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TOP RIGHT: Deputy Director Katy Pattison accepting the Missouri Library Association Public Relations Achievement award presented to Christian County Library for its outstanding efforts to raise community support for the new Nixa Branch Library.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Olivia Bacon of Liv’s Sweet Life Bakery and Library Assistant David Eby present their sugar cookie masterpieces decorated at Cooking School at Ozark Branch in December.

ON P. 7: Garden photos by Pam Cox for Christian County Library

ON P. 16–17: *Super Smash Bros. Ultimate* artwork provided by IGDB.com



Technology: whether you need to embrace it or escape it, the library can help



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We are surrounded by technology. It’s a necessary and useful part of our lives. It keeps us connected to people who are far away, helps us to be efficient in our work and home lives, and lets us access information (sometimes reliable, sometimes not) in seconds. But technology can also be frustrating to use and disruptive to our relationships. Public libraries have embraced this paradox, offering both free technology access and education for everyone, and refuge from tech overload in the form of books, storytimes, and opportunities for connecting and learning through classes, events, and book clubs.

How do you want to change the role technology plays in your life right now? Would you like to brush up on basic computer skills, make better use of your

smartphone, or learn more about a specific software program to boost your career? The library offers free classes, both online and in person. Could you use some digital tools to learn a new language, build a business plan, or do genealogy research? The library offers cardholders free access to high-quality resources on these topics and many others.

Maybe you or your family need a break from technology. Join one of our book clubs, take a craft, cooking, or yoga class, or check out some seeds from our seed library, premiering March 1, and start a garden with your family. What we hope for each of you is that being a library user helps make your life just a little better this year, whatever that means for you.

Build your small business or non-profit using your library card

“Christian County Library cardholders have free access to powerful online resources that can assist with starting and operating a business or non-profit organization.”



When starting a new business, entrepreneurs need all the help they can get. Christian County Library cardholders have free access to powerful online resources that can assist with starting and operating a business or non-profit organization, and help businesses and organizations gather detailed and accurate data on community demographics.

The first, Small Business Resource Center, is a free online database that covers all aspects of starting and operating a business, including accounting, finance, human resources, marketing, tax, and more. Combining authoritative periodical and reference content, both novice and experienced entrepreneurs have the guidance and resources they need to jumpstart their business development plans.

The second tool is Small Business Builder, a step-by-step online planning tool for starting, managing and optimizing a business or nonprofit. The program's intuitive dashboard walks users through five areas of exploration to develop a business plan focused on long-term success. After inputting their business information, users end up with foundational documents that can be saved and printed, and even includes tools to help create a pitch deck to use in face-to-face meetings with potential investors and customers.

ReferenceUSA is a premier online source of business and residential information for reference and research. It provides up-to-date, accurate, and complete data on millions of businesses and consumers in the United States and Canada. Businesses and individuals can use this tool to do

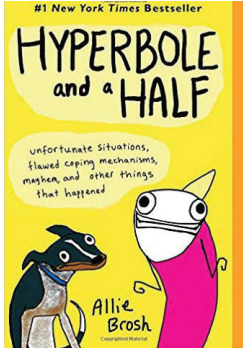
market research, identify partners, or research competitors. It's also useful for identifying potential customers based on interests, buying habits, and demographics. Lists of potential customers can be exported to help create targeted mailing lists.

Lastly, DemographicsNow is an online resource that provides Christian County Library cardholders with access to robust and highly detailed U.S. demographic data. It is ideal for gaining consumer and market insight when opening a business, finding an untapped audience for products or services, analyzing the needs of a given population, and much more. DemographicsNow also allows users to easily produce a variety of standard or customized reports that will help them make informed and accurate decisions.

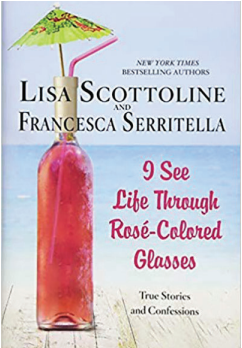
Christian County Library cardholders can access all three of these resources 24/7, on any device by visiting christiancountylibrary.org/research then clicking on Business. Christian County Library can take advantage of the library's Book-a-Trainer program for a free one-on-one appointment with a library technology trainer to learn how to use these resources.



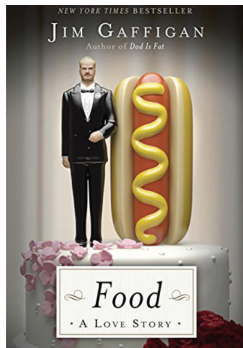
APRIL IS NATIONAL HUMOR MONTH, a celebration of the therapeutic value of humor. Whether you like light-hearted, gentle humor or wicked sarcasm, there's a wide selection of humorous books on the library shelves to suit your tastes. Pick up one of these titles, or consult library staff to help pinpoint just the title to tickle your funny bone. All descriptions and read-alike recommendations are from NoveList Plus, a resource available for use by all Christian County Library cardholders online at christiancountylibrary.org/research.



Hyperbole and a Half by Ali Brosh
In an illustrated collection of stories and essays, Allie Brosh's debut chronicles the many "learning experiences" Brosh has endured as a result of her own flaws, and the horrible experiences that people have endured because she was such a terrible child. Possibly the worst child. For example, one time she ate an entire cake just to spite her mother. Also try: *Let's Pretend this Never Happened* by Jenny Lawson and *Achewood* by Clint Onstad.



I See Life Through Rosé-Colored Glasses by Lisa Scottoline and Francesca Serritella
Whether they are attempting to hike the Grand Canyon, setting up phone calls with their dogs, or learning what "adulthood" means, Lisa Scottoline and Francesca Serritella are guaranteed to make you laugh, cry, and appreciate the funniest moments in life. Also try: *Stuff I Forgot to Tell My Daughter* by Michele A'Court and *One Day You'll Thank Me* by David McGlynn



Food: A Love Story by Jim Gaffigan
In the popular comedian's second book, he gives fans what they crave—hundreds of pages on all things culinary(ish). Insights such as the answer to the age-old question "which animal is more delicious: the pig, the cow, or the bacon cheeseburger?" Also try: *Yes Please* by Amy Poehler and *The Bedwetter* by Sarah Silverman.



Calypso by David Sedaris
This collection of personal essays by the best-selling author of *Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls* and *Me Talk Pretty One Day* shares even more intimate memories from his upbringing and family life, this time focused on middle age and mortality. Also try: *Look Alive Out There* by Sloane Crosley and *There are No Grown-Ups* by Pamela Druckerman.



Where'd You Go, Bernadette? by Maria Semple
When her notorious, hilarious, volatile, talented, troubled and agoraphobic mother goes missing, teenage Bee begins a trip to the ends of the earth to find her. Also try: *South Pole Station* by Ashley Shelby and *The Financial Lives of the Poets* by Jess Walters.

The Heirloom Seed Library returns to the Ozark Branch

Christian County Library will launch a seed library for the third year at the Ozark and Clever Branches beginning March 1. Just like previous years, each library cardholder will be able to take home up to four packets of seeds to jumpstart a garden, try their hand at growing a new variety, or help their children learn a bit about gardening. The seeds available this year are donations from several heirloom seed vendors, including Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds, Seed Savers Exchange Heirloom Seeds, and White Harvest Seed Company.

Like last year, the Ozark Branch will hold a seed swap Saturday, February 2 from 1–3 p.m. where community members can bring in seeds they saved from their gardens and take seeds home that others have saved. "All of this goes along with the library's mission to encourage lifelong learning," said Katy Pattison, CCL Deputy Director. "We're grateful to the companies that donate seeds so that our community members can experience what it means to grow their own food, save seeds from year to year, or garden with their children."

"We've heard a lot of positive feedback and stories from library patrons about the seed library over the past few years," said Pattison, "but one of our own staff members showed us the impact it had on her own experience with some photos."

Pam Cox hadn't planted a garden for several years, and used seeds from last year's seed swap and seed library to grow some flowers, herbs, and some giant pumpkins at home. "I love all the bees and the butterflies that the plants attract," she said. "The fresh basil seeds saved me tons of money that I would ordinarily spend to make Thai food with. I used my pumpkins for fall decorations and the sunflower seeds for wildlife food this winter, and then harvested seeds that I'll bring in for the seed swap this year."



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TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Computer Troubleshooting: Common Issues

Wednesday, Feb. 13, 3:30–5 PM
at 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. *Registration is required. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Jan. 21.*

Introduction to Kindle Devices

Wednesday, Feb. 20, 3:30–5 PM, at 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. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Jan. 21.*

Introduction to Apple Devices

Wednesday, Feb. 27, 3:30–5 PM, at Nixa Branch

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. *Registration is required. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Jan. 21.*

Buying and Selling Online

Wednesday, March 6, 3:30–5 PM, at Nixa Branch

Whether you want to buy from Amazon or sell locally, this class is for you. We’ll discuss how to have a good

experience and avoid the pitfalls of Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, Etsy, and more. *Registration is required. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Jan. 21.*

Introduction to Android Devices

Thursday, March 14, 3:30–5 PM, at Nixa Branch

Learn the basics of your Android device, including managing security and privacy, downloading apps, taking photos, communicating with others, and more. *Registration is required. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Feb. 18.*

Introduction to Windows 10

Wednesday, March 20, 3:30–5 PM, at 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. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Feb. 18.*

Introduction to the Internet Part I: Connect

Wednesday, April 3, 3:30–5 PM, at 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. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Feb. 18.*

Introduction to the Internet Part II: Search

Wednesday, April 10, 3:30–5 PM, at 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. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Feb. 18.*

Introduction to the Internet Part III: Communicate

Wednesday, April 17, 3:30–5 PM, at 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. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Feb. 18.*

Introduction to the Internet Part IV: Cybersecurity

Wednesday, April 24, 3:30–5 PM, at 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. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Feb. 18.*

Need more personalized help with a tech issue?

BOOK-A-TRAINER

for one-on-one help from a library technology trainer. Call the library or visit christiancountylibrary.org to request an appointment. You can:

- Get to know your new computer or device.
- Learn how to download and check out eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, and more using your smart phone or tablet.
- Receive tailored-for-you training on how to use the library’s online resources for business, history, genealogy, and educational research.
- Access the skills you need for career or business development such as: setting up an email account, creating your resume, starting out with Microsoft Word and Excel, using Google Drive, and more.

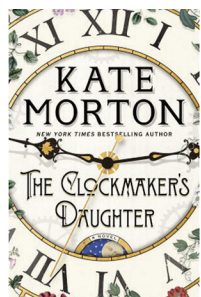


EVENTS FOR ADULTS

For audiences age 18 or older,
unless noted otherwise.

MONTHLY BOOK CLUBS

No Time to Read a Book Club



Thursday, Feb. 7, March 7, and April 4; 7:30–8:30 PM, at Clever Branch

Do you love to read but struggle to find time to finish a book? You will only need to read a few chapters of the book, then we will put the pieces of the story together as a group. Can you restrain

yourself from reading the entire book before we meet?

Registration is required. Call (417) 743-2277 to register.

- **Feb. 7:** *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah.
Registration opens Jan. 2.
- **March 7:** *Sold on a Monday* by Kristina McMorris.
Registration opens Feb. 1.
- **April 4:** *The Clockmaker's Daughter* by Kate Morton.
Registration opens Mar. 1.

Books & Baristas

**Tuesday, Feb. 12, March 12, and April 9
6–7 PM, at Walkabout Coffee Shop,
1860 N. Commerce Dr., Nixa, MO 65714**

(Except Feb. 12, which will take place at Nixa Branch)



Visiting Author,
Donald Quist: Feb. 12

Are you a busy adult who'd like some time out to discuss books with fellow literature lovers? Then join us for our book club at the Walkabout Coffee Shop in Nixa!

- **Feb. 12:** *For Other Ghosts* by Donald Quist.
The February edition of Books and Baristas and will take place at Nixa Branch, and will feature a guest visit from Pushcart Prize winner, 2017 International Book Awards Finalist, and Missouri author, Donald Quist. Mr. Quist will take part in a book discussion about his

recent short-story collection, *For Other Ghosts*, and talk about his other writings and career.

- **March 12:** *The Secret History of Wonder Woman* by Jill Lepore
- **April 9:** *One Day We'll All Be Dead and None of This Will Matter* by Scaachi Koul

The Continuing Story Book Club



Wednesday, Feb. 13, March 13, and April 10; 1:30–2:30 PM, at Clever Branch

Want to get hooked on a new book series? This book club will start a series one month and continue the story with the next book each month until the series is finished or voted to be changed. On Feb. 13 we'll be

reading *Where Two Hearts Meet* by Liz Johnson. *Registration is required. Call (417) 743-2277 to register and find out which book in what series we'll be reading on March 13 and April 10. Registration opens the 1st day of the prior month.*

Brown Bag & Book Club



Tuesday, Feb. 26, March 26, and April 23; 1–2 PM, at Ozark Branch

Each month we'll discuss recent and popular fiction and non-fiction titles. Bring your lunch if you like, and the library will provide drinks and dessert.

- **Feb. 26:** *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate
- **March 26:** *Little Heathens: Hard Times and High Spirits on an Iowa Farm During the Great Depression* by Mildred Armstrong
- **April 23:** *A Rising Man* by Abir Mukherjee

MONTHLY EVENTS

Around the World Geography

**Monday, Feb. 4, March 4, and April 1
4–5 PM, at Clever Branch**

Travel to places near and far, find new international recipes, and delve into the history and culture that make up our world. Feel free to bring your own laptop. *Registration is required. Call (417) 743-2277 to register. Registration opens the 1st day of the prior month.*

The Library Venue: Open Mic Music

**Tuesday, Feb. 5, March 5, and April 2
7–8:30 PM, at Clever Branch**

Music in the library? Yes! Come tune in with family and friends. Bring your instruments, voice and equipment to share your music with us; covers are fine too. *All ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.*

Friday Film Club

**Friday, Feb. 8, March 8, April 12
6–9 PM, at Nixa Branch**

Movies are an engaging medium for storytelling and can be analyzed like a work of literature. Join us to view an important film and discuss its narrative structure, technical artistry, screenplay, and symbolism. *Registration is encouraged. Call (417) 724-6100 to register.*

- **Feb. 8:** *Life of Pi*, rated PG
- **March 8:** *Days of Heaven*, rated PG
- **April 12:** *Blue Jasmine*, rated PG-13

Wanderlust: A Travelogue Series

At Nixa Branch

Explore the world from Christian County! Travelers will give interactive presentations on their tours of lands near and far.

- **Saturday, Feb. 9, 1–2 PM:** "Israel" with Velma Merritt
- **Friday, March 15, 2–3 PM:** "Ukraine" with Alyssa Tabor
- **Friday, April 19, 2–3 PM:** "Germany" with Kaleb Phillips

Between the Lines Coloring Club

**Monday, Feb. 11, March 11, and April 8
6–7 PM, at 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

**Tuesday, Feb. 12, March 12, April 9
Noon–1:30 PM, at Ozark Branch**

Find your voice so you can begin to tell your story in writing. Susan Rogers will help you find inspiration for the story you want to tell, no matter what it is.

Not Your Average BINGO

**Thursday, Feb. 21, March 21, and April 18
10:30–11:30 AM, at Clever Branch**

Come play BINGO with us! Join us every third Thursday of each month as we play a classic game with a literary twist.

Life Hacks

Saturday, Feb. 23 and March 9, at Nixa Branch

Let's explore the how-tos of being an adult together. Each month a special guest will present tips, tricks, and clever ways to approach a practical life skill.

- **Feb. 23, 11 AM–12:30 PM:** "Home Staging" with Simply Staging by Amy
- **March 9, 1–2 pm:** "Spring Cleaning — Decluttering & Organizing" with 2B Organized

Science Saturday

**Saturday, Feb. 23, March 23, and April 20
2–3 PM, at Ozark Branch**

Science is happening all around us. Learn from local experts about the science behind our everyday lives.

- **Feb. 23:** "Paleontology of the Ozarks" with Damon Bassett from Missouri State University
- **March 23:** "The Science of Beer" with Mother's Brewing Company (ages 21+ only)
- **April 20:** "Meteorology" with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Your Family History

**Thursday, Feb. 28, March 28, and April 25
10:30–11:30 AM, at Clever Branch**

Whether you're a seasoned family historian, or beginner at digging up family roots, we can help! Build your family tree using library resources. Feel free to bring your own laptop. *Registration is required. Call (417) 743-2277 to register. Registration opens the 1st of each month.*

WEEKLY EVENTS

Yoga at the Library

Nixa Branch: Every Thursday,

Feb. 7–April 25, 6–7 PM

Ozark Branch: Every Tuesday,

Feb. 5–April 30, 6–7 PM (No yoga in Ozark

April 9 due to Friends of the Library book sale)

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

MORE EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Art Exhibit: Acrylic Paintings of Herons

by Olivia McCaill

On Display Feb. 1–April 30, at Ozark Branch

During library hours (See p. 2 for hours)

Olivia McCaill is a local artist who shows her work at the Finley River Gallery.

Bullet Journaling Series

Thursday Feb. 7, March 7, and April 4

6:30–8 PM, at Ozark Branch

Katherine Pate will introduce bullet journaling, a scheduling and organization technique rising in popularity. Basic notebooks will be provided or you can bring your own. *Registration is required. Call (417) 581-2432 to register.*

- **Feb. 7: Beginner's Class.** An introduction to the basics of bullet journaling. *Registration opens Jan. 1.*
- **March 7: Intermediate Class.** Learn intermediate bullet journaling skills, like creating and using an index. *Registration opens Feb. 7.*
- **April 4: Advanced Class.** Go beyond scheduling. Use your journal as a diary or memory book. *Registration opens March 7.*

Crafting Class:

Pop-Up Cards for Any Occasion

Saturday, Feb. 9, 10:30–11:30 AM, at Ozark Branch

Create pop-up greeting cards for Valentine's Day, birthdays, or any occasion. Crafting supplies will be provided.

Book Speed Dating

Saturday, Feb. 9, 2–3 PM, at Ozark Branch

Find your new match! We'll spend three minutes per round getting to know selected books from various genres. Maybe you'll discover a new literary love.

Cooking School:

Vegan Comfort Food

Saturday, Feb. 16, 1–2 PM, at Ozark Branch

Join us in preparing some comfort food classics, with a vegan twist. Just in time for the colder months. *Registration is required. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Jan. 26.*

Crafting Class: Paper Flowers

Saturday, March 2, 11 AM–noon, at Ozark Branch

While you're waiting for spring flowers to bloom, learn to create a lovely bouquet of flowers from paper. *Registration is required. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Feb. 1.*

Cooking School: Marvelous Muffins

Saturday, March 9, 1:30–2:30 PM, at Ozark Branch

Join baker and librarian David Eby to learn how to make delicious morning muffins. *Registration is required. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Feb. 9.*

LIBRARY FOUNDATION
TRIVIA
NIGHT!

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Library Foundation Trivia Night

Saturday, Feb. 23, 6–9 PM, Doors

open at 5:30, at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church Parish Hall, 1796 State Hwy. NN, Ozark, MO 65721

Join the Christian County Library Foundation in a night of trivia. Mingle with your fellow community members, test your cultural knowledge, and help raise funds that contribute to the growth and development of Christian County Library. There will be a silent auction, light refreshments, and cash bar. Tickets are \$25 and are available at any Christian County Library branch location.

Techie Q&A

Tuesday, March 12, 6–7 PM, at Clever Branch

Do you have a burning question about a new technology or need guidance with a device you already own? All ages are invited to this open question-and-answer forum to ask Library IT staff about almost anything tech related.

Friends of the Library Meeting

Saturday, March 16, 10–11 AM, at Ozark Branch

All Friends of the Library members are invited and encouraged to attend the spring meeting, where we'll discuss and vote on the details of the spring book sale and other Friends of the Library business. Not a member? Join at the meeting for \$6, or anytime at the library.

Anne of Green Gables Movie Party

Saturday, March 16, 1–4:30 PM, at Ozark Branch

Fly on the wings of anticipation and descend to the depths of despair with heroine Anne Shirley at a showing of the classic 1985 miniseries *Anne of Green Gables*. We'll serve raspberry cordial as we watch her transform from a plucky orphan to a strong young woman. *All ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.*

Musical Movie Marathon

Wednesday, March 27, noon–8 PM, at Ozark Branch

Come experience a day-long marathon of musicals through the ages. Feel free to sing along if you like! *All ages are*

3rd Annual Seed Swap

Saturday, Feb. 2, 1–3 PM, at Ozark Branch

Help us kick off the return of the Heirloom Seed Library (See p. 7) by participating in our Annual Seed Swap. Do you have an abundance of seeds harvested from your garden or left over from last season? Bring them to our swap meet to share with the community and take some new ones home with you. The Christian County Master Gardeners will be here to answer questions. The library will provide some seeds as well.



welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

- **Noon:** *Mary Poppins*, rated G
- **2:30 PM:** *Fiddler on the Roof*, rated G
- **6 PM:** *The Greatest Showman*, rated PG

Framed Pinecone Flowers

Saturday, March 30, 1–3 PM, at Nixa Branch

Ring in the spring season with a unique take on framed flowers. Come to the Nixa Branch to decorate pinecones in an array of springtime colors, then glue them to a frame for the perfect piece of DIY décor. All supplies provided by the library, but feel free to bring your own pinecones, frames, or accessories if you’d like! *Registration is required. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens Mar. 2.*

Humor Month Movie Afternoon



Saturday, April 6, April 13, April 20, and April 27, 1–3 PM, at Ozark Branch

We’re celebrating National Humor Month with a comedy movie every Saturday afternoon in April. *All ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.*

- **April 6:** *The Emperor’s New Groove*, rated G.
- **April 13:** *Space Jam*, rated PG.
- **April 20:** *School of Rock*, rated PG-13.
- **April 27:** *The Road to El Dorado*, rated PG.

Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale

Friends Night Pre-Sale: Tuesday, April 9, 4–8 PM
Book Sale: Wednesday, April 10–Sunday, April 14
Hours: Wednesday & Thursday: 8:30 AM–8 PM
Friday & Saturday: 8:30 AM–5 PM
Sunday: 12 PM–4PM

The Christian County Friends of the Library spring book sale offers incredible bargains for book lovers. Books for every age and interest, audiobooks, DVDs, magazines, puzzles and more will be available for purchase. Not only will you receive a great deal on books, but your money supports the Friends of the Library, which in turn supports important library projects. Friends of the Library members can attend the pre-sale, Tuesday April 9 from 4–8 p.m. for

the best selection. 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.

Around the World in Noodles

Thursday, April 18, 1–3 PM, at Ozark Branch

For World Heritage Day, we will have samplings of different noodles from around the world. Vegan and vegetarian options will be available. *All ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please let a librarian know of any food allergies before sampling.*

Mike Schur-athon

Thursday, April 25, 6–8:30 PM, at Ozark Branch

Tv writer and producer Mike Schur has shaped comedy of the last decade through the television shows *The Office*, *Parks & Recreation*, *Brooklyn 99*, and *The Good Place*. We will watch one episode from each of these four shows and discuss them afterward. Snacks will be provided.



Field Trip:

Missouri Institute
of Natural Science

Saturday, April 27, 11 AM–2 PM
at the Missouri Institute of Natural Science
2327 W. Farm Rd. 190, Springfield, MO 65810

Travel with us to the local Missouri Institute of Natural Science, where we’ll learn about the vast history of our planet through interaction with dinosaur bones millions of years old, stories of mining history in the area, and even the opportunity to hike and dig for fossils yourself! Gather at the Nixa Branch library at 10:30 a.m., or meet us at the Institute by 11 a.m. *This field trip is suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required. Limit: four people per household. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens March 30.*



EVENTS FOR TEENS

For Teens in grades 7–12 unless noted otherwise.

Nintendo Switch video game kits will be available to check out February 4 (See p. 23). To celebrate, we're challenging you to a teens-only Smash Bros. Ultimate tournament on March 12 (p. 17).

MONTHLY EVENTS

Teen Advisory Board

Nixa Branch: Tuesday, Feb. 5, March 5, and April 2; 4:30–5:30 PM

Ozark Branch: Thursday, Feb. 28, March 28, and April 25; 4:30–5:30 PM

Teens (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/ Forms must be filled out and approved before attending a meeting.

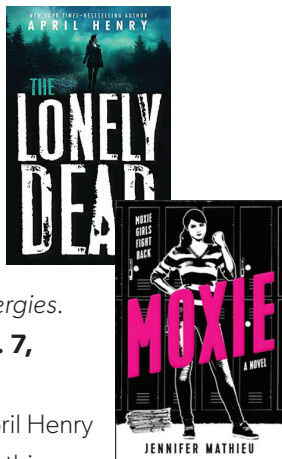
Teen Book Club

Join us for a discussion of this month's Young Adult book selection. Bring a friend! Snacks will be provided. Need a copy? Email youthservices@christiancountylibrary.org.

Please notify the library of any allergies.

Nixa Branch: Thursday, Feb. 7, March 7, and April 4; 4–5 PM

- **Feb. 7:** *The Lonely Dead* by April Henry
- **March 7:** *Moxie* by Jennifer Mathieu
- **April 4:** *Walk On Earth a Stranger* by Rae Carson



Ozark Branch:

Tuesday, Feb. 5, March 5, and April 2; 4–5 PM

- **Feb. 5:** *Moxie* by Jennifer Mathieu
- **March 5:** *Walk on Earth a Stranger* by Rae Carson
- **April 2:** *Sky in the Deep* by Adrienne Young



#trendingteens

Friday, Feb. 22, March 29, and April 26
4–5 PM, at Clever Branch

Are you up for the challenge of games, activities, arts, and crafts? Bring a friend and be a part of what's #trending for the day.

Anime Club

Tuesdays, Feb. 26, March 26, and April 30
6–7 PM, at Ozark Branch

Come watch the first couple episodes of a popular or trending anime each month and eat fun snacks! We will make themed buttons to go along with the anime we're watching. Can you collect them all?

- **Feb. 26:** *Fruits Basket*
- **March 26:** *Ancient Magus Bride*
- **April 30:** *Ouran High School Hosts Club*

After Hours Library Lock-In

Friday, Feb. 1, 6–8 PM, at Nixa Branch

The library is closed, so it's time to party! Build a fort, have a snowball fight, eat delicious snacks, and more.

The Princess Bride Movie Party

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 4–6 PM, at Ozark Branch

Join us as we watch the 1987 fairytale adventure based on the William Goldman novel *The Princess Bride*. This offbeat romantic comedy will be accompanied with themed snacks and drinks. Seating is limited for this event so be sure to register online or by calling the library at (417) 581-2432. Registration opens Jan. 16.

Crayon Art

Nixa Branch: Tuesday, Feb. 19, 4–6 PM

Ozark Branch: Wednesday, Feb. 20, 4–6 PM

Come help us clean out our stash of old crayons in this melty craft! Let your creativity flow free as you design your melted masterpiece. Make it a sight to remember and a piece to cherish forever.

Teens Nintendo

Smash Bros. Tournament

Tuesday, March 12, 4–6:30 PM, at Ozark Branch

Do you love playing Nintendo's *Smash Bros.*? Do you love playing on Nintendo's Switch game console? We've got both in this awesome teens-only program! Snacks and drinks will be provided, too. Please let a librarian know about any food allergies.

- **4–5 PM:** *Smash Bros. Ultimate* Tournament
- **5–6:30 PM:** Open-play on the consoles

Anime Night

Wednesday, March 13, 2–4 PM, at Nixa Branch

Anime fans unite! Join us for a night of anime, snacks, and fun. We'll watch a popular or trending anime and make themed buttons to go with it.

Make Your Own Terrarium

Wednesday, March 20, 5:30–6:30 PM
at Ozark Branch

Celebrate the first day of Spring by making your own terrarium! This take-home craft will be the perfect addition to a work space or bedroom. Seating is limited for this event so be sure to register online or by calling the library at (417) 581-2432.

Sharpie Tie-Dye T-Shirts

Nixa Branch: Thursday, April 11, 4–5:30 PM

Ozark Branch: Wednesday, April 10, 4–5:30 PM

Make a tie-dye t-shirt without the mess in this colorful program! We will be using Sharpies instead of dye for a unique twist on traditional tie-dye methods. Please bring a plain white t-shirt of your own to this program.

Silent Library

Tuesday, April 16, 4:30–6:30 PM, at Ozark Branch

Can you stay silent in this comical program? Perform silly acts without getting too loud, or face the consequence! Some of the challenges will include food. Please let a librarian know about any food allergies when you register. Seating is limited for this event so be sure to register online or call the library at (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Mar. 26.

EVENTS FOR TWEENS

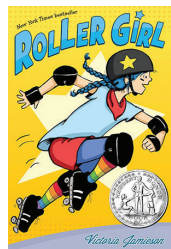
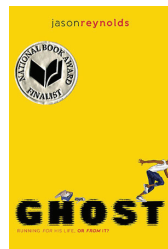
For Tweens in grades 3–7 unless noted otherwise.

MONTHLY EVENTS

Tween Book Club

**Saturday, Feb. 2, March 2, and April 6
3–4 PM, at Ozark Branch**

Join other tweens to talk about a new book and snack on some light treats. Pick up a copy of this month's book at the library, or see a youth services staff member to put one on hold today.



- **Feb. 2:** *Counting Thyme* by Melanie Conklin
- **March 2:** *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds
- **April 6:** *Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson

Tween Advisory Board

**Nixa Branch: Tuesday, Feb. 12, March 12,
and April 9; 4:30–5:30 PM**

**Ozark Branch: Friday, Feb. 8, March 8,
and April 12, 3:30–4:30 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 Tween Advisory Board at the library or online at christiancountylibrary.org/volunteer/ Forms must be filled out and approved before attending.

Tween Tangled

**Friday, Feb. 15, March 15, and April 19
3–4 PM, at Clever Branch**

Craft something new with us each month! Bring a friend or make new ones while we get creative with a variety of fun activities.

Tinker Tuesday

**Tuesday, Feb. 26, March 26, April 23
3–5 PM, at Ozark Branch**

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 will have new activities to try. Join us anytime from 3–5 p.m.

Board Game Afternoon

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 1:30–4:30 PM, at Nixa Branch
Play boardgames with us all afternoon long. "Unicorn Glitterluck," "Spaceteam," and "Ticket to ride" are just a few of the fun options we'll have!

Pancake Wars!

Saturday, Feb. 9, 10–11 AM, at Ozark Branch

Do you love to test out new food combinations? Show off your knack for flavor by making the most original, tastiest pancake. *Registration is required for this event so be sure to register online or call the library at (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Jan. 19.*

Indoor Snowball Fight

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 3:30–5 PM, at Ozark Branch
It might be cold outside, but we will stay warm during this indoor snowball fight. Build a fort with your team to keep you safe from incoming snowballs.

Library Spirit Week: Wizard Camp

Thursday, March 14, 9:30AM–4 PM, at Ozark Branch
Come to the library for a day of wizarding fun with Christian County 4-H. Get sorted, take a "Care of Magical Creatures" class with the Dickerson Park Zoo, and play games to earn house points. *Registration is required. Participants are required to bring their own lunch, and parent/guardian must sign child in/out upon drop off and pick up. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Feb. 21.*

Library Spirit Week: Nintendo Day

Thursday, March 15, 10 AM–4 PM, at Ozark Branch
All Ages: Sitting at home with nothing to do? Come to the

We're learning about computers from the inside out at Tech Take-Apart on March 22 (p. 19).

MORE EVENTS FOR TWEENS

library and show off your Nintendo Switch skills! *Sign up for the competition of your choice at the Ozark children's area desk thirty minutes before the start of the tournament.*

- **10–11 AM:** Mario Kart Tournament
- **11 AM –2 PM:** Open Play on the consoles
- **2–4 PM:** Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament

Tech Take-Apart

Friday, March 22, 3:30–4:30 PM, at Nixa Branch

Have you ever wondered how a computer works or what it looks like on the inside? Help take apart a computer and learn about the different components with our IT department. *Registration is required for this event so be sure to register online or call the library at (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens March 1.*



Make Fun of the Movie: The Emoji Movie

**Friday, April 5, 4–6 PM
at Nixa Branch**

Get your snark on and watch *The Emoji Movie*, rated PG. Don't hold back the witty comments and make sure everyone can hear you!

Fluffy Slime! Tween Edition

Tuesday, April 9, 4–5 PM, at Ozark Branch

Springtime is here! Celebrate by making your very own spring-themed fluffy slime. *Registration is required for this event so be sure to register online or call the library at (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens March 19.*



EVENTS FOR KIDS

For Kids and Families of all ages, unless noted otherwise.

Be our guest! Visit the library throughout April to meet and enjoy stories with real Disney Princesses (See p. 22).

MONTHLY EVENTS

It's Elementary!

**Friday, Feb. 1, March 1, and April 5
3:30–4:30 PM, at Clever Branch**

Come join in the fun by participating in activities, competitions, crafts, games, and more. Each month will be a different surprise!

Game Night at the Library

**Friday, Feb. 8, March 8, and April 12
6:30–8:30 PM, at Clever Branch**

Are you up for a little friendly competition? We will meet every second Friday of the month for board games, dominoes, cards, trivia, BINGO, and more. Bring your friends and family to compete with and meet new friends.

PAWS For Reading

Clever Branch: Wednesday, Feb. 27, March 27, and April 24, 4:30–5:30 PM
Nixa Branch: Monday, Feb. 25, March 25, and April 22, 4:30–6 PM
Ozark Branch: Monday, Feb. 11, March 11, and April 8; 4:30–6 PM

Read to a dog trained by the Alliance of Therapy Pets in this program! Children who are having reading difficulties

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.

Homeschoolers Connect

**Friday, Feb. 22, March 29, and April 26
10–11 AM, at Clever Branch**

School age (grades 2–4): 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. Call (417) 743-2277 to register. Please register once for each child that will attend. Registration opens on the first day of each month.*

Tinker Tuesday

**Tuesday, Feb. 26, March 26, April 23
3–5 PM, at Ozark Branch**

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 will have new activities to try. Join us any time from 3–5p.m.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Baby Bounce

Nixa Branch: Every Friday,
Feb. 1–April 26, 10–11 AM
Ozark Branch: Every Thursday,
Feb. 7–April 25, 10:30–11:30 AM

Families with infants–age 2: This storytime includes finger plays, action rhymes, and plenty of songs for parents and babies to do together! Your child will learn early literacy skills that will help them grow into eager readers using Racing to Read, the library's early literacy initiative.

Family Storytime

Clever Branch: Every Tuesday,
Feb. 5–April 30, 11 AM–noon
Nixa Branch: Every Thursday,
Feb. 7–April 25, 10–11 AM and 11 AM–noon
Ozark Branch: Every Wednesday,
Feb. 6–April 24, 10–11 AM and 11 AM–noon
Sparta Fire Station: Every Tuesday,
Feb. 5–April 30, 10–11 AM

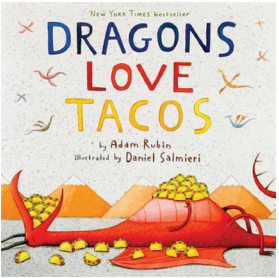
Families with infants–age 6: This storytime has stories, songs, and activities for parents and children to do together while learning early literacy skills using Racing to Read, the library's early literacy initiative.

MORE EVENTS FOR KIDS

Lego Movie Build Along

Monday, Feb. 4, 2–4 PM, at Nixa Branch

Are you excited about *The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part*? Share your enthusiasm with other fans, and build cool Lego creations while we watch the first part: *The Lego Movie*.



Dragons Love Tacos Storytime

**Tuesday, Feb. 12, 4–5 PM,
at Ozark Branch**

Together we will read Adam Rubin's *Dragons Love Tacos*, sing some songs, and pretend that we are in a taco shop.

Disney Trivia: Pixar Edition

Friday, Feb. 22, 4:30–6 PM, at Ozark Branch

Hey Pixar Fans! Team up with family or friends to test out your knowledge of Disney's Pixar movies. Light snacks will be provided. *Registration is required. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Please let a librarian know about any food allergies when you register.*

The Shake Ups: Live at the Library!

Saturday, Mar. 9, 5:30–6:30 PM, Ozark Branch

The Shake Ups are an award-winning, Midwest-based band that plays songs from and about cartoons! Combining music with cosplay and a multimedia presentation, The Shake Ups have created a pop culture-fueled concert like no other. The band is renown for original projects based on *Steven Universe* and *My Little Pony*, and the group's latest original project, "Legendary Defenders," is a tribute to the sci-fi/fantasy classic *Voltron*! The Shake Ups are professional crowd pleasers... and the galaxy's most animated band!

Library Town

Monday, March 11–Saturday, March 16, during library hours (see p. 2 for hours), at Nixa Branch.

Bring your grown-up, and play pretend in our kid-sized, cardboard "Library Town." The fun lasts all week long!



Library Spirit Week: Nintendo Day

Thursday, March 15, 10 AM–4 PM, at Ozark Branch

Sitting at home with nothing to do? Come to the library and show off your Nintendo Switch skills! Sign up for the competition of your choice at the Ozark children's area desk thirty minutes before the start of the tournament. All ages are welcome to compete!

- 10–11 AM: Mario Kart Tournament
- 11 AM–2 PM: Open Play on the consoles
- 2–4 PM: Super Smash Bros. Tournament

Library Spirit Week: Building Day

Sunday, March 16, 10 AM–4 PM, at Ozark Branch

School's still out! Spend the day building at the library. Try out our different building kits including Brainflakes, Legos, and classic wooden blocks.

Movie Day: Teen Titans Go to the Movies

Saturday, March 23, 10 AM–noon, at Ozark Branch

Teen Titans Go to the Movies + Eggo Waffles = "Waffles Waffles Waffles!" Register now to save your waffle before Beast Boy and Cyborg eat it. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens Mar. 2. Please let a librarian know about any food allergies when you register.

Storytime with Princess Merida

Saturday, April 6, 10:30–11:30 AM, at Clever Branch

Show your Scottish roots or love of Scotland by celebrating National Tartan Day with a special program with the Scottish Princess herself: Merida! Merida will be at the library to read stories, take pictures, and have fun.

Fluffy Slime!

Tuesday, April 9, 3–4 PM, at Ozark Branch

Springtime is here! Celebrate by making your very own spring-themed fluffy slime. Parents: Slime contains starch and is not safe to eat. Please monitor your children during play. Registration is required. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens March 19.

Ariel's "Under the Sea" Mermaid Party

Saturday, April 13, 10:30–11:30 AM, at Nixa Branch

Do all the mermaid things. We will have "Under the Sea" crafts, games, and activities. And the best part? Ariel will be there!

Library Play Day: Play Dough Bakery

Thursday, April 19, 10 AM–2 PM, at Ozark Branch

The storytime room is turning into a bakery! Pretend to be the best baker in town and create Play-Doh creations.

Disney Princess Meet and Greet

Saturday, April 27, 1–2 PM, at Ozark Branch

Do you love Disney Princesses? Well, you're in luck. come to the Library to meet four special Disney princesses as they visit our local library. Take a picture, or just come say hello.

Disney Princess Tea Party

Saturday, April 27, 2–3 PM, at Ozark Branch

Kids (Age 5+): Join Disney Princesses Ariel, Tiana, Belle, and Jasmine for a fancy tea party! Put on your fanciest outfit and enjoy tea and snacks as we learn some tea-time etiquette, sing some songs, and have fun! Seating is limited: one adult per child registrant, please. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens March 6.



GAME ON!

Christian County Library now offers Board Games and Nintendo Switch Game Kits for checkout. Take one home with you to enjoy with the whole family!



HOW IT WORKS:

- Checkout periods last one week. Games may not be renewed. Late fees will accrue at 10 cents per day.
- Games may only be checked out to an adult library cardholder. A Board/Video Game Agreement must be signed by the cardholder at checkout.
- Games must be picked up and returned in person to a Christian County Library Branch help desk (no offsite locations)
- Games may not be returned to the book drop due to risk of damage to the game.
- Should a board game or video game kit be returned damaged or missing any pieces, you may be charged the game's full replacement cost.

Board Games are available for checkout now. Nintendo Switch Game Kits will be released and may be placed on hold beginning February 4.

NINTENDO SWITCH GAME KIT INCLUDES:

- Nintendo Switch game console
- Two controllers (which means up to four people can play).
- Three games: Super Mario Party, Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, and Mario Kart 8.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Spring Book Sale

**FRIENDS' NIGHT
PRE-SALE:
Tuesday, April 9
4–8 PM ***

**Wednesday, April 10 –
Sunday, April 14**

HOURS:

- ▶ Wednesday & Thursday: 8:30 AM–8 PM
- ▶ Friday & Saturday: 8:30 AM–5 PM
- ▶ Sunday: 8:30 AM–4 PM

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

* Friends of the Library members can attend the pre-sale, Tuesday April 9 from 4–8 p.m. for the best selection. 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.

DONATE your used books, DVDs, magazines and more to the Friends of the Library year-round by dropping them off at the help desk of a Christian County Library Branch.

