

Stars from your backyard



**EVENTS
NEWSLETTER**

NOV/DEC 2024



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November

Abstract Photography with the Southwest Missouri Camera Club

Nixa Branch

Friday, Nov. 1
3-5 p.m.

All ages



Express ideas and emotions in your photography without traditional imagery with guidance from local professionals and artists.

Genealogy Workshop with Brittany Russell Clever Branch

Saturday, Nov. 2, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Search your roots and discover new branches on the family tree during this monthly series.

Let's Play: Hearts

Sparta Branch

Saturday, Nov. 2, 2-4 p.m.

Join us for a hand of this classic trick-taking card game.

Yoga with Debra Tucker

Ozark Branch Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.

Nixa Branch Thursdays, 6-7 p.m.

(No Class Nov. 5 & Nov. 7)

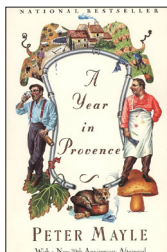
Take time for yourself with weekly classes from 417 Create Art & Yoga Studio.

Tai Chi with Chuck Mercer

Clever Branch

Thursdays, 11 a.m.- Noon

Find your inner balance each week with Legacy Martial Ways.



Reel Reads

Sparta Branch

Thursday, Nov. 7

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Follow along as Peter Mayle, tired of the rat race in the big city, escapes to the French countryside in his autobiography "A Year in Provence."

Aging Gracefully with SeniorAge Area Agency on Aging Ozark Branch

Thursday, Nov. 7, 6-7 p.m.

Discuss the importance of staying active and socially engaged as the years roll by.



#BookClub

Nixa Branch

Friday, Nov. 8

10-11 a.m.

Meet an isolated witch who embraces a quirky new found

family that changes the course of her life in "The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches" by Sangu Mandanna. Toys provided for kids, with parent/guardian supervision.

Birch Bark Wreaths

Sparta Branch

Saturday, Nov. 9, 2-4 p.m.

*Registration opens Oct. 26

Add a touch of winter to the front door with this simple, natural decor.

Medicare Open

Enrollment: Best Practices

with **Stephanie Hohenshell**

Nixa Branch

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 6-7 p.m.

There are many ways to protect yourself and loved ones from medical costs. Learn the ins and outs of Medicare with a local financial planner.

Penny Slider Cards

Ozark Branch

Thursday, Nov. 14, 2-3 p.m.

Want to make those greeting cards pop? Slip in a personalized object for a fun surprise.

Thanksgiving Centerpieces

Ozark Branch

Friday, Nov. 15, 10-11 a.m.

*Registration opens Oct. 31

All ages

Give the family table a major "wow" factor this season with a stunning focal point. Toys provided for kids, with parent/guardian supervision.

DIY Printmaking

Nixa Branch

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2-4 p.m.

*Registration opens Nov. 2

Channel your inner printmaker while designing original stamps and artwork.

Protecting Children through

Active Bystanding with

the Child Advocacy Center

Ozark Branch

Thursday, Nov. 21, 6-7 p.m.

Recognize boundary violations and inappropriate behaviors while implementing interventions to protect children.

Monday, Nov. 11
Veterans Day

Thursday, Nov. 28
Thanksgiving Day

Tuesday, Dec. 24
Christmas Eve

Wednesday, Dec. 25
Christmas Day

Holiday Closings

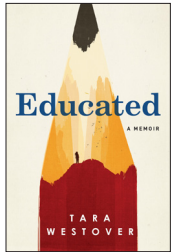
Tuesday, Dec. 31
closing at 5 p.m.
New Year's Eve

Wednesday, Jan. 1
New Year's Day

True Crime Club Ozark Branch

Thursday, Nov. 21, 6-7 p.m.

One by one, hospital staff become ill after tending to a woman with an unknown disease. Bring your own theories as we investigate the medical mystery of Gloria Ramirez.



Books & Baristas

The Baked Bean Coffee Shop, 1860 N. Commerce Drive
Nixa, Saturday
Nov. 23, 10-11 a.m.

She was 17-years-old

before the first time she set foot in a classroom. Tara Westover had to overcome insurmountable odds to acquire a PhD in her touching autobiography, "Educated."

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Tai Chi with Chuck Mercer

Clever Branch

Thursdays, 11 a.m.- Noon
(No Class Dec. 26)

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Diamond Painting Clever Branch

Thursday, Dec. 5, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Try out this new hobby that combines beading and painting to bring a little sparkle to your decor this winter.

Genealogy Workshop with Brittany Russell

Clever Branch

Saturday, Dec. 7, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Search your roots and discover new branches on the family tree during this monthly series.

Let's Play: Eleusis

Sparta Branch

Saturday, Dec. 7, 2-4 p.m.

Inductive reasoning is key in this mind-bending card game.

Cozy Winter Banner

Ozark Branch

Monday, Dec. 9, 10-11 a.m.

All ages

Warm up any space with this festive wall hanging. Toys provided for kids, with parent/guardian supervision.

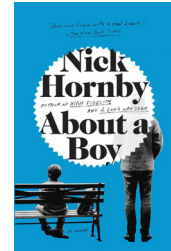


Macramé and a Movie Ozark Branch

Tuesday, Dec. 10
5-6:30 p.m.

Even cotton-headed ninny muggins

can get into the spirit by creating a woven Christmas tree while watching "Elf." Rated PG.



Reel Reads Sparta Branch

Thursday, Dec. 12
3:30-4:30 p.m.

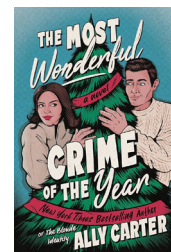
Take a look at life through the eyes of young Marcus

Brewer in "About a Boy," a coming-of-age story by Nick Hornby.

Beating the Winter Blues with CC Counseling Services of Ozark Ozark Branch

Thursday, Dec. 12, 6-7 p.m.

Feeling down and don't know why? Discover why self-care is essential with practical strategies to identify, treat and overcome Seasonal Affective Disorder.



#BookClub

Nixa Branch

Friday, Dec. 13
10-11 a.m.

Join us for this enemies-to-lovers mystery with a holiday

rom-com twist in Ally Carter's "The Most Wonderful Crime of the Year." Toys provided for kids, with parent/guardian supervision.

Floral Illustration Sparta Branch

Saturday, Dec. 14, 10 a.m.- Noon

*Registration opens Nov. 30

Explore the beauty of watercolor and gouache with a step-by-step tutorial from Craft & Hobby.

Walk-In Vaccination Clinic

If you need a Flu or COVID-19 booster, it's as easy as stopping by the library. No appointment needed as we partner with Alps Pharmacy during these walk-in vaccine clinics. To determine if one or both vaccines are right for you, review the frequently asked questions and speak with your physician.

Nixa Branch

Friday, Nov. 1, 1-3 p.m.

Ozark Branch

Monday, Nov. 4, 9-11 a.m.

Clever Branch

Tuesday, Nov. 5, Noon-2 p.m.

Sparta Branch

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

More info at christiancountylibrary.org/vaccine-clinic



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December

Holiday Cookie Decorating with Sweet Thymes Bakes Nixa Branch

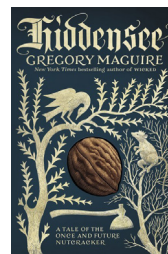
Saturday, Dec. 14, 2-3:30 p.m.

**Registration opens Nov. 30*
Whisk up pre-baked treats into edible art with a professional patissier to take home and enjoy.

True Crime Club Ozark Branch

Thursday, Dec. 19, 6-7 p.m.

Fire engulfs a family home on Christmas Eve. Four children escape, but five mysteriously go missing in the 1945 cold case of the Sodder Children. Bring your theories.



Books & Baristas

*The Baked Bean
Coffee Shop, 1860
N. Commerce Drive
Nixa, Saturday
Dec. 21, 10-11 a.m.*

Revisit a holiday classic in “Hiddensee: A Tale of the Once and Future Nutcracker,” a captivating reimagining of the Nutcracker’s backstory by Gregory Maguire, the author of “Wicked.”

New Year, New Journal

Nixa Branch

Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2-4 p.m.

*Registration opens Dec. 17

Grades 9 and up

Make those 2025 resolutions a reality. Get organized, create goals and stay on track with a bullet journal.

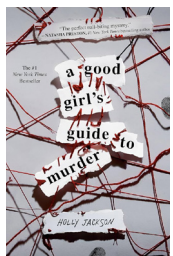
Find out how at
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November

Needle Felted Acorn Keychain Clever Branch

Monday, Nov. 4, 11 a.m.- Noon

Learn the basics in order to craft a seasonal, stylish addition for your backpack or keys.



The Mystery Ink Society Nixa Branch

Monday, Nov. 4
4-5 p.m.

Find out *whodunnit* in "A Good Girl's

Guide to Murder," Holly Jackson's bestselling novel that inspired a hit Netflix show.

Wooden Pixel Art Sparta Branch

Tuesday, Nov. 5, 4:30-6 p.m.

Bring those favorite pixelated characters to life with cubes, paint and a little imagination.

Teen Advisory Board Ozark Branch

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 5-6 p.m.

Grades 9 and up

We need your big ideas for future library events and activities—tell us during our next meeting.

Pizza Wars Ozark Branch

Thursday, Nov. 14, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Vote for the best slice in town to help decide who wins the ultimate pizza showdown.



Hollywood Hangout Clever Branch

Monday, Nov. 18
3-5 p.m.

Calling all movie buffs. Bring a snack

(inspired by the movie) as we watch and discuss cinema favorites.

Dive into "Percy Jackson & The Olympians: The Lightning Thief." Rated PG.

Dungeons & Dragons Club Ozark Branch

Monday, Nov. 18, 4:30-6 p.m.

Whether you've only heard about the game, or played hundreds of times, there is space for you in this adventure.

Anime & Snacks Nixa Branch

Monday, Nov. 25, 5-6 p.m.

Try puffy, savory steamed bao while watching "Sailor Moon Crystal." Rated TV-14.

December

Crochet 101 Clever Branch

Monday, Dec. 2, 3-4:30 p.m.

*Registration opens Nov. 18

From slip knots to foundation chains, this beginner class is the perfect way to ease into a new skill.



The Mystery Ink Society Nixa Branch

Monday, Dec. 2
4-5 p.m.

Three best friends, a lake house and a

secret trip—what could go wrong?

Read all the twists and turns in "That Weekend" by Kara Thomas.

Cookie in a Jar Sparta Branch

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

This "can" make a tasty, ready-to-go treat for someone special.

Teen Advisory Board Nixa Branch

Monday, Dec. 9, 4-6 p.m.

Grades 9 and up

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Hollywood Hangout Clever Branch

Monday, Dec. 16
3-5 p.m.

Think you know a lot about movies? Bring

a snack (inspired by the movie) as we watch and discuss "The Santa Clause," a holiday staple. Rated PG.

Dungeons & Dragons Club Ozark Branch

Monday, Dec. 16, 4:30-6 p.m.

Whether you've only heard about the game, or played hundreds of times, there is space for you in this adventure.

December

Book Ornament

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, December 17

4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Registration opens Dec. 3*

Turn your favorite reads of 2024 into mini decorations for the tree.

Makeup Master Class

with Kayli Rachelle

Ozark Branch

Friday, Dec. 20, 4-5:30 p.m.

Grades 9 and up

Learn effortlessly natural and dramatic looks from a celebrity makeup artist (and Nixa High school graduate). Stick around for a Q&A session afterwards.

Anime & Snacks

Nixa Branch

Monday, Dec. 30, 5-6 p.m.

There may not be a kotatsu, but gathering together for a New Year's party is still a must. Bring your friends and enjoy some fried chicken, strawberry cream cake and episodes of "Fruits Basket." Rated TV-14.

KIDS & FAMILIES Pre-K - grade 6

November

Imagination Play Day

Clever Branch

Wednesday, Nov. 6

10:30 a.m.- Noon

Dream up your own world with boxes, balloons, bubble wrap and more!

Dino Snow Globes

Ozark Branch

Thursday, Nov. 7, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

Make *Dino*-vember last forever in a portable world.

Game On

Clever Branch

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 4-5 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

Battle for bragging rights on the Nintendo Switch while sipping on delicious hot cocoa.

PAWS for Reading

Nixa Branch

Thursday, Nov. 14, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

**Registration opens Oct. 31*

Reluctant readers can build confidence by reading to these cute and supportive furry friends.

Adventurer's Guild: Uprising!

Nixa Branch

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2-4 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

A country town was preparing for its annual harvest festival when the main dish suddenly revolted! Can you protect the town from *fowl* play during this tabletop role-playing game?



Movie Day: The

Garfield Movie

Sparta Branch

Saturday, Nov. 16
3-5 p.m.

Cozy up with apple cider and popcorn as

Garfield reunites with his dad and heads on a high-stakes heist with Odie. Rated PG.

Stuffed Animal Hospital

Ozark Branch

Wednesday, Nov. 20

9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Have a well-loved plush in need of some TLC? Whether it has a tear or missing button eyes, we're here to patch them up, good as new.

Fall Treats

Sparta Branch

Friday, Nov. 22, 4-5 p.m.

Save room for dessert! Assemble these cute thanksgiving-inspired treats that are adorably tasty.

Thanksgiving Storytime

Nixa Branch

Tuesday, Nov. 26

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Get ready to *gobble* up some fun with themed stories, songs and crafts.

Mario Kart

Smackdown Tournament

Nixa Branch

Saturday, Nov. 30, 1:30-3 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

Watch out for turtle shells and banana peels during this high speed tournament.

KIDS & FAMILIES Pre-K - grade 6

December

Cocoa & Crafts

Nixa Branch

Saturday, Dec. 7, 2:30-4 p.m.

Get into the winter spirit with some hot chocolate while working away on a cozy project.

Ornament Workshop

Clever Branch

Tuesday, Dec. 10

10:30 a.m.- Noon

Grow your seasonal decor collection with handmade candy canes, reindeer and snowmen.

3D Fuse Bead Art

Nixa Branch

Thursday, Dec. 12, 4-6 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

Big and small, we've got them all! Create a picture or design by melting Perler Beads.

DIY Chocolate Bark

Ozark Branch

Friday, Dec. 13, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Make a one-of-a-kind chocolate masterpiece with some sweet toppings.

Adventurer's Guild:

Special Delivery

Nixa Branch

Saturday, Dec. 14, 2-4 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

Deliver a package while traversing an arcane train! Can you get it safely to its destination in this tabletop role-playing game?

Homemade Holiday Gifts

Sparta Branch

Saturday, Dec. 14, 3-4 p.m.

*Registration opens Nov. 30

Impress family and friends with personalized presents that will be sure to brighten their day.

Make an Ugly Ornament

Ozark Branch

Thursday, Dec. 19, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

Let's see your worst! Craft wacky, outrageous pieces of art to decorate your tree.

Frosty Fables Storytime

Clever Branch

Friday, Dec. 20, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

This special storytime has a blizzard of winter-themed stories, songs and crafts.

FAMILY STORYTIME kids up to age six

Sparta Mondays

11-11:45 a.m.

Nixa Tuesdays

10-10:45 a.m.
11-11:45 a.m.

Ozark Wednesdays

10-10:45 a.m.
11-11:45 a.m.

Clever Fridays

10:30-11:15 a.m.

Ozark Branch – Thursdays

BABY BOUNCE

Babies up to
18 months

9:45-10:30 a.m.

TODDLER TIME

children 18 months
to 3 years

10:45-11:30 a.m.

No Storytimes Nov. 5, 25-29 & Dec.23-Jan. 3



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Winter Reading Challenge

Dec. 1 - Jan. 31

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