

SHARING STORIES & BUILDING COMMUNITY



EVENTS
NEWSLETTER
NOV/DEC 2025



ADULTS ages 18 and older

November

Yoga with Debra Tucker

Ozark Branch Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.

Nixa Branch Thursdays, 10-11 a.m.

Unwind and recharge with weekly classes from 417 Create Art & Yoga Studio. *Wellness*

Tai Chi with Chuck Mercer

Clever Branch

Thursdays, 11 a.m.- Noon

Embrace the art of mindful movement each week with Legacy Martial Ways. *Wellness*

Let's Play: Hearts

Sparta Branch

Saturday, Nov. 8, 2-4 p.m.

Outwit others with clever strategy, sharp memory and a bit of luck during this classic trick-taking game. *Games*

Tea Blending Workshop

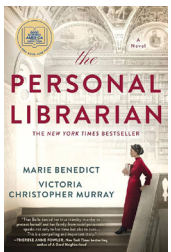
with **Davin Does Tea**

Ozark Branch

Monday, Nov. 10, 5-6:30 p.m.

*Registration opens Oct. 27

Brew some fun while learning blending basics with a local tea sommelier. *Culinary*



Lit Happens!

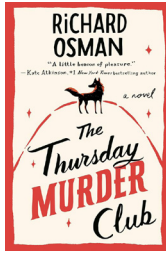
Clever Branch

Wednesday, Nov. 12

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Secrets, ambition, scandal and New York society collide

in Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray's "The Personal Librarian." *Book Clubs*



Osman's "The Thursday Murder Club." *Book Clubs*

Reel Reads

Sparta Branch

Thursday, Nov. 13

3:30-5:30 p.m.

Four unlikely sleuths tackle unsolved cold cases in Richard

Come & See: Oregon

Ozark Branch

Thursday, Nov. 13, 6-7 p.m.

All ages

You won't need a passport to enjoy stunning photos and a tasty Pacific Northwest treat. *Education*



#BookClub

Nixa Branch

Friday, Nov. 14

10-11 a.m.

It's a whimsical tale of second chances at magic and love

in Sangu Mandanna's "A Witch's Guide to Magical Innkeeping."

Book Clubs



Movie Matinee:

Wicked

Ozark Branch

Saturday, Nov. 15

1-4 p.m., All ages

Everyone deserves a chance to fly. Relive

the story behind the witches of Oz before the sequel arrives. Rated PG. *Movies*



Author Talk:

Loring Bullard

Nixa Branch

Saturday, Nov. 15

2-3 p.m.

Major events of the 20th century that not

only shaped the state of Missouri, but also the nation, are detailed in the memoir "An Environmental Journey: Tales of Tragedy and Hope from the Heartland."

Talks & Lectures



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Tuesday, Nov. 11

Veterans Day

Thursday, Nov. 27

Thanksgiving Day

Wednesday, Dec. 24

Christmas Eve

Thursday, Dec. 25

Christmas Day

Wednesday, Dec. 31

closing at 5 p.m.
New Year's Eve

Thursday, Jan. 1

New Year's Day

Starting a Junk Journal

Nixa Branch

Monday, Nov. 17, 4-6 p.m.

**Registration opens Oct. 20*

Transform scraps, packaging and small treasures into a one-of-a-kind memory book. Perfect for saving random little treasures you can't quite throw away. **Arts & Crafts**

True Crime Club

Ozark Branch

Thursday, Nov. 20, 5:30-7 p.m.

Tiffany Valiante's death was ruled as self-inflicted, yet her family suspects something darker. Jump into the haunting mysteries that surrounded her final hours. **Entertainment**

Wicked Trivia Night

Ozark Branch

Thursday, Nov. 20, 5:30-7 p.m.

All ages

From favorite songs to unforgettable characters, test how well you know this enchanted story. **Games**

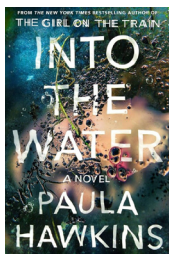
Cook Book Club

Ozark Branch

Friday, Nov. 21

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Bring a new or favorite meal prep dish to share as we chat about our culinary adventures. **Culinary**



Books & Baristas

The Baked Bean

Coffee Shop, 1860

N. Commerce Drive

Nixa, Saturday

Nov. 22, 10-11 a.m.

In Paula Hawkins'

"Into the Water" a small riverside town's dark secrets surface after the deaths of a single mother and a teenage girl, revealing the slippery nature of truth. **Book Clubs**

Three Tiered Tray

Sparta Branch

Saturday, Nov. 22, 10 a.m.- Noon

**Registration opens Nov. 8*

Turn vintage or mismatched plates into a beautiful decoration for serving, gifting or display.

Arts & Crafts

December

Ornament Painting

with **Firehouse Pottery**

Ozark Branch

Monday, Dec. 1, 10-11:30 a.m.

**Registration opens Nov. 17*

Choose and paint your own pottery ornament before it's professionally fired in a kiln to keep forever. **Arts & Crafts**

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Printmaking 101

with **Chad Woody**

Ozark Branch

Saturday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m.- Noon

Saturday, Dec. 13, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.

**Registration opens Nov. 22*

This two-part class covers printmaking fundamentals beginning with designing and carving, followed by applying ink and printing the designs. Plan for both sessions to get the whole picture. **Education**

Let's Play: Pictionary

Sparta Branch

Saturday, Dec. 6, 2-4 p.m.

Sketch fast and guess even faster in this classic drawing game that's full of laughs, surprises and teamwork. **Games**



Lit Happens!

Clever Branch

Wednesday, Dec. 10

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Choose any story that involves the Christmas holiday to share with the group. **Book Clubs**

Beginner Watercolor:

Magic Snow Cards

Ozark Branch

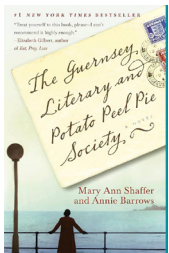
Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2-3 p.m.

Brush along as we create a realistic falling snow scene using a special ingredient (it's salt). **Education**

Register today at christiancountylibrary.org/events

ADULTS ages 18 and older

December



Reel Reads

Sparta Branch

Thursday, Dec. 11
3:30-5:30 p.m.

"The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" is

a remarkable tale of the island of Guernsey during the German Occupation after World War II by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. **Book Clubs**



#BookClub

Nixa Branch

Friday, Dec. 12
10-11 a.m.

A ghostly assignment brings Nolan and Harriet together

sparkling magic, mayhem and a holiday romance you won't forget in B.K. Borison's "Good Spirits."

Book Clubs

Cook Book Club

Ozark Branch

Wednesday, Dec. 17, 3-4 p.m.

Bring a new or old favorite holiday-inspired dish to share as we chat about past and future culinary adventures. **Culinary**

True Crime Club:

The Game is Afoot!

Ozark Branch

Thursday, Dec. 18, 4-7 p.m.

This month we're celebrating the holidays with snacks and murder mystery games. Do you have what it takes to solve a crime?

Entertainment

Books and Bagels

Ozark Branch

Friday, Dec. 19, 10-11 a.m.

Hear all the buzz about new and upcoming reads this holiday season while enjoying bagels and coffee.

Engagement



Books & Baristas

The Baked Bean Coffee Shop, 1860 N. Commerce Drive
Nixa, Saturday
Dec. 20, 10-11 a.m.
Maggie O'Farrell's

historical fiction novel "Hamnet" dramatizes the life of the Shakespeare family. **Book Clubs**

Macramé Snowflakes

Sparta Branch

Saturday, Dec. 20, 2-4 p.m.

*Registration opens Dec. 6
Craft a wintry design with texture and charm using these beginner-friendly techniques. **Arts & Crafts**

Bookish Ornaments

Nixa Branch

Monday, Dec. 29, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

*Registration opens Dec. 8
Create your own version of this viral book ornament that's been everywhere. **Arts & Crafts**

TEENS grades 7-12

November



The Mystery

Ink Society

Nixa Branch

Monday, Nov. 3
4-5 p.m.

In Jennifer Barnes' "Bad Blood," Cassie

Hobbes joins the FBI for one reason, to uncover the truth about her mother's murder. **Book Clubs**

Let's Cook!

Sparta Branch

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

*Registration opens Oct. 21

Whip up a sweet fall treat with this velvety caramel apple dip recipe. **Culinary**

Teen Advisory Board

Ozark Branch

Monday, Nov. 10, 5-6 p.m.

Grades 9 and up

Your voice matters! Tell us what you'd love to see at library events during our next meeting. **Engagement**



Hollywood Hangout

Clever Branch

Monday, Nov. 17
3-5 p.m.

Join us for an epic mashup of literature

and cinema. Enjoy movie-themed snacks and engaging discussions about adaptations. This month's pick is "Divergent." Rated PG-13.

Movies

Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club Ozark Branch

Monday, Nov. 17, 4:30-6 p.m.

Meetup with others to explore fantastic worlds, clash with monsters and perform heroic feats while playing the greatest RPG of all time.

Games

Make a Grimmerie

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Design and decorate your own enchanted journal filled with unpredictable magic. **Arts & Crafts**

Squishie Painting

Nixa Branch

Thursday, Nov. 20, 4-4:45 p.m.

**Registration opens Nov. 6*

It's crafting mixed with relaxation. Feel the stress melt away while customizing your own squishie.

Arts & Crafts

Needle Felted Mushroom

Clever Branch

Monday, Nov. 24, 4-5 p.m.

Grades 9 and up

**Registration opens Nov. 10*

Poke and stab your way to a colorful mushroom perfect for the fall season. **Arts & Crafts**

December



The Mystery Ink Society

Nixa Branch

Monday, Dec. 1

4-5 p.m.

Trapped by a snowstorm at a

remote ski resort, a group of teens face chilling truths and suspense in "The Bitter End" by Alexa Donne.

Book Clubs

Let's Cook!

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Registration opens Nov. 18*

Layer up caramel, bananas and whipped cream to create a shockingly easy banoffee pie dessert. **Culinary**

Book Stack Ornament

Clever Branch

Thursday, Dec. 4, 4-5 p.m.

**Registration opens Nov. 20*

Turn those favorite reads into mini decorations for the tree.

Arts & Crafts

Teen Advisory Board

Nixa Branch

Monday, Dec. 8, 4-6 p.m.

Grades 9 and up

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Elf Movie Bingo

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, Dec. 9

4:30-6 p.m.

Get into a cotton-headed, ninny-muggins mood

with a festive movie screening and prizes. **Movies**

Cookies, Cocoa and Games

Clever Branch

Thursday, Dec. 11, 4-5 p.m.

Light up the season playing games with others and enjoying holiday-themed foods and drinks.

Engagement

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Monday, Dec. 15, 4:30-6 p.m.

Meetup with others to explore fantastic worlds, clash with monsters and perform heroic feats while playing the greatest RPG of all time.

Games

Cinnamon Stick Macramé

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, Dec. 16, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Use simple macramé knots to make a stylish and scented craft to hang or gift. **Arts & Crafts**

Bookish Ornaments

Nixa Branch

Thursday, Dec. 18, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Registration opens Nov. 27*

Create your own version of this viral book ornament that's been everywhere. **Arts & Crafts**

November

Thankful Wreath

Clever Branch

Thursday, Nov. 6, 4-5 p.m.

**Registration opens Oct. 23*

Turn gratitude into a whimsical seasonal paper decoration.

Arts & Crafts

Dinosaur Storytime

Ozark Branch

Saturday, Nov. 8, 10-11 a.m.

Stomp, chomp and roar at this special dinosaur-themed storytime. **Storytimes**

Family Photo Shoot

Ozark Branch

Saturday, Nov. 8, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Registration opens Oct. 25*

It will only take a moment to capture a lasting family memory. Select a 15-minute time slot and photos are emailed afterwards. **Engagement**

Patriotic Windsock

Nixa Branch

Monday, Nov. 10, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Make a decorative display for Veterans Day using cardboard and tissue paper. **Arts & Crafts**

Fossil Dig

Clever Branch

Monday, Nov. 10, 4-5 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

**Registration opens Oct. 27*

Get those hands dirty by becoming an excavator while learning about fossils and creating some of your own. **Education**

Magic Water Elf

Nixa Branch

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 10-11 a.m.

Bring this pet to life using colorful gels, molds and a touch of magic water. **Arts & Crafts**

Create a Picture Book

Sparta Branch

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

Grades 3 and up

**Registration opens Oct. 29*

Write on! Learn the ingredients to great storytelling and create your own book. **Education**

My Festival Passport: Germany

Nixa Branch

Friday, Nov. 14, 4-5 p.m.

Experience the heartwarming traditions of "Saint Martin's Day" in Germany. **Education**

Tent Play Day

Sparta Branch

Saturday, Nov. 15, 10 a.m.- Noon

Step into a world of imagination with themed tents for creative play and adventures. **Entertainment**

Defying Gravity STEM Lab

Ozark Branch

Monday, Nov. 17, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

Investigate the science of flight in this Wicked-inspired STEM adventure! **Education**

Glitter Shaker Ornament

Ozark Branch

Wednesday, Nov. 19

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Create an ornament inspired by either Elphaba or Glinda. Who will you choose? **Arts & Crafts**

Thanksgiving Storytime

Nixa Branch

Tuesday, Nov. 25, 10-11 a.m.

You'll surely love this Thanksgiving-themed storytime and craft from your head to your pota-toes. **Storytimes**

Wooden Minecraft Sword

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, Nov. 25, 4-5:30 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

**Registration opens Nov. 17*

Bring a pixelated adventure to life using wood cubes and paint. **Arts & Crafts**

Mario Kart Racing Tournament

Nixa Branch

Saturday, Nov. 29, 2-3:30 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

Watch out for turtle shells while battling it out in a high-speed smack down with others. **Entertainment**

December

KPop Demon Hunters

Backpack Charms

Ozark Branch

Saturday, Dec. 6, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Grades 3 and up

Use traditional Korean knotting techniques and threading beads to craft a one-of-a-kind charm.

Arts & Crafts

Pokémon Snow Globes

Ozark Branch

Wednesday, Dec. 10

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Catch them all in this sparkling and frosty display to enjoy all year.

Arts & 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.



BABY BOUNCE

Babies up to
18 months

Ozark Branch - Thursdays
9:45-10:30 a.m.

TODDLER TIME

children 18 months
to 3 years

Nixa Branch - Mondays
9:30-10:15 a.m.

Ozark Branch - Thursdays
10:45-11:30 a.m.

No Storytimes November 4, 24-28 & December 22-January 2

DIY Dino Race Car

Nixa Branch

Thursday, Dec. 11, 10-11 a.m.

**Registration opens Nov. 27*

It's a fast-paced prehistoric ride with these personalized pull-back race car kits. **Arts & Crafts**

My Festival Passport:

New Years Around the World

Nixa Branch

Friday, Dec. 12, 4-5 p.m.

We're taking a look back on all the global journeys we've had the past year while celebrating New Year's traditions from around the world.

Education

Snow Storytime

Ozark Branch

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

Bundle up for a winter wonderland storytime with songs and snow-themed crafts. **Storytimes**

Book Swap

Sparta Branch

Saturday, Dec. 13, 10 a.m.- Noon

Bring a book, take a book. Pass along gently used reads and grab some new-to-you finds while enjoying snacks. **Engagement**

Holiday Cards

Clever Branch

Monday, Dec. 15, 3-4:30 p.m.

Send a cheerful greeting to a loved one the old fashioned way.

Arts & Crafts

Ice Excavation Lab

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, Dec. 16, 4-5 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

**Registration opens Dec. 2*

Chip away at frozen blocks to uncover hidden treasures.

Education

Gingerbread House

Nixa Branch

Wednesday, Dec. 17

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Build a personal gingerbread house and decorate a giant gingerbread playhouse! **Arts & Crafts**

Santa Claus Storytime

Nixa Branch

Saturday, Dec. 20, 10-11 a.m.

Holiday tales and a themed craft about a person known for kindness and gift-giving. **Storytimes**

Paint a Nutcracker

Clever Branch

Monday, Dec. 22, 3:30-5 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

**Registration opens Dec. 8*

Sugar plum fairies will dance in your head when bringing this classic story to life with paint and lots of creativity. **Arts & Crafts**

Noon Years Eve Party

Ozark Branch

Wednesday, Dec. 31

10 a.m.- Noon

Celebrate the new year (a little early) with crafts, games and a special countdown to Noon!

Entertainment

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WINTER READING WRAP-UP CHALLENGE

Dec. 1
thru
Jan. 31

All Ages

The best way to bring cheer is logging
minutes on Beanstack into the new year!



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Mon-Thu: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
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