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Christian County Library Ozark Branch held a retirement reception on March 7th to honor Facilities Director, Rob Barns who retired that day. Rob was presented with a one-of-a-kind golden hammer plaque with his name engraved on it as a thank you for the five years he dedicated to the library. Rob played a major role in the building and remodelling of the Nixa and Ozark Branches, and the development of the Christian County Library district as a whole. Rob now plans to dedicate his time to visiting his grandkids, completing his own railroad garden, and addressing his wife's "honey-do list." Library staff are going to miss Rob's sense of humor and dedication to his community.



Plans for library expansion continue as promised.



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In March, the Christian County Library Board of Trustees approved a new strategic plan. The plan outlines the mission, vision, and focus areas of the library over the next few years. These focus areas are based on past community input, and on the will of the voters of Christian County, who approved a tax levy in 2017 to fund four library branches across the county. You can view that plan at christiancountylibrary.org/strategic-plan.

The Nixa Branch will celebrate its first anniversary in May, and August will mark one year since the completion of Ozark Branch renovations. As the library continues to set aside funds and seeks private donations towards the construction of branches in Sparta and Clever, it's also time for us to seek more input from our community as we move forward with those plans.

Beyond fulfilling our promise of four branches to voters, we want to know how you use your library, what we're doing well and where we can improve, and what you think your public library's focus should be over the next few years. Beginning May 1, you can take our community survey at christiancountylibrary.org/survey to help shape the future of Christian County Library.

Dickerson Park Zoo, p. 25



A UNIVERSE of Stories

2019 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

LAUNCHING OFF May 11 – August 3

Win PRIZES by recording minutes read, writing book reviews,
and doing activity challenges. Earn 500 points to collect prizes.



Sign up using the Beanstack app for iOS and Android
or visit christiancountylibrary.beanstack.org.
Pre-registration opens May 1

Join the challenge and come to the library
for events, performers and activities
for all ages, all summer long!

Jay and Leslie, p. 19, 22, and 26



Oh My Gosh! Josh, p. 18



Mars 2020 mission, p. 13



A “Universe of Stories” is waiting for you at the library...

There’s a universe of stories out there — are you ready to read them? Christian County Library’s annual Summer Reading Challenge begins May 11. Registration opens in the Beanstack app and online May 1. The Summer Reading Challenge is an easy way for parents to make reading a fun summer activity and help children and teens maintain their reading level during summer break. There’s even a program for adults, because kids aren’t the only ones who enjoy a challenge.

The library is once again using Beanstack to host our Summer Reading Challenge. Download the Beanstack app in your app store to get started. Participants earn virtual badges as they progress and are notified right in the app when it’s time to collect their prizes at the library. Paper game boards will be available at the library for children who prefer to track their minutes on paper and input them online later.

This year’s theme is “A Universe of Stories.” The challenge for all age groups is to earn 500 points through a combination of reading, completing fun activities, writing book reviews, and attending library events, all through the Beanstack app. Participants earn one point for each minute read, and pre-readers earn one point for each minute someone reads to them. Activities will connect participants with library and community resources and create fun

ways for families to interact and learn together. Summer at the library also means a variety of classes, events, and performances every week for all ages. Participants can earn points for each special event they attend, up to ten events per person. Each event will have a special code that participants can enter on Beanstack. Events will take place at all three library branches across the county.

This year we have an assortment of prizes that are out of this world! After the first 500 points earned, babies, kids, and teens win a NEW BOOK and a COUPON BOOK with awesome deals from local businesses. Adults win a BOOK from our prize stash. All participants will get a ticket for a PRIZE BASKET drawing of their choice, and the first 50 participants to complete the challenge and collect their prizes at each branch will get a free book bag. All tickets will be earned in the Beanstack app. Kids, teens, and adults can choose from four themed prize baskets: including a NINTENDO SWITCH Basket (kids and teens only), a BOOK Basket, a MOVIE Basket, and a SPACE Basket. Every additional 500 points earned is another ticket into the drawing for a prize basket. Babies can win a prize basket based on their age: one for ages 0–1, age 2–3, and age 4–5.

Are you ready for the challenge, Christian County?
Let’s blast off into reading this summer!



Discover a whole new world of stories, music and movies, for free, using your smartphone, tablet or computer

Take full advantage of your library card this summer by using it to access eBooks, downloadable audiobooks, and more free digital content right from your smartphone, tablet, or computer. Download these apps now, and you'll have access to hundreds of thousands of titles, with no late fees ever!



Hoopla

The hoopla app offers thousands of audiobooks, movies, television shows, music albums, eBooks, and Comics, all

available with no waiting. Stream or temporarily download up to four titles every month from major Hollywood studios, record companies and publishers.



Libby

The Libby app allows you to download books and audiobooks for free on all your devices. Libby works not only with

Apple and Android devices with the app, it also works seamlessly with Kindle. Borrowed library books on a Kindle or Kindle app appear just as if you downloaded them from Amazon. Christian County Library is part of a consortium of Missouri library districts called Missouri Libraries 2 Go, which allows member libraries to pool their resources to give their patrons access to far more content than these smaller library districts could afford on their own. In fact, you'll find as a Christian County Library patron, you have access to more Overdrive e-content than you might as a member of a larger library district: 32,000 e-books, 6,200 audiobooks, hundreds of issues of popular magazines, and 350 streaming videos.



Tumblebooks

Tumblebook Library, available for free to all Christian County Library holders, offers an animated reading experience for children

right from your home computer. Each book, ranging from picture books suitable for preschoolers up to chapter books for elementary age children, is narrated with animated illustrations and sometimes accompanied by music. The words will appear right on the screen, so children can follow along, making it a fun way for emerging or struggling readers to experience a book. With hundreds of fiction and non-fiction titles, available, there are books for every child's interest available.



RB Digital

Audiobooks are one of the library's most popular digital formats, and the RB Digital app is another great app accessible with a

library card with a solid collection of audiobooks for adults. Like hoopla, all RB Digital audiobooks can be streamed or downloaded with no waiting for titles to become available. The RB Digital also contains dozens of current and popular magazines. When you download an issue in the app, it's yours to keep and read indefinitely.

Homebound patrons can access library materials from home with help from library staff and volunteers

The Homebound Services program premiered at the Christian County Library in 2014 to allow county residents unable to leave their homes due to physical or medical limitations to use library materials by offering delivery directly to their homes. The program currently operates one day per week with one staff member and four volunteers. It serves about 25 homebound individuals.

While patrons in this program are a tiny percentage of library users in the county, the program has a major impact on the lives of the patrons it serves. Library patron Nan Pitts used to be able to visit the library regularly, but after a fall and a surgery a few years ago, she had a stint in a rehab facility, and she said, “The library was nice enough to bring me books.” With decreased mobility, Nan qualified to stay on the program and has books delivered to her home by library staff or volunteers every month. “It means a lot to me because I have to read. I just don’t feel normal unless I have books.”

The library delivers to patrons across the county who are homebound, and takes anywhere from five to fifty items to each patron. The staff and volunteers know the reading and information preferences of each patron. They select suitable materials based on that and manage records to make sure patrons never receive a book they’ve already read. They include materials like puzzles and word searches to encourage mental stimulation, then deliver materials directly to the home of each patron in a once-per-month visit.

Christian County Library has a well-rounded collection of large print books. Many patrons using the homebound



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delivery service have minor to moderate visual impairment, and regularly borrow from the large print collection. For those with more severe visual impairment, homebound or not, the library can assist with applying to become a patron of Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library. According to the Secretary of State’s website, “Wolfner Library is a free library service for Missourians who are unable to use standard print materials due to a visual or physical disability.” Materials, including audio, braille, and large print books, are mailed to and from the homes of library patrons for no charge. Wolfner Library also loans playback machines for those using audiobooks, and even hosts book clubs by phone. Over 11,000 Missourians actively use Wolfner Library.

Christian County Library is expanding the homebound delivery service and is looking for both individuals who are homebound and interested in applying for the program, and for devoted volunteers who can help weekly to gather books and other materials for home delivery. Contact the Outreach Department at the Ozark Branch at (417) 581-2432 for more information

TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Introduction to Kindle Devices

Tuesday, May 7, 3:30–5 PM, at the Ozark 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) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens April 15.*

eBooks and More

Saturday, May 11, 10–11 AM, at the Ozark Branch

Did you know that your library card gives you access to thousands of eBooks and downloadable audiobooks, as well as music and movies? Learn about accessing these digital items on your phone, tablet, ereader, or computer. *Registration is required. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens April 15.*

Introduction to Apple Devices

Tuesday, May 14, 3:30–5 PM, at the Ozark 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) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens April 15.*

Introduction to Android Devices

Tuesday, May. 21, 3:30–5 PM, at the Ozark Branch

Learn the basics of your Android phone or tablet, including managing security and privacy, downloading apps, taking photos, communicating with others, and more. *Registration*

is required. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens April 15.

Introduction to Windows 10

Tuesday, May 28, 3:30–5 PM, at the Ozark 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) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens April 15.*

Introduction to Google Docs

Saturday, June 8, 10–11 AM, at the Ozark Branch

Google Docs is a free, web-based alternative to Microsoft Office—useful for creating documents, spreadsheets, slideshows, and more. We'll discuss how to get the most out of this useful suite of products, and you'll learn about the basics of saving information to "the cloud." *Registration is required. Call (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens April 15.*

Computer Skills I: Meet the Computer

Thursday, June 20, 3:30–5 PM, at the Nixa Branch

Begin at the beginning! Discover basic computer parts and what they do. Learn how to use a mouse or trackpad, what the keyboard does, and how to improve your typing skills. Learn how digital information is stored and how portable storage devices can help you. *Registration is required. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens May 20.*

Computer Skills II: Software

Thursday, June 27, 3:30–5 PM, at the Nixa Branch

What is the difference between hardware and software?



We'll discuss the difference between different operating systems and how to manipulate Windows. *Registration is required. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens May 20.*

Computer Skills III: Settings

Thursday, July 11, 3:30–5 PM, at the Nixa Branch

Learn how to go into the Control Panel on your computer and discover the tasks you can perform from there. We'll discuss how to customize the appearance and behavior of your computer, including useful accessibility options. *Registration is required. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens May 20.*

Computer Skills IV: File Management

Thursday, July 18, 3:30–5 PM, at the Nixa Branch

Learn to organize your files so you can easily recover information on your computer. Learn to create new folders, to rename old ones, and to locate files you saved on your computer. *Registration is required. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens May 20.*

Computer Skills V: Copy and Paste

Thursday, July 25, 3:30–5 PM, at the Nixa Branch

Learn how to use the copy and paste functions to save information from the Internet, in your email, or on your hard drive, and move information on your computer. We'll also discuss how to use keyboard shortcuts to complete tasks more quickly. *Registration is required. Call (417) 724-6100 to register. Registration opens May 20.*

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.



CELEBRATE 500 YEARS OF DA VINCI

World-famous Renaissance artist, inventor, and scientist, Leonardo da Vinci died on May 2, 1519, marking this year as the 500th anniversary of his death. On Thursday, May 2, 2019 we're celebrating his life and legacy with a pop-up exhibit of his drawings and paintings at the Ozark Branch, as well as a full day of da Vinci-themed activities for all ages at both the Ozark and Nixa Branches. *Da Vinci Day events are open to all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.*

DIY da Vinci Day

Thursday, May 2, 9 AM–5 PM

at the Ozark Branch and Nixa Branch

Come tinker, draw, build and learn about the life and accomplishments of Leonardo da Vinci with DIY activities at the Ozark and Nixa Branches. Practice "mirror writing" in da Vinci's unique style, pose as the Mona Lisa in our renaissance-style "photo booth," and more! We'll have different activities at each branch, so feel free to stop by both locations.

Ever After: a Cinderella Story

Thursday, May 2, 4–6 PM at the Ozark Branch

Join us in the storytime room for a screening of *Ever After: A Cinderella Story*, rated PG-13, where a fictionalized da Vinci makes a hilarious appearance with some of his inventions!

Leonardo: Art and Science in the Italian Renaissance

Thursday, May 2, 6:30–7:30 PM, at the Ozark Branch

Dr. Mitzi Kirkland-Ives of Missouri State University's Art and Design Department will give a presentation on the life and work of the celebrated artist and inventor Leonardo da Vinci.

Da Vinci Egg Drop Competition

Saturday, May 4, 2–4 PM, (sign in at 1 PM)

at the Ozark Branch

Do you have what it takes to invent and innovate like Leonardo da Vinci? Get creative and participate in our da Vinci Egg Drop competition. The mission: safely transport an egg dropped from a height of approx. 15 feet to the ground using your own hand-made, da Vinci-inspired contraption. Build your contraption at home and bring it to the library on competition day for a chance to win a \$25 Amazon gift card. The competition is open to all ages and will be judged in a family category, and an

individual (age 8+) category. We'll have grand prizes for the winners of each, as well as prizes for the most artistic and the most innovative contraptions of the day. Thank you to Superior Rents for providing the scissor lift we'll use during the egg drop. *Registration is required for this competition. Registration opens April 1. For a full outline of competition rules and registration, visit christiancountylibrary.org/eggdrop or stop by your local library branch for details.*





EVENTS FOR ADULTS

For audiences age 18+, unless noted otherwise.

MONTHLY BOOK CLUBS FOR ADULTS

Books & Baristas

Tuesday, May 14, June 11, and July 9

6–7 PM, at Walkabout Coffee Shop, 1860 N. Commerce Dr., Nixa, MO 65714

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

- **May 14:** *The Great Abraham Lincoln Pocket Watch Conspiracy* by Jacopo Della Quercia (contact the Nixa Branch at (417) 724-6100 for a copy of the book)
- **June 11:** *Southern Discomfort: A Memoir* by Tena Clark
- **July 9:** *The Book of Strange New Things* by Michael Faber

Reading Between the Wines

Thursday, May 16, June 20, and July 18

6–7 PM, at Vineyard Market, 1759 W. State Hwy. J, Ozark, MO 65721

Adults 21+: Join us at the Vineyard Market for a glass of wine and a book discussion. *Participants are not obligated*

to drink alcohol to attend, but the 21+ age restriction is required for all in attendance.

- **May 16:** *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
- **June 20:** *The Giver* by Lois Lowry
- **July 18:** *Artemis* by Andy Weir

Brown Bag and Book Club

Tuesday, May 28, June 25, and July 23

1–2 PM, at the Ozark Branch

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

- **May 28:** *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah
- **June 25:** *American Fire: Love, Arson, and Life in a Vanishing Land* by Monica Hesse
- **July 23:** *Sourdough* by Robin Sloan

MONTHLY EVENTS FOR ADULTS



Around the World Geography

**Monday, May 6, June 3, and July 1
4–5 PM, at the 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. Registration opens on the first day of each month. Register online with your library card or call (417) 724-6102.*

Life Hacks Series

Monday, May 6; Tuesday, June 18; and Monday, July 15; 5:30–7 PM, at the Nixa Branch

Each month a special guest will discuss methods for dealing with common life experiences. The summer edition of this series will focus on different forms of grief.

- **May 6: Grieving for a Loved One**

Jeanene Gerhardt, Program Coordinator for Lost and Found Grief Center, will discuss the common stages of grief, what is typical behavior for an individual experiencing loss, and how to recognize when you or a loved one may need help dealing with grief. We will also discuss some local options for seeking help or counseling. *Registration opens April 15.*

- **June 10: Grief concerning a Job/Career Loss**

The loss of a job or career can trigger unexpected

symptoms of grief. Library staff Ruth Ann Maynard will discuss those symptoms of grief and offer some tips on how to address it and begin to move on. *Registration opens May 18.*

- **July 15: Grieving for the loss of a Friendship or Relationship**

Kathleen Hamilton, Executive Pastor for HOPE Church of Sparta, will give a presentation on grief associated with the loss of friendship or relationship due to rejection, betrayal, or broken trust, as well as the deterioration of relationships due to issues of mental or physical health. *Registration opens June 18.*

Friday Film Club

**Friday, May 10, June 14, and July 12
6–8:30 PM, at the 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 so we know how much popcorn to make. Call (417) 724-6100 to register.*

- **May 10:** *Citizen Kane*, rated PG
- **June 14:** *Gravity*, rated PG-13
- **July 12:** *Black Narcissus*, not rated

Between the Lines Coloring Club

**Monday, May 13, June 10, and July 8
6–7 PM, at the Clever Branch**

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

Writing the Stories of Our Lives

**Tuesday, May 14, June 11, and July 9
Noon–1:30 PM, at the Ozark Branch**

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

Not Your Average BINGO**Thursday, May 16, June 20, and July 18****10:30–11:30 PM, at the 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.

Science Saturday**Saturday, May 25, June 29, and July 27****at the Ozark Branch**

Science is happening all around us. Learn from local experts about the science behind our everyday lives. *All ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.*

- **May 25, 2–3 PM: Beginning Astronomy**
Dale Flippo from the Springfield Astronomical Society will talk about astronomy, the science behind star-gazing, and how to get started with your own astronomical exploration.
- **June 29, 2–3:30 PM: Mars 2020**
NASA Solar System Ambassador Marteen Nolan will visit to talk about Mars 2020, NASA's upcoming mission to land a rover on Mars.
- **July 27, 2–3 PM: Citizen Science projects from Home**
You don't have to work in a lab to contribute to science research. You can do so from the comfort of your own home. Let us show you some groundbreaking research being done online with the help of citizens just like you.

**Your Family History****Thursday, May 30, June 27, and July 25****10:30–11:30 AM, at the Clever Branch**

Whether you're a seasoned family historian, or a new beginner digging up family roots, we can help! Learn how to build your family tree using free library resources. Feel free to bring your own laptop. *Registration is required. Registration opens on the first day of each month. Register online with your library card or call (417) 724-6102.*

Cooking School**Saturday, June 8 and July 13****(no cooking school in May)****1:30–2:30 PM, at the Ozark Branch**

Learn some new cooking techniques while we make tasty new and classic recipes. *Registration is required. Register online with your library card or call (417) 581-2432.*

- **June 8: Sippin' Summer Smoothies**
Explore the world of smoothie making with librarian David Eby. This class will sample different recipes for smoothies including vegan options, fruit, and even kale. *Registration opens May 1.*
- **July 13: Cake Poppin'**
Cake pops are a fantastic addition to any party and make great gifts. Join Sarah Hulsen, baker and librarian, to learn how to make these festive treats. *Registration opens June 1.*

The Library Venue: Open Mic Music**Tuesday, May 7, June 4, and July 2; 7–8:30 PM****at the Clever Branch**

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

WEEKLY EVENTS FOR ADULTS

English Skills at the Library

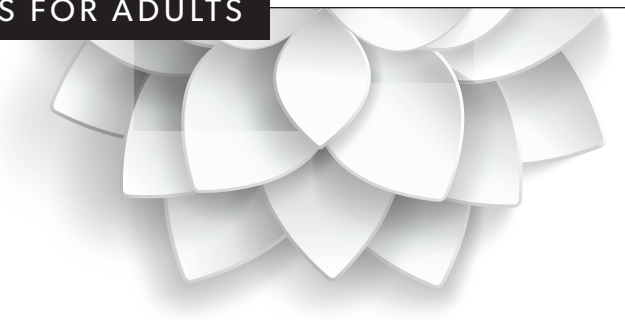
Every Wednesday, May 1–July 31

(except May 29 and July 3)

2–4 PM, at the Nixa Branch

The library is proud to offer a new series of English language programs for non-native speakers in our community! We're partnering with instructor Susan McCartney of the OTC Richwood Valley campus to help with practical, everyday English skills. These free weekly classes will cover each subject for one month. *Registration is required. Registration opens on April 3 for all sessions. Register online with your library card or call (417) 724-6100.*

- **Listening and pronunciation:** May 1, 8, 15, and 22
- **Filling out medical forms and other forms:** June 5, 12, 19, and 26
- **Communicating with your child's school:** July 10, 17, 24, and 31



Yoga at the Library

Nixa Branch: Every Thursday, May 2–July 25

(except July 4), 6–7 PM

Ozark Branch: Every Tuesday, May 7–July 30, 6–7 PM

This gentle, restorative yoga class, taught by certified instructor Debra Tucker of 417 Create Art and Yoga, will introduce students to basic principles of alignment and technique while slowly strengthening the body and calming the mind. *All ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.*

MORE EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Online Tools to Grow Your Business

Ozark Branch: Wednesday, May 1, 1–2 PM

Nixa Branch: Tuesday, June 4, 9–10 AM

The library has free online resources that can help you grow your business, including a business plan wizard, a curated collection of business articles, a tool that can run detailed demographics reports, free online classes, and more. This free hands-on workshop will help you get familiar with these resources. *Registration is required. Registration opens April 10 for the Ozark event, and May 15 for the Nixa event. Register online with your library card or call the Ozark Branch at (417) 581-2432 or the Nixa Branch at (417) 724-6100.*

Sweet Summer Jams

Saturday, May 11, 3–4:30 PM, at the Ozark Branch

Celebrate the start of summer with lemonade and some great music provided by musicians Graham Wyly and Jason Loftin!

Crafting Class: Spray Paint Galaxy Painting

Saturday, May 18, 10:30–11:30 AM

at the Ozark Branch

Learn how to create your own galaxy using spray paint

with art teacher Taylor Hopkins. *Registration is required. Registration opens April 15. Register online with your library card or call (417) 581-2432.*

Game of Thrones Trivia

Saturday, May 18, 2–3:30 PM, at the Ozark Branch

How well can you play the *Game of Thrones*? Teams of 2–4 will compete for honor and glory (not to mention the Iron Throne) in this trivia contest. *Registration is required. Registration opens April 15. Register online with your library card or call (417) 581-2432.*

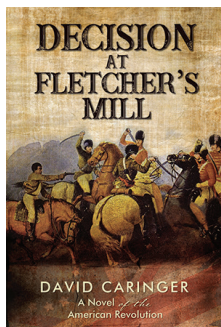
Nixa Branch One-Year Anniversary Fun Day

Saturday, May 25, 9 AM–5 PM, at the Nixa Branch

Visit the Nixa Branch for its one-year anniversary! The day will be full of celebrations, including snacks, special displays, interactive activities and screenings of library-themed movies. *This event is open to all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.*

Shredding Day**Saturday, May 25, 9–11 AM, at the Ozark Branch**

It's time to clean out those overflowing files. Safely dispose of private and personal documents at our shredding day. A shred truck from the Computer Recycling Center will be parked in the lower lot of the Ozark Branch. The shred truck will accept two boxes of papers per car.

**History Presentation:****David Caringer and the****"Decision at Fletcher's Mill"****Tuesday, May 28, 6–7:30 PM,
at the Nixa Branch**

Attention, historians and historical fiction readers! Come to the Nixa Branch to hear local novelist David

Caringer discuss the true history behind, and creation of, his newest book, *Decision at Fletcher's Mill*.

Knitting & Crocheting Meet & Greet**Saturday, June 1, 10–11 AM, at the Clever Branch**

Are you a seasoned knitter or crocheter, or have you always wanted to learn the craft? Join the meet & greet to learn about each craft and find community among other makers.

Techie Q & A**Tuesday, June 11, 6–7 PM, at the Clever Branch**

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

FIELD TRIP: BAKER CREEK HEIRLOOM SEED COMPANY

Friday, June 7, 10 AM–Noon

Follow us to Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Company in Mansfield, MO. We'll be taking a tour of the farm at 10 AM, then you're free to explore the farm and pioneer village with your family. **We will meet at**

the Ozark Branch Library at 8:30 AM or you can meet us at Baker Creek at 10:00 AM for the tour.

There is much to discover in the pioneer village, including an old-time mercantile, herbal apothecary, natural bakery, garden museum and blacksmith shop, Western jail, many breeds of historic poultry and livestock, and more. Of course, the field trip wouldn't be complete without a visit to the Baker Creek Seed Store. There is a vegan restaurant on the grounds or you're welcome to pack your own picnic. *This field trip is suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required. Registration opens May 10. Register online with your library card or call (417) 581-2432.*



Book News**Thursday, June 13, 6–7 PM, at the Ozark Branch**

Always looking for a good book? Want to know what book to bring to the beach? Come learn about the new and trending book titles for the summer.

Crafting Class: Painting Party!**Saturday, June 15, 1:30–3 PM, at the Ozark Branch**

Get artsy with painting instructor Debra Tucker of 417 Create Art and Yoga! The library will provide supplies and mocktails (non-alcoholic cocktails) for you to enjoy while you get creative with your friends. *Registration is required. Registration opens May 15. Register online with your library card or call (417) 581-2432.*

Do You Ukulele?**Friday, June 21, 3:30–4:30 PM, at the Ozark Branch**

Bring your ukulele to the library, and fine tune your musical skills while we play and practice ukulele together.

Glow-in-the-Dark Galaxy Paintings**Saturday, June 22, 1–3:30 PM, at the Nixa Branch**

Come to the Nixa Branch for an acrylic painting session and create your own glow-in-the-dark galaxy to take home with you. All supplies offered by the library, and *registration is required. Registration opens June 1. Register online with your library card or call (417) 724-6100.*

Stranger Things Craft Days**Friday, July 5 and Saturday, July 6****9 AM–5 PM, at the Nixa Branch**

Celebrate the release of season three of *Stranger Things* with DIY crafts! Get into that 80s mood and make your own *Stranger Things* buttons, create Perler bead magnets, and assemble fun and functional photograph coasters. *This event is suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.*

The Duels of Alexander Hamilton**Thursday, July 11, 6:30–7:30 PM, at the Ozark Branch**

Drury University professor and published author Dr. Daniel Ponder will speak about several of Alexander Hamilton's most famous duels. *Registration is required. Registration opens June 1. Register online using your library card or call (417) 581-2432.*

Cultural Traditions: Kimonos**Saturday, July 27, 10:30–11:30 AM****at the Ozark Branch**

Mika Logan will discuss the art and history of the kimono, then she will dress a model in a kimono so we can see how it is traditionally worn. *Registration is required. Registration opens June 25. Register online with your library card or call (417) 581-2432.*

Stories, Songs, and a Boingy, Boingy Thing**Saturday, July 27, 2–3 PM, at the Nixa Branch**

Musical performer Mike Anderson combines storytelling with five different instruments (including, you know, that boingy, boingy thing) for a legendary show. His dynamic style entrances audiences young and old. This performance is one you'll be talking about for quite a while!

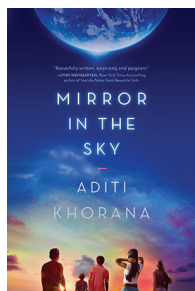


EVENTS FOR TEENS

For teens in grades 7–12

unless noted otherwise.

MONTHLY EVENTS FOR TEENS



Teen Book Club

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

Nixa Branch:

Thursday, May 2, June 6, and July 11; 6–7 PM

- **May 2:** *Sky in the Deep* by Adrienne Young
- **June 6:** *Mirror in the Sky* by Aditi Khorana
- **July 11:** *Satellite* by Nick Lake

Ozark Branch:

Tuesdays, May 7, June 4, and July 2; 4–5 PM

- **May 7:** *Mirror in the Sky* by Aditi Khorana
- **June 4:** *Satellite* by Nike Lake
- **July 2:** *The Lonely Dead* by April Henry

Teen Advisory Board

Nixa Branch: Tuesday, May 7, June 4, and July 2; 4:30–5:30 PM

Ozark Branch: Thursday, May 23, June 27, and July 25; 4:30–5:30 PM

Teens (Grades 8–12): We are dying to know what's cool in the teen world and what kind 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 must be filled out and approved before attending a meeting.*

Anime Club

**Wednesday, May 29, June 26, and July 31
1:30–3 PM, at the Ozark Branch**

Come watch the first couple episodes of popular anime each month and eat fun snacks! We will make themed buttons each month to go along with the anime we will be watching.

- **May 29:** *Gun Sword*
- **June 26:** *Cowboy Bebop*
- **July 31:** *Planetarian*

MORE EVENTS FOR TEENS

Bizarro Galore! Sideshow Stunts and More!

Monday, June 3, 6–7 PM, at the Nixa Branch

Oh My Gosh Josh, magician/comedian extraordinaire, will share some tricks and stunts straight out of the classic sideshow acts. He will swallow swords, lay on a bed of nails, perform mind reading stunts and much more. *This program is for teens only and will fill up fast so be sure to register! Registration is required. Registration opens May 13. Register online with your library card or call (417) 724-6100.*



Galaxy Cake Pops

**Tuesday, June 18, 2–3:30 PM
at the Ozark Branch**

Explore a universe of flavor in this delicious program. Learn how you can make cake pops that contain a world of their own! *Seating is limited for this program so be sure to register. Each person who comes to the program will have a chance to win a prize! Please let a librarian know about any food allergies when you register. Registration opens May 28. Register online with your library card or call (417) 581-2432.*

1990s Party

Friday, June 7, 6–7:30 PM, at the Nixa Branch

Dress in your 90s best and party like it's 1999! Enjoy trivia, snacks, and other totally awesome activities. This sweet party will be all that and a bag of chips!

Men in Black Movie Party

Thursday, June 13, 3–5 PM, at the Ozark Branch

Join us in watching the classic 90s comedy, *Men in Black*, rated PG-13. Sci-fi combines with hilarity for a perfect summer afternoon! Snacks and drinks will be provided, so please let the library know of any allergies. *Seating is limited for this program so be sure to register. Come to the program for a chance to win a prize! Registration opens May 23. Register online with your library card or call (417) 581-2432.*

Teen Game Night

Nixa Branch: Saturday, June 15, 1–4 PM

Ozark Branch: Thursday, July 25, 2–4 PM

Board games, card games, and video games galore—come hang out and play with us! There will be opportunities to play on our Nintendo Switch too. *Snacks and drinks will be provided, so be sure to let the library know of any allergies. Come to the program for a chance to win a prize!*

Space Trivia Night

Thursday, June 27, 2–4 PM, at the Ozark Branch

Test your knowledge of space—from scientific facts to Sci-Fi pop culture, the universe is the limit! *Seating is limited for this program so be sure to register. Each person who comes to the program will have a chance to win a prize! Registration opens June 6. Register online with your library card or call (417) 581-2432.*

Galaxy Shirts

Friday, June 28, 2–3 PM, at the Clever Branch

Make your own stellar fashion statement. Bring a plain black or navy t-shirt and we will provide the paint and some creative ideas for you to make your own intergalactic T-shirt.

Galactic Sugar Scrub

Tuesday, July 9, 2:30–3:30 PM, at the Ozark Branch

Pamper yourself with this homemade, colorful sugar scrub! *Seating is limited for this program so be sure to register. Each person who comes to the program will have a chance to win a prize! Registration opens June 18. Register online with your library card or call (417) 581-2432.*

Cosmic Bath Bombs**Thursday, July 11, 2–3:30 PM, at the Ozark Branch**

Make your own relaxing, out of this world bath bomb! We might get a little messy, so be sure to wear appropriate clothing. *Seating is limited for this program so be sure to register. Each person who comes to the program will have a chance to win a prize! Registration opens June 20. Register online with your library card or call (417) 581-2432.*

**Sci-Fi Trivia in Space****Saturday, July 13, 2:30–4 PM, at the Nixa Branch**

Star Trek, Star Wars, Marvel, oh my! Are you the ultimate expert in all things Sci-Fi? Compete with your team in this epic showdown for a chance to win prizes.

Juggling Workshop with Laughing Matters**Wednesday, July 17, 1–2 PM, at the Nixa Branch**

Teens and Tweens (Grades 3–12): Juggling is fun! Jay and Leslie from Laughing Matters will teach us “toss juggling” with scarves and bean bags, but that’s not all—they’ll also

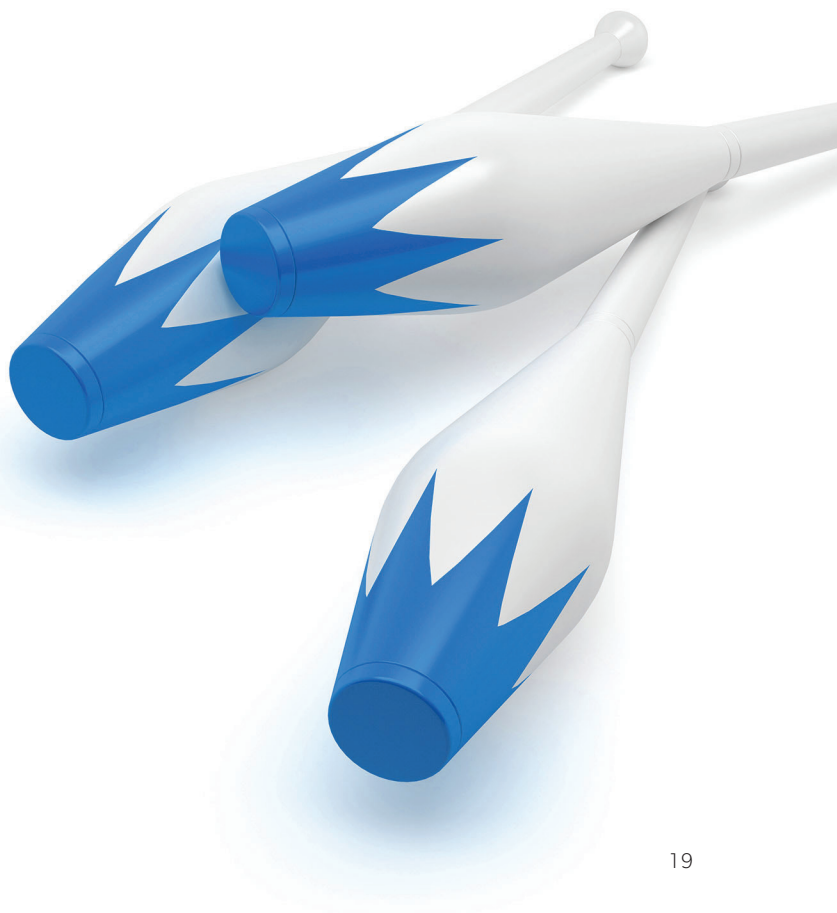
bring spinning plates, Chinese yo-yos, flower sticks, and more. This lively workshop will put you on the right track to become a juggling master! *Seating is limited to 24 attendees, so be sure to register. Registration opens June 26. Register online with your library card or call (417) 724-6100.*

Cosplay in the Stars Mini Con**Friday, July 19, 6–8:30 PM, at the Nixa Branch**

Calling all cosplayers! Come to the library dressed as your favorite character and compete in our cosplay contest, answer trivia questions, and learn from experienced cosplayers at this fabulous party. We’ll also have snacks, prizes, and more. Whether you’re a cosplay enthusiast or just interested in learning how to get started, all experience levels are welcome.

Starscape Tiles**Friday, July 26, 2–3 PM, at the Clever Branch**

Decorate ceramic tiles to create an intergalactic design inspired by the Milky Way galaxy and the solar system we live in. *Seating is limited for this program so be sure to register. Registration opens July 5. Register online with your library card or call (417) 724-6102.*





EVENTS FOR TWEENS

For tweens in grades 3–7 unless noted otherwise.

MONTHLY EVENTS FOR TWEENS

Tween Book Club

**Saturday, May 4, June 1, and July 6
3–4 PM, at the 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.

- **May 4:** *Hello Universe* by Erin Entrada
- **June 1:** *Space Case* by Stewart Gibbs
- **July 6:** *Real Friends* by Shannon Hale

Tween Advisory Board

Ozark Branch: Friday, May 10, June 14, and July 12;
3:30–4:30 PM

Nixa Branch: Tuesday, May 14, June 11, and July 9;
4:30–5:30 PM

We are dying to know what is cool in the tween world and what kind of events you wish were happening at the library!

Join the advisory board and you will get to help plan events, play fun games, and meet other amazing tweens in your area. *Sound like a good time? Apply for a spot on the Tween Advisory Board at the library or online at christiancountylibrary.org/volunteer/.*

Tinker Tuesday

**Tuesday, May 28, June 25, and July 23
3–5 PM, at the Ozark Branch**

Grades 1–6: Do you like to use your imagination to create amazing things? Come use your mind to solve a problem or build something fun. Every month will have new activities to try. Join us any time between 3–5 PM on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

MORE EVENTS FOR TWEENS

Magic And Mystery Workshop

with Oh My Gosh Josh

Monday, June 3, 1–2 PM, at the Ozark Branch

Come and learn the art of magic and performance from a real magician! Oh My Gosh Josh will coach kids in magic and illusion, as well as their performance and presentation skills. Each participant will receive five small tricks to keep and practice performing for their families at home. *Seating is limited to 25 participants, so be sure to register! Registration opens May 13. Register online with your library card or call (417) 581-2432.*

Galaxy Fun

**Thursday, June 6 and Tuesday, July 2
2–3 PM, at the Clever Branch**

K–5th Grade: Stop by the library to participate in exciting space-themed activities, competitions, crafts and games.

Flight School

**Ozark Branch: Thursday, June 6, 3–4 PM
Clever Branch: Tuesday, June 11, 2–3 PM**

If you build excellent paper airplanes or would like to sharpen your paper aviation skills, join us at our Flight School workshop where we'll explore the science that makes planes fly. We'll use our newfound knowledge to make some paper flyers and test them to see which designs fly the farthest and the straightest path.

Intergalactic Iron Chef

Wednesday, June 12, 2:30–4 PM, at the Nixa Branch

Have you ever wondered what astronauts eat in space? Taste some astronaut food and see if you can create a unique dish out of the ingredients provided. Keep an eye out for surprise ingredients! *Seating is limited for this program so be sure to register. Registration opens May 14. Register online with your library card or call (417) 724-6100.*

Space Jam Movie Party

Saturday, June 15, 2–4 PM, at the Ozark Branch

Come chill out and watch a 1990s classic, *Space Jam*, rated PG. We will snack on popcorn and space-themed treats like Star Crunch, and more. *Please let the library know about any food allergies.*

Astronaut Camp

Ozark Branch: Thursday, June 20, 2–4 PM

Clever Branch: Friday, June 21, 10 AM–Noon

Grades 2–5: Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live on the international space station? Now is your chance to find out! We'll learn what it's like to eat, sleep, and exercise in space. *Please let the library know about any food allergies. Registration opens June 1. Register online with your library card or call the Ozark Branch at (417) 581-2432 or the Clever Branch at (417) 724-6102.*

1960s Moon Landing Watch Party

Wednesday, June 26, 2:30–4 PM, at the Nixa Branch

The year is 1969 and Apollo 11 is about to land the first man on the moon! Come dressed in your best 60s outfit, enjoy fun activities, and watch the first moon landing.

Galaxy Slime

Ozark Branch: Friday, June 28, 3–4 PM

Clever Branch: Tuesday, July 9, 2–3 PM

Celebrate "A Universe of Stories" by creating your own slime galaxy. Base it on the Milky Way or create your own galaxy that no one has seen before. We will be using liquid starch in this slime, so it will not be edible. *Registration is required for the Ozark event. Registration opens June 6. Register online with your library card or call the Ozark Branch at (417) 581-2432. Registration is not required for the Clever event.*

Sci-Fi in Space Trivia Tween Edition

Wednesday, July 3, 2:30–4 PM, at the Nixa Branch

Star Trek, Star Wars, Marvel, oh my! Are you the ultimate expert in all things Sci-Fi? Compete with your team to win prizes and see who knows the most about Sci-Fi in this epic showdown!

Planets and Moons Workshop

with Mad Science

Wednesday, July 10, 10–11 AM, at the Nixa Branch

Explore the farthest reaches of the solar system and create a lunar eclipse in this "mad" planetary tour! *Seating is limited, so be sure to register. Registration opens June 19. Register online with your library card or call (417) 724-6100.*



Living in Space Workshop with Mad Science

Friday, July 12, 10–11 AM, at the Ozark Branch

Experience the life of an astronaut as you suit up for space flight! Use teamwork to complete an important space mission, build a model space station and make your very own Cosmic Chronometer to measure time here on earth. *Seating is limited in this program, so be sure to register. Registration opens June 21. Register online with your library card or call (417) 581-2432.*

Space Technology Workshop with Mad Science

Friday, July 12, 12:30–1:30 PM, at the Clever Branch

Discover technology designed for outer space exploration! Steer a laser beam through a maze, find hidden mountains using principles of radar technology, and discover everyday objects designed for use in space. *Seating is limited in this program, so be sure to register. Registration opens June 21.*

Planet Ornaments

Saturday, July 13, 11–12:30 PM, at the Ozark Branch

Ever wish you could fly to a planet that was made just for you? Well, this is your chance to design your own. Use your imagination to draw out your planet then turn it into a globe ornament or a melty bead ornament. *Seating is limited in this program, so be sure to register. Registration opens June 22. Register online with your library card or call (417) 581-2432.*

Juggling Workshop with Laughing Matters

Wednesday, July 17, 1–2 PM, at the Nixa Branch

Teens and Tweens (Grades 3–12): Juggling is fun! Jay and Leslie from Laughing Matters will teach us “toss juggling”

with scarves and bean bags, but that’s not all—they’ll also bring spinning plates, Chinese yo-yos, flower sticks, and more. This lively workshop will put you on the right track to become a juggling master. *Seating is limited to 24 attendees, so be sure to register. Registration opens June 26. Register online with your library card or call (417) 724-6100.*



Escape from Space

**Saturday, July 20, 10:30 AM–3 PM
at the Ozark Branch**

Your team has been sent to study a distant planet, and everything has gone well—until now. There’s a storm rolling in and you need to leave the planet early, but the early launch code has gone missing. Team up with your friends or family to find the code and escape before it’s too late. *This program will be first-come first-served. Sign up to participate in the children’s area beginning at 10:00 AM.*

Launch a Mars Colony LARP

Tuesday, July 30, 2–4 PM, at the Nixa Branch

You have just arrived on Mars and now have to set up a colony and learn to survive in space. As you settle in, colonists get sick, and are attacked by a mysterious presence. Come LARP (Live Action Role Play) and see if you can survive Mars!



MONTHLY EVENTS FOR KIDS

Game Night at the Library

Friday, May 10, June 14 and July 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

Ozark Branch: Monday, May 13, June 10 and July 8; 4:30–6 PM
Nixa Branch: Monday, May 20, June 24, and July 22; 4:30–6 PM
Clever Branch: Wednesday, May 29, June 26 and July 31; 4:30–5:30 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.

Tinker Tuesday

Tuesday, May 28, June 25, and July 23
3–5 PM, at the Ozark Branch

Grades 1–6: Do you like to use your imagination to create amazing things? Come use your mind to solve a problem or build something fun. Every month will have new activities to try. Join us any time between 3–5 PM on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

WEEKLY EVENTS FOR KIDS

Family Storytime

Clever Branch: Every Tuesday, May 7–July 30

(Except July 2); 10–11 AM and 11 AM–Noon

Ozark Branch: Every Wednesday, May 1–July 31

(except July 3); 10–11 AM and 11 AM–Noon

Nixa Branch: Every Thursday, May 2–July 25

(except July 4); 10–11 AM and 11 AM–Noon

Sparta Fire Station: Every Tuesday, May 7–July 30

(except July 2); 10–11 AM

Billings City Library: Last Tuesday of every month,
4–4:30 PM

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.

Baby Bounce

Ozark Branch: Every Thursday, May 2–July 25

(except July 4); 10:30–11:30 AM

Nixa Branch: Every Friday, May 3–July 26

(except July 5); 10–11 AM

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

MORE EVENTS FOR KIDS



OMG Josh and TotallyNormalBob in the Dewey Dimension!

Nixa Branch: Wednesday, June 5, 1–2 PM

Ozark Branch: Thursday, June 6, 11 AM–Noon

If you've seen Oh My Gosh Josh at your Library, you've probably met his best friend Totally-Normal-Bob Definitely-Not-An-Alien. But did you know Bob can travel through

space and time? OMG Josh and Bob will lead you through the Dewey Dimensions where silly space adventures abound! Come along for this exciting comedic show full of books, magic, circus stunts and audience participation.

Galaxy Fun

Thursday, June 6; and Tuesday, July 2
2–3 PM, at the Clever Branch

K–5th Grade: Stop by the library to participate in exciting space-themed activities, competitions, crafts, games, and more.

Astronomy Night at the Library

Monday, June 10, 8:30–10:30 PM, at the Clever Branch

Have you ever wanted to see the night sky through the lens of a telescope? Come out for a night with Dale Flippo from the Springfield Astronomical Society when he will share this opportunity with you. *Registration is required for this event. Registration opens May 1. Register online with your library card or call the Ozark branch at (417) 581-2432 or the Clever branch at (417) 724-6102.*

Unearthing Nature's Mysteries**Nixa Branch: Tuesday, June 11, 10–11 AM****Clever Branch: Thursday,****June 13, 12:30–1:30 PM****Ozark Branch: Friday, June 14,****10–11 AM**

The universe is filled with wonder, and the animal kingdom is no exception! Join Dickerson Park Zoo as we dive into animal inquiry. Together we will explore how animals live, learn about their special adaptations, and meet some animal friends who are sure to spark new curiosities. You won't want to miss this fascinating program!

**Astronaut Camp****Ozark Branch: Thursday, June 20, 2–4 PM****Clever Branch: Friday, June 21, 10 AM–Noon**

Grades 2–5: Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live on the international space station? Now is your chance to find out! At astronaut camp we'll learn what it's like to eat, sleep, and exercise

in space. We will be trying some special foods,

so please let the library know about any food allergies.

Registration opens June 1. Register online with your library card or call the Ozark branch at (417) 581-2432 or the Clever branch at (417) 724-6102.

Library Play Day: Lost in Space**Friday, June 14, 10 AM–2 PM, at the Ozark Branch**

Get lost in space in a day of space-themed imaginary play. The Ozark storytime room will be opened from 10:00 AM–2 PM for little astronauts to fly by and practice their skills.

Book Bingo**Saturday, June 15 and July 20; 11 AM–Noon at the Clever Branch**

We're playing Book Bingo at the library! It's regular BINGO, but the prize is a book of your choice. Bring the whole family and see who will win!

Summer Reading Magic with Eric Vaughn**Ozark Branch: Tuesday, June 18, 11 AM–Noon****Nixa Branch: Wednesday, June 19, 2:30–3:30 PM****Clever Branch: Thursday, June 20, 2:30–3:20 PM**

For almost nineteen years, Magician Eric Vaughn has delighted audiences of all ages. This summer, join Eric and his furry sidekick "Mr. Tinkles" for an afternoon of fun and magical entertainment. They'll delight, astound, and maybe confound you, but one thing's for sure, they won't be a bore!

**Magic... Out of This World!****Ozark Branch: Friday, June 21, 10–11 AM****Nixa Branch: Monday, June 24, 10–11 AM****Clever Branch: Thursday, June 27, 9–10 AM**

Join Marty Hahne, "The Reading Magician," for astronomical mysteries and surprises that include rabbit astronauts, "Chico the Chimp's" experimental ride into space, and objects that become weightless while still on Earth! Hilarity and magic combine to become a sure-fire giggle-fest filled with spell-binding tricks and enchantment.

Storytimes with Disney Princesses

Join us for a very special storytime with one of your favorite Disney characters! Our special guest will read stories and sing some songs. It's sure to be a magical visit to the library.

- **Storytime with Tinkerbell:**

Friday, June 28, 10–11 AM, at the Ozark Branch

- **Storytime with Ariel:**

Thursday, July 11, 11:30 AM–12:30 PM at the Clever Branch

- **Storytime with Belle:**

Monday, July 22, 10–11 AM, at the Nixa Branch

Tommy Terrific's Wacky Magic Show**Ozark Branch: Friday, July 5, 10–11 AM****Nixa Branch: Friday, July 5, 2–3 PM**

Tommy Terrific's Wacky Magic will be presenting a magic show called "Space Magic," featuring tricks and illusions

that demonstrate the mesmerizing wonders of space—from celestial objects like planets and stars, to the rockets and equipment we use to explore them. Tommy Terrific will astound us with the science and magic of the universe.

KY3 Storybreak with Ethan Forhetz

Thursday, July 18, 11:30 AM–12:30 PM

At the Clever Branch

Come see one of our favorite TV personalities in person! KY3 News Anchor Ethan Forhetz will read his favorite stories.

Supernova Storytime

Tuesday, July 9, 10:30–11:30 AM, at the Nixa Branch

Get ready for a galactic good time! Enjoy out-of-this-world stories, songs, and activities at this special storytime.

Flights of Fancy

Wednesday, July 17, 10–11 AM, at the Nixa Branch

Jay and Leslie launch into summer reading with juggling, stories, orbits, and more bits to tickle your funny bone. The fun will be flying, and Goldilocks will be searching for a planet that is “just right.” Jay & Leslie are cleared for landing at your library this summer!

Alien Invasion

Thursday, July 18, 3–4 PM, at the Ozark Branch

The library has been invaded by aliens! We will use recycled materials to create our own aliens and form an alien army. Then, we will imagine together what kind of planet our aliens came from. *Seating is limited in this program, so be sure to register. Registration opens June 27. Register online with your library card or call (417) 581-2432.*

Rock Painting for All

Saturday, July 20, 12–4 PM at the Nixa Branch

Join the rock painting craze! Laura, a local rock enthusiast, will help guide you on your artistic adventure. Supplies are limited, so get here early for this come and go event! Individuals of all ages are welcome to attend.

Boing, Boing, Sing!

Friday, July 26, 2–3 PM at the Ozark Branch

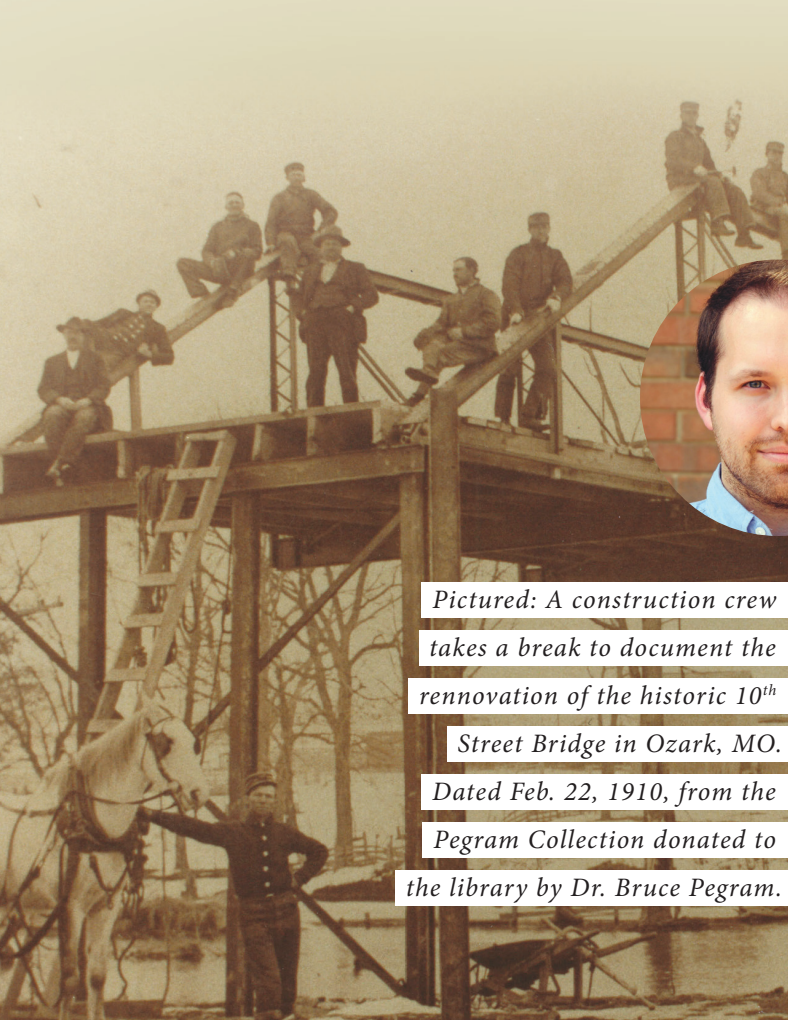
Musical performer Mike Anderson combines storytelling with five different instruments (including, you know, that boingy, boingy thing) for a legendary show. His dynamic style entrances audiences young and old. This performance is one the kids will be talking about for quite a while!

THE BABY SPACE RACE

**Friday, July 26, 11 AM–Noon
at the Ozark Branch**

Diapers are expensive. Why not have your baby earn their own? Sign your little one up for this baby race and win some diapers! Baby speedsters will enroll in one of three categories: beginner crawlers, intermediate crawlers, or advanced crawlers. Two adults per child will make racing easier, but is not required. This program is for crawlers only. *Diapers will be in sizes 4 & 5. Please call the library at (417) 581-2432 to register. Registration opens July 5.*





Pictured: A construction crew takes a break to document the renovation of the historic 10th Street Bridge in Ozark, MO. Dated Feb. 22, 1910, from the Pegram Collection donated to the library by Dr. Bruce Pegram.

Meet Konrad Stump, Christian County Library's new local history librarian

HISTORY HIDES IN ATTICS, in basements, and in shoeboxes inside closets. The majority of historical material is not in libraries or museums, but in private hands. As the new local historian for the Christian County library, one of my projects will be to begin collecting as much of Christian County history directly from you, the people whose families have inhabited the area for generations. I'm looking to help preserve and tell Christian County's story, especially its cultural history—art, music, festivals and folklore. I'm interested in everything from the Ozark Mill and Garrison Spring to quilting clubs and community events, you name it. If you have old photographs, postcards, letters, autograph books, calling cards, photo albums, ledgers, or if you run a Christian County business with an institutional history, contact me at localhistory@christiancountylibrary.org or stop by the Ozark Branch library to discuss helping us expand our physical and digital local history archives.

Sparta middle school students connect with literacy through comics and cosplay at SpartaCon.



In February, the Sparta Middle School gym filled with students, many dressed in comic book-inspired costumes. They were there to participate in SpartaCon, a two

hour mini-convention to inspire students to connect with literacy through comics and graphic novels. Students learned how graphic novels are created at a panel discussion with local comic book artists Marty Salsman and Chad Thomas. They also witnessed some culture surrounding comics and graphic novels through a performance by the cosplay group, the Kira Kira Girls, and a cosplay contest among students. SpartaCon also included a trivia competition moderated by Joey Mills, co-host of the podcast Pop Goes the Culture.

SpartaCon was the product of a partnership between Christian County Library Outreach Manager Scott Villarreal,

Sparta Social Studies teacher Samantha Johnson, and Sparta Library Media Specialist Emily Morris. "This was a way for the students to get excited about graphic novels... each student had to read one before the Con," said Morris.

For Johnson, SpartaCon was a step toward her students creating their own graphic novels. Her students are studying early U.S. History and have not only been reading graphic novels, but critiquing them. After expanding their knowledge of storytelling through art and writing, they are now creating their own graphic novels about Native American experiences during the 19th century. The eighth grade students' work will be available for the fifth graders studying the same topic to check out in the school library.

"We have many students on the free and reduced lunch program, and some struggling readers. Graphic novels helps them to be more open to reading, and now writing them is not as daunting," explained Morris.



SUMMER SIDEWALK SALE

Friday, June 28, 10 AM – 5 PM

Saturday, June 29, 9 AM – 2 PM

At the Clever Branch

7450 W Veterans Blvd

The Christian County Friends of the Library Summer Sidewalk Sale is happening at the Clever Branch this year. Drop by the library to find great deals on books for every age and interest during this small two-day sale.

Friends of the Library book sales help support the Friends of the Library, which in turn supports important Christian County Library projects.

Become a Friends of the Library member: Get a 2019 family membership for \$10 or an individual membership for \$6 at the sale.