspective, and create a comic before your eyes! *All ages welcome with adult.* A LibraryCon Event (See p. 7 for details). 

Life Sized Clue: Teen Edition**Thursday, Sept. 5, 5:30–7:30 PM at the Ozark Branch**

Can you guess who did it? Bring some friends and play this classic board game in life size form. Whether it was Professor Plum or Miss Scarlet, this program is sure to bring lots of fun! 

After Hours Library Lock-In**Friday, Sept. 6, 4–8 PM at the Nixa Branch**

The library is closed, so it's time to party! Hangout in the meeting room to play games and when the clock strikes five, take over the library! Build a fort, eat delicious snacks, and more!

Life Hacks: Teen Suicide Prevention**Monday, Sept. 16, 5:30–7 PM at the Nixa Branch**

Age 16+: Suicide is a difficult topic, but as the second

leading cause of death for young people ages 15-24, it's too important to ignore. Learn some helpful strategies to discussing this topic with your family, and how to get help. All ages are welcome. Children under age 16 must have a parent or guardian present. *Registration is required and opens Aug. 12. Register online with your library card or call (417) 724-6100.*


#trendingtech**Friday, Sept. 20, and Oct. 18, 3–4 PM at the Clever Branch**

Grades 5–12: Join us to learn about the latest trending technologies. This fall we will be exploring the inspiring world of robotics & 3D printing.

Design Your Own Journal**Tuesday, Oct. 8, 4–5 PM at the Clever Branch**

Design a journal that will express your personal style on the outside as well as the inside! Take it and show it off to all of your friends or keep it for your eyes only.


Forensic Fun and Games**Thursday, Oct. 17, 5:30–7 PM at the Ozark Branch**

Become a Crime Scene Investigator in this detective party. We will play forensic science themed mini-games and enjoy light snacks and drinks. Be sure to let the library know of any allergies. Participants will have a chance to win a prize! 

Life Hacks: "Why Can't We All Just Get Along?"**Monday, Oct. 21, 5:30–7 PM at the Nixa Branch**

Age 16+: Families are beautiful, complicated, and ever changing beings. This program will teach different strategies to approach a difficult family member. Learn what you can say or do to help prevent or stop the feeling of dread in every future interaction. *Registration is required and opens Sept. 16. Register online with your library card or call (417) 724-6100.*

Escape Room**Wednesday, Oct. 30, 6–7 PM at the Nixa Branch**

Test your skills and smarts in this mysterious escape room. Race the clock and uncover secrets to beat the puzzle and win a prize. Can you make it out alive? 



Think you have what it takes to be a kid detective? Look for the magnifying glass to find mysterious games and activities. Your library needs YOU to help solve the mystery!

EVENTS FOR TWEENS

For tweens in grades 3–7 unless noted otherwise.

MONTHLY EVENTS FOR TWEENS

Tween Advisory Board

Ozark Branch: Monthly on Fridays:
Aug. 9, Sept. 13 and Oct. 11, 3:30–4:30 PM
Nixa Branch: Monthly on Tuesdays
Aug. 13, Sept. 10, and Oct. 8, 4:30–5:30 PM

We are dying to know what is 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 Teen Advisory Board at the library or online at christiancountylibrary.org/volunteer/. Applications are required and must be approved by library staff before attending.*

Tinker Tuesday

Monthly on Tuesdays: Aug. 27, Sept. 24, and Oct. 22, 3–5 PM at the Ozark Branch
Grades 1–6: Have you ever wanted to use your imagination to create amazing things? Come use your mind to solve a problem or just make something fun. Every month we'll have new activities to try.

InBeTweens

Monthly on Fridays: Sept. 13, and Oct. 11 3–4 PM at the Clever Branch
Grades 5–8: Fall is all about mystery. Use your skills of deduction to 'Crack the Code' and figure out 'Who Did It' in a round of investigative games and activities.

#trendingtech

Monthly on Fridays: Sept. 20, and Oct. 18 3–4 PM at the Clever Branch
Grades 5–12: Join us to learn about the latest trending technologies. This fall we will be exploring the inspiring world of robotics & 3D printing.

Homeschoolers Connect

Monthly on Fridays: Sept. 27, and Oct. 25 10–11 AM at the Clever Branch
Grades 1–5: Get creative and innovative with other homeschoolers as we work together to take on new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) activities and projects each month. *Registration is required. Registration opens at the end of each previous session and closes three days before each session.* Parents: join us for a special parenting edition of Homeschoolers Connect Thursday, Sept. 5. See (p. 13 for details).

MORE EVENTS FOR TWEENS

Pixar Trivia Night

Thursday, Aug. 15, 4:30–6 PM at the Ozark Branch

If you're a Pixar fan this trivia night is for you. Team up with family or friends to see if your Pixar knowledge extends "to infinity and beyond." All teams must have 3–5 people. Light snacks will be provided. Please notify the library of any food allergies. *Registration is required. Registration opens July 25 and closes Aug. 8. Register online with your library card or call (417) 581-2432.* 📌 A LibraryCon Event (See p. 7 for details).

Comics & Drawing Tips with Eric Shanower

Friday, Aug. 16, 4:30–6 PM at the Nixa Branch

Award-winning cartoonist Eric Shanower will discuss his career creating comics and graphic novels. He'll demonstrate some drawing tips and create a comic before your eyes! A LibraryCon Event (See p. 7 for details). 📌

Mystery Box Food Challenge

Saturday, Aug. 31, 2–3 PM at the Clever Branch

Grades 5–8: One mysterious box. Whatever is inside, it's up to you to make a great tasting dish. Judges will pick a winning dish based on the best taste, presentation, and the cleanest work space. *Registration is required. Registration opens Aug. 2 and closes Aug. 28. Register online with your library card or call (417) 743-2277.* 🔗

Shark Investigation Workshop with Missouri State University

Saturday, Aug. 31, 9 AM–3 PM at the Ozark Branch

Grades 3–5: Sharks are fascinating fish that inhabit our oceans. This workshop, led by Missouri State University Assistant Professor Dr. Stefanie Livers, will explore the adaptations, food chain, and physical characteristics of sharks. This workshop involves the dissection of real preserved sharks. *Registration is required and opens Aug. 10. Register online with your library card or call (417) 581-2432. All participants must be dropped off and signed in and out by a guardian and must bring a packed lunch and water bottle. Guardians must sign a release allowing their child to participate.*



Life Size Clue: Tween Edition

Friday, Sept. 6, 3–5 PM at the Ozark Branch

Can you guess who did it? Bring some friends and play this classic board game in life size form! Whether it was Professor Plum or Miss Scarlet, this program is sure to bring lots of fun! 🔗

Scooby Doo Watch Party

Saturday, Sept. 14, 2–4 PM at the Ozark Branch

Celebrate Scooby Doo's 50th birthday by watching the very first episode of Scooby Doo and chowing down on some scooby snacks! Come dressed up as your favorite character for a chance to win a prize. 🔗

Once in a Blue Moon Book Club

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 4:30–5:30 PM at the Nixa Branch

Read *From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg, and discuss the book with other tweens! Delicious snacks will be provided. Need a copy of the book? Email youthservices@christiancountylibrary.org! 🔗



The Shake Ups: Cartoon Adventure Hour Concert Featuring 50 Years of Scooby Doo!

Friday, Sept. 27, 5:30–6:30 PM at the Nixa Branch

Ruh-roh, Raggy... You're not going to believe this! The Shake Ups are bringing the Mystery, Inc. gang to town to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Scooby Doo! The band will perform a variety of songs about cartoon favorites. Jeepers! You won't want to miss the fun! 🔗

Design your own Journal**Friday, Oct. 4, 3:30–4:30 PM at the Ozark Branch**

Design a journal that will express your style on the outside and the inside! Show it off or keep it for your eyes only. *Registration is required. Registration opens Sept. 13 and closes Sept. 27. Register online with your library card or call (417) 581-2432.*

Make Your Own Ghostbusters Ectoplasm**Saturday, Oct. 12, 10:30–11:30 AM****and 2:30–3:30 PM at the Ozark Branch**

Grades K–7: Celebrate the 35th anniversary of Ghostbusters by making your own slimy ectoplasm. The fun doesn't stop there. See p. 15 for details about our Ghostbusters Party. *Registration is required. Registration*

opens Sept. 21 and closes Oct. 5. Register online with your library card or call (417) 581-2432.

Nintendo Switch Day**Friday, Oct. 18, 10 AM–3 PM at the Ozark Branch**


School is out, so it's a perfect day to hang out at the library. Bring your friends to battle, race, and party. Time slots will be available on a first come first serve basis.

Tween Library Takeover!**Friday, Oct. 25, 1–4 PM at the Nixa Branch**

Take over the library, tweens! Get crafty, compete on the Nintendo Switch, watch anime, devour snacks, and more.



EVENTS FOR KIDS

Fall is a season of mystery. Look for the magnifying glass  to find super-secret mystery events to play and practice your skills of reasoning and deduction.

For kids of all ages and their families, unless noted otherwise.

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY EVENTS FOR KIDS**Family Storytime**

Nixa Branch: Every Thursday, Aug. 1–Oct. 31, 10–10:45 AM and 11–11:45 AM

Clever Branch:

Every Tuesday, Aug. 6–Oct. 29, 11 AM–12 PM

Ozark Branch: Every Wednesday, Aug. 7–Oct. 30, 10–11 AM and 11 AM–Noon

Sparta Fire Station:

Every Tuesday, Aug. 6–Oct. 29, 10–11 AM

Billings City Library: Monthly on the fourth Thursday, 10–10:30 AM

Infants–age 6: 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.

Baby Bounce**Nixa Branch:** Every Friday, Aug. 2–Oct. 25, 9–10 AM

Ozark Branch: Every Thursday, Aug. 1–Oct. 31, 10:30–11:30 AM

Infants–age 2: This storytime 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.

PAWS For Reading**Ozark Branch: Monthly on Mondays:****Aug. 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 21, 4:30–5:30 PM****Nixa Branch: Monthly on Mondays:****Aug. 26, Sept. 23, and Oct. 28, 4:30–5:30 PM****Clever Branch: Monthly on Wednesdays:****Aug. 28, Sept. 25, and Oct. 30, 4:30–5:30 PM**

Read to a dog trained by the Alliance of Therapy Pets! Children who are having reading difficulties can be self-conscious about reading aloud, but reading with a dog can help them relax, build self-esteem, and associate reading with a fun experience.

Tinker Tuesday**Monthly on Tuesdays, Aug. 27, Sept. 24,****and Oct. 22, 3–5 PM at the Ozark Branch**

Have you ever wanted to use your imagination to create amazing things? Come use your mind to solve a problem or just make something fun.

It's Elementary**Monthly on Fridays: Sept. 6, and Oct. 4****3–4 PM at the Clever branch**


Grades K-4: Join us for a fun time at the library! We'll participate in activities, competitions, crafts, games, and more. Each month will be a different surprise!

MORE EVENTS FOR KIDS


Special Guest: Ventriloquist Bernie & Clyde**Friday, Aug. 9, 4–5 PM at the Clever Branch**

The art of ventriloquism has been around for centuries. Special guests Ventriloquist Bernie & Clyde will be here to present a mystery-themed story.

Pixar Trivia Night**Thursday, Aug. 15, 4:30–6 PM at the Ozark Branch**

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Homeschoolers Connect:**Library Resources for Parents****Thursday, Sept. 5, 7–8 PM at the Clever Branch**

In this special edition of Homeschoolers Connect we'll demonstrate free resources the library offers that can help enrich your homeschooling experience. Come back with the kids for our monthly Homeschoolers Connect program (see p. 23). *Registration is required. Registration opens Aug. 9 and closes Sept. 3. Register online with your library card or call (417) 743-2277.*

Life Size Clue: Family Edition**Saturday, Sept. 7, 10 AM–3:30 PM
at the Ozark Branch**

Can you guess who did it? Bring some friends and play this classic board game in life size form! Whether it was Professor Plum or Miss Scarlet, this program is sure to bring lots of fun! 

Scooby-Doo's 50th Birthday Fest!**Friday, Sept. 13, 2–4 PM at the Nixa Branch**

Jinkies! Scooby-Doo is turning 50 years old! Celebrate with cake, mysterious games and activities, and original 1969 episodes of our favorite canine super-sleuth. 

Scooby Doo Popcorn and Pajamas Movie Night

Friday, Sept. 13, 7–8:30 PM at the Clever Branch

Jinkies! It's movie night! Wear your pjs and join us for a Scooby Doo movie night to celebrate the 50th birthday of Scooby Doo. We'll enjoy snacks while we watch. Let the library know about any allergies. [🔗](#)

Tape Town

Friday, Sept. 20, 10 AM–2 PM at the Ozark Branch

Come and take a stroll through Tape Town. Use your imagination and practice engineering while constructing block buildings in the town made of tape. Test your skills to see if you can steer a wooden car through tape mazes and use tape to create a work of art.

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Cartoon Adventure Hour Concert

Featuring 50 Years of Scooby Doo!

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Mystery Games Night

Friday, Oct. 11, 6:30–8:30 PM at the Clever Branch

Are you up for a little spooky competition? Bring your friends and family to compete while making new friends playing mystery board games. [🔗](#)

Make Your Own Ghost Busters Ectoplasm

Saturday, Oct. 12, 10:30–11:30 AM

and 2:30–3:30 PM at the Ozark Branch

Grades K–7: Celebrate the 35th anniversary of Ghostbusters by making your own slimy ectoplasm. Combine ingredients to recreate the famous green ghostly goo. *Registration is required. Registration opens Sept. 21 and closes Oct. 5. Register online with your library card or call (417) 581-2432.*

Classic Batman Trick or Treat

Friday, Oct. 18, 6–7:30 PM at the Nixa Branch

This year marks Batman's 80th birthday! Celebrate in your most fabulous costume and indulge in food, friends, and Batman fun! Bring a container to collect some yummy treats.

Nintendo Switch Day

Friday, Oct. 18, 10 AM–3 PM at the Ozark Branch

Grades 1–7: School is out, so it's a perfect day to hang out at the library. Bring your friends to battle, race, and party. Time slots will be available on a first come first serve basis.

Monster Mash

Saturday, Oct. 19, 2–3 PM at the Clever Branch

Get dressed up in your best monster costume. Work together in teams to follow clues, win contests, and solve mysteries using a treasure map. *Registration is required. Registration opens Sept. 15 and closes Oct. 11. Register online with your library card or call (417) 743-2277 to register.* [🔗](#)

Secret Pizza Party

Saturday, Oct. 19, Noon–1 PM at the Ozark Branch

Pre-K–Grade 5: Shhh... Don't tell anyone! The library is having a super-secret pizza party. Join us for books, crafts, and delicious pizza! *Registration is required. Registration opens Sept. 28 and closes Oct. 12. Register online with your library card or call (417) 581-2432. Anyone who wants pizza must be registered—parents and guardians included.* [🔗](#)

A photograph of a dark blue, textured book cover. A single, dried red maple leaf with some green at the base is placed on the cover. The book is resting on a light-colored wooden surface.

FALL

BOOK SALE

Support your community library at the Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale, Oct. 9–13, happening for the first time at the NIXA BRANCH!

FIND GREAT DEALS ON BOOKS for every age and interest: audiobooks, DVDs, magazines, puzzles and more! Your purchase supports the Christian County Friends of the Library, which in turn supports important Christian County Library projects.

*FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEMBERS can attend the Friends' Preview Sale Tuesday, Oct. 8, 4–8 PM. Non-members can get a 2019 family membership for \$10 or an individual membership for \$6 at the door, or anytime at the Christian County Library.

BOOK SALE HOURS

***Friends' Preview Sale:** Tuesday, October 8: 4–8 PM
Wednesday–Thursday, October 9 & 10: 8:30 AM–8 PM

Friday–Saturday, October 11 & 12: 8:30 AM–5 PM
Sunday, October 13: Noon–4 PM