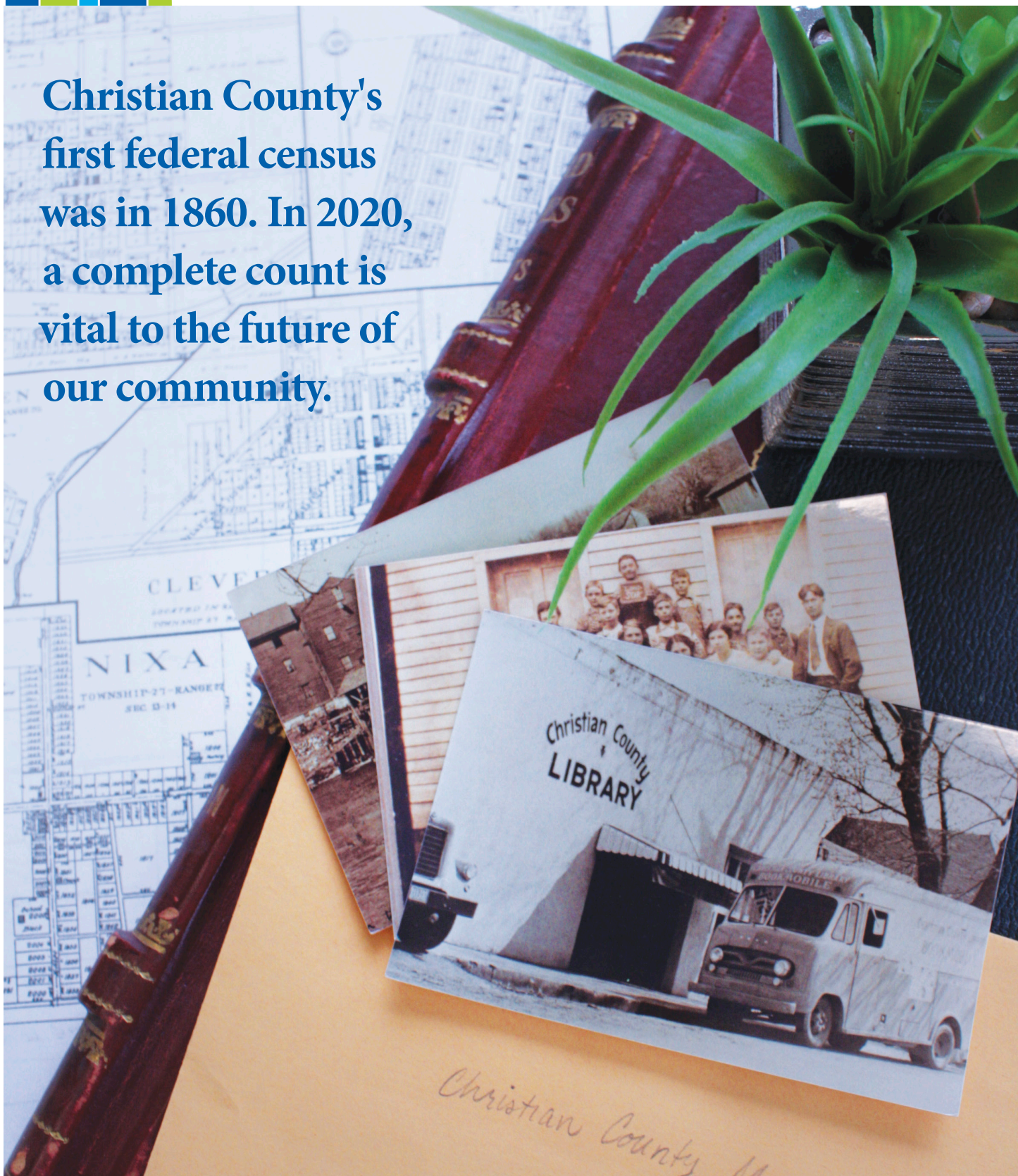




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Christian County's  
first federal census  
was in 1860. In 2020,  
a complete count is  
vital to the future of  
our community.





# CHRISTIAN COUNTY LIBRARY

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Fri: 2–6PM, Sat: 9 AM–2 PM

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Library cards are free to county residents and for students and staff of county schools. The library offers free and fun educational resources and activities. Still don't have your library card? Apply for one at your closest branch today!

Checkout Limits		Fines
Most Items	3 weeks	10 ¢ per day
New adult books and Fast Track books	2 weeks	
New DVDs and Board games	1 week	





# Successful Library Card Drive!

47% of Clever EleMiddle students registered for library cards during Library Card Sign-Up Month

Each September libraries nationwide join together to remind parents, caregivers, and students that signing up for a library card is the first step towards academic achievement and lifelong learning. To celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month, Christian County Library's Outreach team doubled their efforts reaching out to all county schools to put a card in every student's hand.

Throughout the month, a total of 27 schools participated in the library card drive. Outreach Manager, Scott Villarreal, and Outreach Specialist, Pam Cox, passed out buttons, posters, flyers, bookmarks, and library card applications to teachers and students. Each week they would return to the schools and collect completed library card applications.

Keeping an accurate number of completed library card applications was important. The

school with the highest percentage of students registered for a library card would be awarded a check for \$200 sponsored by the Christian County Friends of the Library. That prize money would be used for their school library. After the last library card application was counted, we had a clear winner.

Thanks to the efforts of Lori Vestal, Librarian, and Renee Springer, Library Aide, the Clever EleMiddle School eked out the other schools with 47% of the students registered for library cards. Friends of the Library members, Loretta Hermann and Brian Cox, joined the Outreach team to present the prize check at the Clever EleMiddle School library to Lori Vestal and Renee Springer. Way to go Blue Jays!

# Your Story Counts

Christian County, organized in 1859, took part in its first federal census in 1860. That year, the census told a story about the occupations, marriage and school records, as well as gauge literacy levels of Christian County residents. The U.S. Census, recorded every ten years, is where every genealogist begins to piece together the branches on their family tree.

The 2010 U.S. Census discovered that Christian County had one of the fastest-growing populations in the country. Throughout Christian County's development, the census has recorded not only the area's population growth, but how our demographics have shifted as well as the ebb and flow of local professions.

Many decisions are affected by census numbers including the amount of funding cities and states receive for services like schools, health care, roads, emergency planning, and other public needs in local communities. The census is more than a headcount.

Challenges to obtaining an accurate count can be addressed if we prepare and educate ourselves. The benefits to all Missourians are enormous. Seventy-two years from now, when the 2020 census data is released to the public, your descendants will use that information to help tell your story. Don't let your story become lost to history.

The Christian County Library and Bookmobile as they appeared in 1959, originally the McCauley Brothers Livery Stable.



*Christian County, Mo*



Lone Star School located west of Nixa.



The Ozark Mercantile Company was owned by Hershel Reed and located on the southside of the Ozark square.



The Ozark Invincibles baseball team in 1904.




Bandstand located on the Northside of the courthouse.



Ozark Power and Light Company dam on Finely Creek in 1912.







# TECHNOLOGY COURSES

## Apple Devices 101

**Nixa Branch** Thursday, Feb. 13, 3:30–5 p.m.

Still figuring out that new Apple device? Become a whiz at downloading and organizing apps, change settings with ease, customize the home screen and Siri features, and make Facetime calls like a pro.

## Introduction to Google Docs

**Nixa Branch** Thursday, Feb. 27, 3:30–5 p.m.

Everybody is using Google Docs for home and business since it is a free, web-based alternative to purchasing Microsoft Office. The basics of creating documents, spreadsheets, slideshows, and backing up to “the cloud” will be explained.

## Android Devices 101

**Ozark Branch** Tuesday, Mar. 17, 3:30–5 p.m.

Time to maximize your Android device to its fullest potential. Pick up the basics of downloading

and managing apps, taking and storing photos, sending and receiving emails, as well as updating security and privacy settings.

## Basics of Internet Safety and Security

**Ozark Branch** Tuesday, Mar. 31, 3:30–5 p.m.

Online security and safety can be intimidating, but the library can help. Protect yourself with simple tips to keep your personal information secure while browsing the Internet safely without being scammed.

## Introduction to Windows 10

**Nixa Branch** Thursday, Apr. 9, 3:30–5 p.m.

Are you new to Windows 10? Not a problem. Learn to navigate and customize your Windows 10 computer. Basic keyboard and mouse skills are recommended.

Need personalized help with a digital device or technology issue?

**BOOK-A-TRAINER**

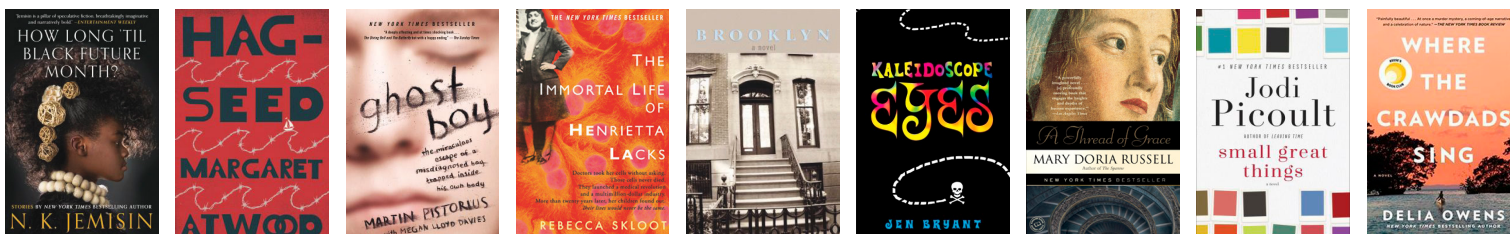


Book a thirty-minute one-on-one help session with a library technology trainer to learn how to use your digital device, download eBooks, audiobooks and magazines, or learn how to use the library's digital resources for research and professional development.

Call your local library branch or visit [christiancountylibrary.org](http://christiancountylibrary.org) to request an appointment.



# EVENTS FOR ADULTS



## MONTHLY BOOK CLUBS FOR ADULTS

### Books & Baristas

Monthly on Tuesdays, Feb. 11, March 10, and April 14; 6–7 p.m. at Walkabout Coffee Shop in Nixa: 1860 North Commerce Drive

Take a break from that busy schedule for the perfect blend: books and coffee. Join other literature lovers in a book club designed to broaden experiences with a new genre each month.

- Feb. 11: "How Long 'til Black Future Month?" by N.K. Jemisin
- March 10: "Hag-Seed" by Margaret Atwood
- April 14: "Ghost Boy" by Martin Pistorius

### Reading Between the Wines

Monthly on Thursdays, Feb. 20, March 19, and April 16; 6:30–7:30 p.m. at Vineyard Market in Ozark: 1759 West State Highway J

**Adults 21+** An adult book club held at Vineyard Market in Ozark? Wine not?! Enjoy a glass during book discussion every third Thursday. Participants

are not obligated to drink alcohol to attend, but the age restriction is required for all in attendance.

- Feb. 20: "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot
- March 19: "Brooklyn" by Colm Tóibín
- April 16: "Kaleidoscope Eyes" by Jen Bryant

### Brown Bag and Book Club

**Ozark Branch** Monthly on Tuesdays, Feb. 25, March 24, and April 28

Your Tuesdays are soon to be booked. Join us each month to discuss recent, popular fiction and non-fiction titles. Bring your lunch if you have it and we'll provide the drinks and dessert.

- Feb. 25: "A Thread of Grace" by Mary Doria Russell
- March 24: "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult
- April 28: "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens

## MORE EVENTS FOR ADULTS

### Yoga at the Library

**Ozark Branch** Weekly on Tuesdays, 6–7 p.m.

**Nixa Branch** Weekly on Thursdays, 6–7 p.m.

**All ages welcome** Certified instructor Debra Tucker of 417Create Art and Yoga will introduce the basic principles of alignment and technique while slowly strengthening the body and calming the mind. The Nixa Community Foundation, as part of the Rural Ozarks Health Initiative from the Community Foundation of the Ozarks, sponsors Yoga in the Nixa Branch.

### Art Display:

#### Southwest Missouri Camera Club

**Ozark Branch** On Display Feb. 1–April 31

**All ages welcome** Oh snap! The Southwest Missouri Camera Club is presenting a gallery of photographs from local photographers of all levels of experience for everyone to enjoy.

### Citizen Science:

#### Project FeederWatch

**Ozark Branch** Weekly on Mondays and Tuesdays, Feb. 1–March 31 (except Feb. 17) 8:30–10:30 a.m.

**All ages welcome** Contribute to wildlife research by counting the different bird species that visit the library's bird feeders while relaxing with coffee in the Netzer Meeting room. Your involvement helps The Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Project FeederWatch. Feeders and bird seed were donated by Wild Birds Unlimited in Springfield and Family Center Farm and Home in Ozark.

### Fitness: Beginning Tai Chi

**Clever Branch** Mondays, Feb. 10 and 24, March 9 and 23, April 6 and 20

10:30–11:30 a.m.

Chuck Mercer, founder and lead instructor of Legacy Martial Art Schools, demonstrates the basics of Tai Chi to strengthen body, increase coordination, and improve mental alertness. *Registration is required. Registration opens two weeks before each session and closes on the Friday before each session. Register online with your library card or call (417) 743-2277.*

### Yarnies! Knitting & Crocheting

**Clever Branch** Thursdays: Feb. 6 & 20, March 5 & 19, April 2 & 16; 6–7 p.m.

**Ages 16+** Whether you're new to knitting or crocheting, or a veteran yarnie, all are welcome. Unwind with other crafters in the community. Bring works in-progress, share knowledge, and showcase your talent.

### Personal Finance: Budgeting with the "Sassy Tax Advisor"

**Ozark Branch** Thursday, Feb. 6, 6–7 p.m.

Stephanie Fletcher, CPA, is the Sassy Tax Advisor. She is a Dave Ramsey Financial Coach and will breakdown the key to budgeting, getting out of debt, and saving for the future. Bring your questions for this financial veteran to solve.

### Friday Film Club

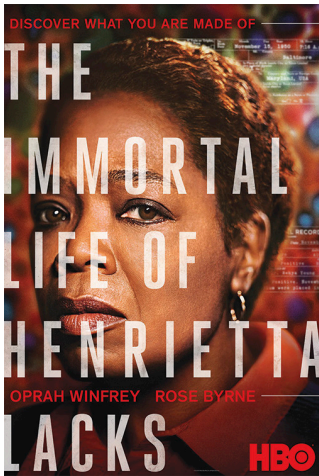
**Nixa Branch** Monthly on Fridays, Feb. 7, March 13, April 10; 6–8:30 p.m.

Calling all Cinephiles. Friday Film Club has the perfect part for you. We'll watch a recent or classic



film to discuss the writing, acting, and technical artistry. We will provide refreshments, so registration is requested but not required. *Register by calling (417) 743-2277 or online with your library card.*

- **Feb. 7:** "Fences," rated PG-13
- **March 13:** "Make Way for Tomorrow," not rated
- **April 10:** "Children of Men," rated R



### **Science Matters: Viewing of "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" (TV-MA)**

**Ozark Branch**

**Saturday, Feb. 8,  
1:30–3:30 p.m.**

Based on the best-selling nonfiction book,

"The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" this HBO movie chronicles Deborah Lacks' search, aided by journalist Rebecca Skloot, to learn about the mother she never knew and understand how the unauthorized harvesting of Henrietta's cancerous cells led to unprecedented medical breakthrough. The movie explores race, poverty, medical ethics and advancements.

### **Writing the Stories of Our Lives**

**Ozark Branch** Monthly on Tuesdays,  
**Feb. 11, March 10, April 14, 12–2 p.m.**

Find your voice through storytelling. Discover new tools and inspiration to boost your writing while collaborating with others.

### **Missouri Author: Cynthia Herron**

**Clever Branch** Thursday, Feb. 13, 6–7 p.m.

**All ages welcome** In a month that is known for hope and heart, author Cynthia Herron will read an excerpt from her book, "Her Hope Discovered," set in a small, rural, Missouri town, filled with lovable characters. Cynthia will be available afterwards for book signings and an exciting book announcement.

### **Valentine Cookie Decorating**

**Nixa Branch** Friday, Feb. 14, 1:30–3 p.m.

**All ages welcome** Olivia Bacon of Liv's Sweet Life Bakery will demonstrate techniques to craft beautifully decorated Valentine's Day cookies. Ingredients and baking tools will be provided. *Registration is required. Registration opens Jan. 17 and closes Feb. 7. Register online with your library card or call (417) 724-6100.*

### **Family Crafting: String Art**

**Ozark Branch** Saturday, Feb. 15, 10–11 a.m.

**Ages 6+** String art has been around since the 70s, and now enjoying a comeback. Grab your family members, at least two members per family and children (6+) must be accompanied by an adult, to create a fun piece of art. Each family will take home one piece of art. *Registration required. Registration opens Jan. 25 and closes Feb. 22. Register online with your library card or call (417) 581-2432.*

### **Acts of Kindness for Care to Learn and Abundant Blessings**

**Nixa Branch** Tuesday, Feb. 18, 5:30–7 p.m.

**All ages welcome** Care to Learn, Nixa and

Abundant Blessings are dedicated to bettering our community and they could use some help. These organizations will present information about their efforts and how you can donate to support their work with the area's children. Registration is required and opens Jan. 1. Register online with your library card or call (417) 724-6100.



### **Library Day at Marco's Pizza**

Monthly on Thursdays,  
Feb. 20, March 19,

April 16; 11 a.m.–10 p.m. in Nixa: 830 W. Mt. Vernon St. Suite 13

**All ages welcome** Every third Thursday of the month is Library Day at Marco's Pizza in Nixa. 10% of all profits from the day will go towards Youth and Family programming and services at the Christian County Library Nixa Branch.

### **Vinyl Collecting 101 and Record Swap**

**Nixa Branch** Saturday, Feb. 22, 1–3 p.m.

Want to start collecting vinyl records? Or are you looking to add to an existing collection? Learn the basics of vinyl care, collecting, and selling. Don't forget to bring your own records to swap with other vinyl enthusiasts.

### **Science Matters: HeLa Cells and "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" Panel Discussion**

**Ozark Branch** Saturday, Feb. 22, 2–3 p.m.

Henrietta Lack's cells were important to the scientific community and medical advancement, but they were harvested without her knowledge.

Dr. Colette Witkowski and her colleagues from Missouri State University will lead a discussion to better understand the climate of the science and medical communities in the 1950's. A live HeLa cell culture will available for anybody to view.

### **The Library Venue: Karaoke**

**Clever Branch** Monthly on Tuesdays,  
Feb. 25, March 24, and April 28; 6–7 p.m.

A library is more than just books. It's also a place to read music! Bring your friends, and join us for a fun night of karaoke, and showcase that singing talent.

### **Your Family History**

**Clever Branch** Monthly on Thursdays,  
Feb. 27, March 26, April 30; 10:30–11:30 a.m.

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. *Registration required. Registration opens at the end of each prior session. Register online with your library card or call (417) 743-2277.*

### **Personal Finance: Retirement Planning with Brad Pistole**

**Ozark Branch** Thursday, March 5, 6–7 p.m.

Brad Pistole is President of Trinity Insurance and Financial Services in Ozark in addition to being an author and radio host. Take advantage of his expertise to learn about healthy retirement saving and ask any finance related questions.



### Macramé Plant Hanger Workshop

**Nixa Branch** Saturday, March 7, 1–3 p.m.

Macramé, the art of knotting cord or string, is yours to master as Tiffany Sieger guides a class on creating your own plant hanger. All supplies provided. *Registration required. Registration opens Feb. 8 and closes Feb. 29. Register online with your library card or call (417) 724-6100.*

### Taking Care of the Caregiver

**Nixa Branch** Monday, March 9, 5:30–7 p.m.

**All ages welcome** Caring for a loved one can be rewarding and stressful. The Senior Age Area Agency on Aging will be presenting how to take care of yourself while caregiving. *Registration required. Registration opens Feb. 1. Register online with your library card or call (417) 724-1600.*

### Seed Starting Indoors

**Ozark Branch** Monday, March 9, 6–7 p.m.

**Nixa Branch** Tuesday, March 17, 6–7 p.m.

**All ages welcome** Marla Hull from the Christian County Master Gardeners will provide sage advice on how to germinate seeds indoors. Grab a packet of seeds from the Seed Library to save money this spring planting season.

### Ozarks Roadtrip

**Nixa Branch** Tuesday, March 10, 7–8 p.m.

**All ages welcome** Kaitlyn McConnell, local author and blogger of Ozarks Alive, will discuss her new guidebook, “Passport to the Ozarks,” that features over 60 destinations in southwest Missouri and Arkansas.

### Mushroom Hunting and the Kingdom Fungi

**Nixa Branch** Saturday, March 21, 1–2 p.m.

**All ages welcome** Mark Bower of the Missouri Mycological Society will discuss how to spot and identify varieties of fungi in southwest Missouri. There will be Morels than enough knowledge to prepare for your mushroom hunting this spring.

### Native Gardens of Missouri

**Nixa Branch** Monday, March 23, 6–7 p.m.

**All ages welcome** Renae Bernskoetter from the Christian County Master Gardeners will present information about native plants to Missouri that are best used in sustainable landscaping and plants that attract local wildlife.

### Science Matters: Spring Migration

**Ozark Branch** Thursday, March 26, 6–7 p.m.

**All ages welcome** Myra Scroggs with the Greater Ozarks Audubon Society will provide insight on the best ways to experience this spring’s migration and how to identify the types of birds that migrate to the Ozarks.

### CCL Seed Library Returns March 1–June 1

Check out flower and vegetable seed packets from the library and plant them in your garden at home.

**Now Available at all Christian County Library branches!**

### Basic Car Maintenance

**Ozark Branch** Saturday, March 28, 1–2 p.m.

**All ages welcome** Are you ready to tackle your car's routine maintenance? Our friends from U.S. Automotive in Ozark are here to explain how to change a spare tire, check fluids, and complete other car tasks you may have forgotten.

### Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect

Tuesday, April 7, 5:30–7 p.m.

**Nixa Branch** Understanding how to recognize and report abuse helps prepare you to take action if necessary to protect a child. Presented by the Child Advocacy Center. *Registration is required and opens March 1. Register online with your library card or call (417) 724-6100.*

### Poets at the Library

**Ozark Branch** Saturday, April 4, 1–3 p.m.

Celebrate National Poetry Month with Karen Craig, Missouri Poet Laureate, and Dr. Lanette Cadle, Professor of English as they read excerpts from their published works and speak about the art of poetry.

### Bees & Beekeeping with Bees Alive Club

**Nixa Branch** Saturday, April 4, 1:30–3 p.m.

**All ages welcome** Bees are critical to our ecology, have fascinating characteristics, and have also appeared in mythology and cultures around the world. Hanna Price, of the Bees Alive Club, will present on the importance of bees and basic methods of becoming a beekeeper.

### Health Forum:

#### Benefits of Chiropractic Care

**Clever Branch** Tuesday, April 7, 1–2 p.m.

Is a visit to the chiropractor best for you? Rush Chiropractic will be here to discuss the various benefits of ongoing chiropractic care and answer questions. *Registration is required and opens March 1. Register online with your library card or call (417) 743-2277.*

### Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale

**Ozark Branch**

Wednesday–Thursday, April 15 & 16:

8:30 a.m.–8 p.m. Friday–Saturday, April 17

& 18: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday, April 19:

Noon–4 p.m.

Find great deals on books, audiobooks, DVDs, magazines, and puzzles for every age and interest. Cash or check only. Each purchase supports the Christian County Friends of the Library, which supports Christian County Library projects. **Friends of the Library Members can attend the Preview Sale on Tuesday, April 14, 4–8 p.m.**

### Bystanders Protecting Children from Sexual Abuse

**Nixa Branch** Thursday, April 21, 5:30–7 p.m.

Being prepared to intervene is key to preventing child sexual abuse. Presented by the Child Advocacy Center. *Registration is required and opens March 1. Register online with your library card or call (417) 724-6100.*



# OUTLANDER DAY

**Saturday, Apr. 11 at the Nixa Branch**

Fans of the popular book and television series "Outlander" will journey through the Scottish Highlands from right here in Christian County. Experience Scotland's rich cultural heritage while sampling music, dance, poetry, and more during this day-long celebration.

**All ages welcome.**

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## SCHEDULE

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### **Tea with Diana Gabaldon**

**11 a.m.–Noon**

Sip tea and nibble on Scottish shortbread cookies while watching an interview with the author "Outlander," Diana Gabaldon.

### **Outlander Apothecary**

**1–2 p.m.**

"Are ye a charmer, then? A Beaton?"

Associate Professor of Biology, Dr. Ioana Popescu, will breakdown the types of plants needed for remedies Clair would have used as a highland healer.

### **Scottish Country Dancing Class**

**2–3 p.m.**

Learn how to dance a highland jig! Joan Bryant, a specialist in Scottish Dancing,

will teach you the art of Scottish country dancing with basic dance steps.

### **Robert Burns: Scotland's National Poet**

**3–4 p.m.**

Celebrate national poetry month with the writing of Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns. Associate Professor of English, Dr. Katie Gilbert, will take you on a journey to the romantic, misty highlands of Robert Burns' life and work.

### **The Celtic Harp Performed by Turner Collins**

**4–5 p.m.**

Harpist, Turner Collins, will perform Celtic harp music while providing a history of the harp and its influence on Scottish music.

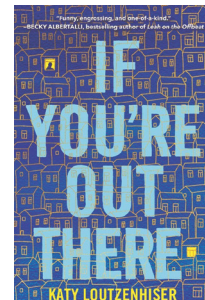
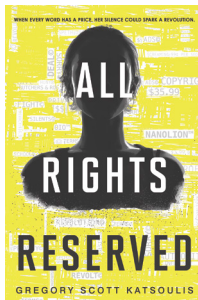
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## **New to the Outlander Series?**

Search the catalog at [christiancountylibrary.org](http://christiancountylibrary.org) to find the book in print or audiobook format or the television series on DVD.



# EVENTS FOR TEENS



## Teen Advisory Board

**Nixa Branch** Monthly on Tuesdays,  
Feb. 4, Mar. 3, Apr. 7; 4:30–5:30 p.m.

**Ozark Branch** Monthly on Thursdays,  
Feb. 27, Mar. 26, Apr. 23; 4:30–5:30 p.m.

**Grades 8–12** We want to know what is cool in the teen world and the types of events you want to see happen at the library! Join the advisory board and earn volunteer hours, play fun games and meet other amazing teens in your area. The library wants your opinions and help so apply for a spot on the Teen Advisory Board online at [christiancountylibrary.org/support](http://christiancountylibrary.org/support) or at your local library branch.

## Teen Book Club

**Grades 7–12** Join us for a discussion of this month's Young Adult book selection. Snacks provided. Need a copy of a book? Email [youthservices@christiancountylibrary.org](mailto:youthservices@christiancountylibrary.org).

**Ozark Branch** Monthly on Tuesdays,  
Feb. 4, Mar. 3, and Apr. 7; 4:30–5:30 p.m.

- Feb. 4: "All Rights Reserved" by Gregory Scott Katsoulis

- Mar. 3: "The Academy" by Katie Sise

- Apr. 7: "Dry" by Neal Shusterman

**Nixa Branch** Monthly on Thursdays,  
Feb. 6, Mar. 5, Apr. 2; 6–7 p.m.

- Feb. 6: "If You're Out There" by Katy Loutzenhiser



- Mar. 5: "All Rights Reserved" by Gregory Scott Katsoulis
- Apr. 2: "The Academy" by Katie Sise

### Anime and Candy Sushi

**Nixa Branch** Saturday, Feb. 8, 2–4 p.m.

**Grades 7–12** Do you love all things anime? Make candy sushi while watching your favorite popular anime. Chances to win door prizes for all that participate.

### Dungeons & Dragons Club

**Nixa Branch** Monthly on Thursdays, Feb. 20, Mar. 19, and Apr. 9; 5:30–7 p.m.

**Grades 7–12** Whether you're an elf, dwarf, or halfling, grab your bow or short sword because the village is under attack! Join us for the classic role playing game Dungeons & Dragons. All orcs and experience levels are welcome to adventure.

### Anime Club

**Ozark Branch** Monthly on Tuesdays, Feb. 25, Mar. 31, and Apr. 28; 6–7 p.m.

**Grades 7–12** Come watch anime and eat fun snacks! Teens will vote on what show we will watch at the beginning of each meeting. Participants will be entered into a drawing for a prize at the end of the program.

### T-Shirt Tote Bags

**Clever Branch** Thursday, Feb. 27, 5–6 p.m.

**Grades 7–12** Have any old t-shirts laying around and taking up space? Bring your old t-shirts to the library and create a sustainable, one-of-a-kind, no-sew tote bag.

### Be a Kid Again Day

**Ozark Branch** Tuesday, Mar. 17, 2–4 p.m.

**Grades 7–12** Use your spring break to play like a kid again! Finger painting, puzzles, and coloring is just the start of an afternoon of events sure to provide nostalgia of earlier years. All that attend will be entered into a drawing for a prize.

# TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

### We want to hear from you!

Join the teen advisory board and help plan the events you want to see at the library. Earn volunteer hours, play games, meet new friends, and it looks great on job and college applications. Apply online at [christiancountylibrary.org/support](http://christiancountylibrary.org/support).



# EVENTS FOR TWEENS

## Tween Advisory Board

**Nixa Branch** Monthly on Tuesdays,  
Feb. 11, Mar. 10, and Apr. 14; 4:30–5:30 p.m.

**Ozark Branch** Monthly on Fridays,  
Feb. 14, Mar. 13, and Apr. 10; 3:30–4:30 p.m.

**Clever Branch** Monthly on Tuesdays,  
Feb. 18, Mar. 17, and Apr. 21; 4:30–5:30 p.m.

**Grades 4–7** We want to know what is cool in the tween world and the types of events you want to see happen at the library! Join the advisory board, play fun games, and meet other amazing tweens in your area. The library wants your opinions and help so apply for a spot on the Tween Advisory Board online at [christiancountylibrary.org/support](http://christiancountylibrary.org/support) or at your local library branch.

## I Survived

**Ozark Branch** Friday, Feb. 7, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

**Grades 4–7** Experience and engage in activities based on the bestselling “I Survived” series by Lauren Tarshis. Participants will be entered into a drawing for a prize at the end of the program.

## Star Wars LARP

**Clever Branch** Friday, Feb. 21, 3–4:30 p.m.

**Nixa Branch** Friday, Feb. 28, 1–3 p.m.

**Grades 4–7** Grab your costume and join the library in Live Action Role Playing (LARP) in the Star Wars universe. Now YOU are the galaxy's only hope.





# EVENTS FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

## Family Storytime

**Ozark Branch** Every Wednesday,  
10–10:45 a.m. and 11–11:45 a.m.

**Nixa Branch** Every Thursday,  
10–10:45 a.m. and 11–11:45 a.m.

**Clever Branch** Every Wednesday,  
10:30–11:15 a.m.

**Toddlers–age 5** Family Storytime is recommended for families with toddlers through age five. Each storytime includes stories, songs, and activities to be completed together while learning early literacy skills based on the library's early literacy initiative.

## Baby Bounce

**Ozark Branch** Every Thursday, 10:30–11 a.m.

**Nixa Branch** Every Friday, 9 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

**Infants–age 2** Each storytime includes finger plays, action rhymes, and plenty of songs! Children learn early literacy skills that help them grow into eager readers using Racing to Read.

## Library Play Day

**Ozark Branch** Monday, Feb. 10, 9 a.m.–Noon  
Beat the winter blues with a play day at the library. Bring your grown up and have fun!

## PAWS for Reading

**Clever Branch** Monthly on Mondays,  
Feb. 3, Mar. 2, and Apr. 6; 4–5 p.m.

**Ozark Branch** Monthly on Mondays,  
Feb. 10, Mar. 9, and Apr. 13; 4:30–5:30 p.m.

**Nixa Branch** Monthly on Mondays,  
Feb. 24, Mar. 23, and Apr. 27; 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Don't miss the opportunity to practice your reading skills with the best doggone audience around. If you're self-conscious of reading aloud, these four-legged furballs will cheer you on while building self-esteem and confidence. All dogs are trained by the Alliance of Therapy Pets.

## Homeschoolers Connect

**Nixa Branch** Monthly on Thursdays,  
Feb. 13, Mar. 12, and Apr. 9; 2:30–3:30 p.m.

**Clever Branch** Monthly on Fridays,  
Feb. 28, Mar. 27, and Apr. 24; 10–11 a.m.

**Grades 1–5** Get innovative with other homeschoolers while taking on S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) activities and projects. *Registration is required. Registration opens at the end of each previous session. Register online with your library card or call (417) 724-6100 to register for Nixa sessions or (417) 743-2277 to register for Clever sessions.*



### **Animals of the Night with the Dickerson Park Zoo**

**Ozark Branch** Wednesday, Feb. 26,  
2–3 p.m.

When we are asleep, they come out to play! Nocturnal animals are active during the night and sleeping during the day, and now you have the chance to meet them! Dickerson Park Zoo will bring some nocturnal animals to learn about.

### **Food Chains with Dickerson Park Zoo**

**Clever Branch** Friday, Feb. 28,  
11 a.m.–Noon

Animals are related to each other by the food they eat, which is called a food chain. Learn all about them with live animals from the Dickerson Park Zoo!

### **Australian Animals with the Dickerson Park Zoo**

**Nixa Branch** Friday, Mar. 20, 2–3 p.m.

Critter alert! Our friends from the Dickerson Park Zoo are bringing some amazing Australian animals. Now is your chance to travel to the land down under without leaving the library.

### **Tinker Tuesday**

**Ozark Branch** Monthly on Tuesdays,  
Feb. 25, Mar. 24, and Apr. 28; 3–5 p.m.

**Grades 1–6** Ready to use your imagination and create amazing things? Use your mind to solve a problem and make something fun. Each month there will be new STEAM-based activities to try.

### **Library Town**

**Nixa Branch** Monday, Mar. 16–Friday,  
Mar. 21, during regular branch hours

Bring your grown-up and play pretend in our kids' sized cardboard "Library Town." Library Town is open all week long during regular branch hours.

### **Counting Census Storytime**

**Clever Branch**

Tuesday, March 24, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Everybody counts! During this themed storytime, practice your counting skills and learn more about how you can be counted in the 2020 Census.

### **Experiments with Peeps!**

**Ozark Branch** Saturday, Mar. 28, 1–3 p.m.

Everybody loves these sweet marshmallow treats, but have you ever wondered how long it takes for them to dissolve in vinegar? How about apple juice? Can you build a tower with them? We will be doing these experiments and more with Peeps at the library!





**MAKE THURSDAY NIGHT**

**PIZZA NIGHT AND HELP SUPPORT**

**THE NIXA BRANCH LIBRARY**

**LIBRARY DAY AT MARCO'S PIZZA**

**Every Third Thursday of the Month,**

**Feb. 20, March 19, April 16**

**at Marco's Pizza in Nixa**

**830 W. Mt. Vernon St. Suite 13**

Every third Thursday of the month is Library Day at Marco's Pizza in Nixa. 10% of all profits from the day will go towards Youth and Family programming and services at the Christian County Library Nixa Branch.





**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**

# Spring Book Sale

**MEMBERS**

**PRE-SALE:**

**Tuesday, April 14**

**4–8 PM \***

**Wednesday, April 15–  
Sunday, April 19 at the  
Ozark Branch**

**HOURS:**

- ▶ Wednesday & Thursday: 8:30 a.m.–8 p.m.
- ▶ Friday & Saturday: 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
- ▶ Sunday: Noon–4 p.m.

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

\* 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.

Interested in participating in future Friends of the Library activities? Attend the next meeting on March 21, at 10 a.m. at the Ozark Branch.

**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.

