Christian County LIBRARY

February 2013 Classes, Events, and News

Library Provides Online Homework Tools for Kids and Teens

Do your kids need to do research for a homework assignment, but you don't have time to get to the library? Many families turn to Google, but you can't always trust the source or quality of information available. Help your child ace their assignments without spending extra time or gas. Our kid- and teen-friendly databases contain only educator-approved book excerpts and magazine and journal articles, accessible from your home computer, covering virtually any subject. There's Searchasaurus for elementary school students, and three outstanding sources for junior high and high school students, Issues and Controversies, Today's Science, and World News Digest. All databases are searchable with your library card at http://christiancounty.lib.mo.us/databases.html. Library staff are happy to help you or your children learn to use these resources, in person or over the phone. Just ask!

Meet Author and Paranormal Investigator Wesley Fox

Wesley Fox, author of *The Dark Craft* and *House of Echoes*, will be at the Christian County Library on **Saturday, February 23rd, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** to sign his books and discuss his work. Fox is a guide for Branson Ghost and Legends Tour and the director of Branson Paranormal Chasers. Along with his team of ghost hunters, he investigates phenomena pertaining to ghosts and hauntings throughout Missouri.

Contact Christian County Library
1005 N. 4th Ave. Ozark, MO 65721
Phone:
(417)581-2432
Online at:
http://christiancounty.lib.mo.us
E-Mail:
classes@christiancounty.lib.mo.us

Library Hours

Monday-Friday
8:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Friday-Saturday
8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Closed Sunday

February Holiday Library Closings
Presidents Day: Monday, February 18th

Receive our newsletter by e-mail! Scan this code with your smartphone or sign up on our website.

Library Community Courses

Library Community Courses provide lifelong learning opportunities for the citizens of Christian County. Classes are free.

E-Reader Petting Zoo
Saturday, February 2nd, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Location: Netzer Room, Christian County Library
Have you considered purchasing an e-reader but aren't sure where to start? Would you like to try out different e-readers in a pressure-free setting? Do you have questions about how your e-reader works? Try out a Kindle Touch, Kindle Fire, Nook Simple Touch, Nook Tablet, and an iPad 2. You'll be able to ask library technology staff questions about e-readers, e-books, and Missouri Libraries 2 Go. Registration required. Call (417)581-2432.

Downloading E-Books from Your Library
Saturday, February 9th, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Location: James Room, The Center, Nixa
Get the most out of your Kindle, Nook, iPad, or other e-reader. In this class, you'll learn how to check out and download e-books with your Christian County Library card, then read them on your computer or e-reader. Registration required. Call (417)581-2432.

Introduction to Computers Part I
Monday, February 11th, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Location: Netzer Room, Christian County Library
Can't tell your mother board from your USB drive? This class is for you! Learn the basic terms and use of computers. Registration required. Call (417)581-2432.

Introduction to the Internet
Saturday, February 16th, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Location: Netzer Room Christian County Library
This is a very basic internet class. In this class you will learn terms such as browser, URL, search engines, links, etc. After this class you will be able to open a browser, navigate to a website, and navigate within a website. Registration required. Call (417)581-2432.

Facebook Basics
Saturday, February 23rd, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Location: James Room, The Center, Nixa
This class teaches the basics of Facebook. Learn to set up your profile, find your friends, control your privacy settings, share pictures, notes, wall posts, status updates and more.
Registration required. Call (417)581-2432.

Introduction to Computers Part II
Monday, February 25th, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Location: Netzer Room, Christian County Library
Learn to create and manage folders, organize your computer desktop, change your settings, and discover some nifty programs your computer offers. Registration required. Call (417)581-2432.

View the Library Community Course schedule and register online anytime at http://christiancountylibrary.blogspot.com!

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Library Community Courses and Adult Programs

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 **E-Reader Petting Zoo*** 10:00am CCL
3	4	5 **No Lab**	6	7	8	9 **Downloading E-Books*** 2:00pm Nixa
10	11 **Introduction to Computers Part I*** 5:30pm CCL	12 **Hands-On Computer Learning Lab** 4:30-6:00pm CCL	13	14	15	16 **Introduction to the Internet*** 10:00am CCL
17	18 **Presidents Day LIBRARY CLOSED**	19 **Hands-On Computer Learning Lab** 4:30-6:00pm CCL	20	21	22	23 **Book Signing: Wesley Fox 10am -2pm** **Facebook Basics*2:00pm Nixa**
24	25 **Introduction to Computers Part II*** 5:30pm CCL	26 **Hands-On Computer Learning Lab** 4:30-6:00pm CCL	27	28		

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Kids and Teens Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 *Preschool Storytime 10:30 a.m.*	6 *Preschool Storytime 10:30 a.m.*	7 *O.C. Storytime 9:15 a.m.*	8	9
10	11 *Pets as Listeners* 4:00 p.m.*	12 *Preschool Valentine's Day Party* 10:30 a.m.*	13 *Preschool Valentine's Day Party* 10:30 a.m.*	14 *O.C. Storytime 9:15 a.m.*	15	16
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Programs for Children, Teens, and Families

Storytimes

Preschool Storytime
Stories, songs, and crafts help develop early reading skills. Geared toward 3-5 year olds. Younger children welcome.
- Tuesdays and Wednesdays, February 5th-6th and 19th-27th, 10:30 a.m.

Storytime @ the OC
Join Miss Lucinda from the Christian County Library for storytime at the Ozark Community Center.
- Thursdays, February 7th-28th, 9:15 a.m.

Preschool Valentine's Day Party

Bring your child to celebrate Valentine's Day at the library with games, treats, and stories. Registration required. Call (417)581-2432.
- Tuesday, February 12th, 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 13th, 10:30 a.m.

Movie Day

Saturday, February 23rd, 1:30 p.m. Join us for a free movie and free popcorn and punch. This month's movie is **Red Riding Hood** (2011, rated PG-13, 100 minutes).
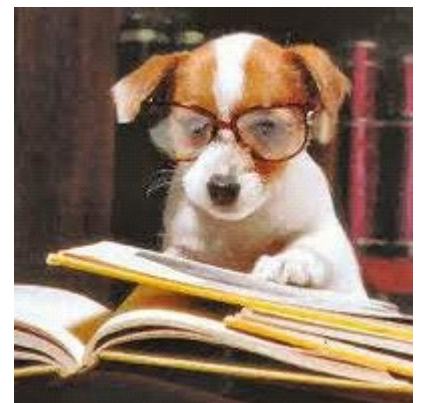
From IMDb.com: Set in a medieval village that is haunted by a werewolf, a young girl falls for an orphaned woodcutter, much to her family's displeasure.

Pets as Listeners

Bring young or reluctant readers to our PALS program to read to Pepper, a dog specially trained by Pet Therapy of the Ozarks. Similar programs have seen students who are reading below grade level raise their competency to at or above grade level. Children are more comfortable reading to a pet who never makes fun of them, never corrects them, and always enjoys their time together. Registration required. Call (417)581-2432.

- Monday, February 11th, 4:00 p.m.
- Monday, February 25th, 4:00 p.m.

Hands-On Computer Learning Lab

Get one-on-one computer help from library technology staff with...

- Setting up an e-mail address
- Learning to use a library database
- Résumé formatting and online job application questions
- Craig's List and Facebook questions
- And much more!

Open Lab in Netzer Room, Christian County Library 4:30-6:00 p.m. Tuesdays in February Except 2/5 NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Make the Most of the Online Library Catalog

There are major advantages to using an online library catalog. You can access the library catalog from any computer with internet access. To search the Christian County Library and Clever Public Library catalog, visit http://coolcat.org/search~S4. From there, you can find materials by searching for a title, author, or Library of Congress assigned subject heading just like a traditional card catalog. COOLcat also allows for a user-friendly keyword search, so you don't have to know the subject headings or exact title of the item you want. If you click on "Advanced Search," you can limit your search by format, like CD audiobook, DVD, or large print book, or search only for materials published before or after a certain year.

Once you locate an item you want in the catalog, you can place a hold on it with your Christian County Library card. Click "View Locations," where you where the item is and whether or not it is checked out. Click "Place a Hold," enter your name and card number, then choose your preferred pick up location: the Christian County Library, Nixa Community Center, Clever Public Library, or Sparta Town and Country. The library staff will take care of the rest, and call you as soon as your item is ready for pick up.

That's not all the online catalog can do. From the main search page click on New Titles in the column on the right. You can view and place on hold titles in your favorite genre or format as soon as they are entered in the catalog, often before they even hit the shelves at the library.

From that same webpage, you can log in to your library account with your library card number to view your checked out items, renew your materials, check on your holds and fines, and see the library programs for which you are registered. You can turn on your reading history to keep track of all materials you check out. You can even add favorite searches—a favorite author, for example—and have an e-mail sent to you when a new item fitting that search is added to the catalog.

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