

Storytime is Back!



LIBRARY EVENTS CALENDAR

JULY/AUG. 2022

Join us for

- ✓ stories
- ✓ activities
- ✓ songs



READ MORE!



KEEP READING!

The Summer Reading Challenge
continues through August 5

Check the
back for
PRIZE info!

July

Craft Class:

Hammered Flower Prints

Sparta Branch

Saturday, July 2, 10 a.m.- Noon

**Registration opens June 17*

To make this delicate floral note card, you just need a few fresh flowers and a little brute force.

Uncovering History:

Gravestone Cleaning

Mt. Carmel Cemetery

4039 Mt. Carmel Road, Clever

Saturday, July 2, 1-2:30 p.m.

Each month we honor those that came before us by cleaning local historic headstones.

Yoga at the Library

Ozark Branch: Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.

Nixa Branch: Thursdays, 6-7 p.m.

Take time for yourself with weekly yoga classes led by Debra Tucker from 417 Create Art & Yoga Studio.

A Matter of Balance

Nixa Branch:

Wednesdays and Fridays
(July 6-29) 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Registration opens June 22*

Learn ways to change your environment to limit risk factors that contribute to falling.

Presented by MU Extension.



Tai Chi at the Library

Clever Branch

Thursdays, 11 a.m.- Noon

Find your inner balance with Chuck Mercer from Legacy Martial Ways.

English Country Dancing

Clever Branch

Thursday, July 7, 5:30-7 p.m.

Want to dance like Jane Austen? Instructor Joan Bryant leads low-impact English country dancing. (Mr. Darcy not included).



Author Visit:

Brittany D. Russell

Clever Branch

Saturday, July 9

11 a.m.- Noon

An unlikely pair must work together when a family is killed by an unknown creature. Find out more in this local author's debut book, "The Valiant Alliance."

Craft Class:

Painting a Lighthouse

Beach Scene

Clever Branch

Monday, July 11, 5-6:30 p.m.

**Registration opens June 27*

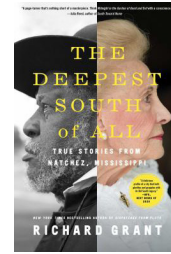
Follow this step-by-step painting tutorial of a mesmerizing ocean scene, led by artist Tracie Kiernan.

Put Your Affairs in Order

Clever Branch

Thursday, July 14, 6-7 p.m.

Informational series on topics such as power of attorney, living wills, estate planning and long term care. Presented by Ozarks Elder Law.



Books & Baristas Book Club

The Baked Bean

Coffee Shop, 1860

N. Commerce Drive

Nixa, Saturday

July 16, 10-11 a.m.

Natchez, MS is an eccentric town with an unforgettable cast of characters. Discover more with a cup of joe as we discuss "The Deepest South of All" by Richard Grant.

Coral Reefs and Climate Change

Nixa Branch

Saturday, July 16, 3-4 p.m.

Explore a vibrant underwater ecosystem with Dr. John Ware and learn about the impact climate change is having on our coral reefs.

JAWS



Cinema and SocieTea

Ozark Branch

Saturday, July 16

4-6 p.m.

Join us for tea with a BITE as we dare to

watch the film adaptation of Peter Benchley's "Jaws."

Open Book Chat

Sparta Branch

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

A book club to discuss your favorite recent reads with others—and get some new reading suggestions.



Women's Self Defense Class Nixa Branch

Saturday, July 23, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Registration opens July 1*

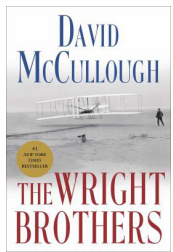
Protect yourself with these effective defense techniques from bounty hunter and black belt, Bruce Tanner.

Craft Class: Splatter Art Totes Sparta Branch

Saturday, July 23, 2-3 p.m.

**Registration opens July 8*

Make a statement with a trendy stencil and splatter tote.



Raspberry Cordial Book Club Ozark Branch

Tuesday, July 26
1-2 p.m.

Don't miss how two brothers from

Ohio teach the world to fly in "The Wright Brothers" by David McCullough.

SCORE Tuesdays @ Two: 4 Personal Perspectives for Entrepreneurs

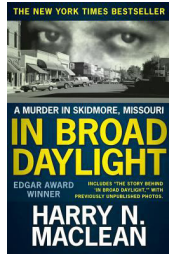
Tuesday, July 26, 2-3 p.m.

on **zoom**

**Registration opens June 22*

Get your business moving in the right direction by changing your entrepreneurial perspective with Dena Loder-Hurley.

Sponsored by the Springfield, MO chapter of SCORE.



True Crime Club Ozark Branch

Thursday, July 28
6-7 p.m.

The town bully is murdered in front of a crowd, but no one is willing to talk about it. Learn why in "In Broad Daylight" by Harry MacLean, set in Skidmore, MO.

Craft Class: Ocean Acrylic Pour Ozark Branch

Saturday, July 30, 10 a.m.- Noon

**Registration opens July 15*

Swirl blue, green and white paints together to create a tranquil ocean-themed acrylic pour art piece.

Neville Longbottom's Birthday Celebration

Nixa Branch

Saturday, July 30, Noon-6 p.m.

Recommended for all ages

**Registration opens July 16 for the escape room. Call (417) 724-6100.*

You're invited to celebrate a magical birthday with an escape room, treats and arts and crafts provided by the resident house elves.

August

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Tai Chi at the Library

Clever Branch

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English Country Dancing Clever Branch

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

Dance instructor Joan Bryant teaches low-impact English country dancing.

Craft Class:

Painting a Tropical Scene Clever Branch

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

**Registration opens July 22*

This tropical painting tutorial is led by YouTube star Michelle the Painter.

Uncovering History: Gravestone Cleaning

Frazier Cemetery

1322-1396 State Hwy. N., Clever
Saturday, Aug. 6, 1-2:30 p.m.

Each month we honor those that came before us by cleaning local historic headstones.

Craft Class: Braided Rag Rug Sparta Branch

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

**Registration opens July 29*

It's really gonna tie the room together. Turn scrap fabric into a decorative rug.

Put Your Affairs in Order Clever Branch

Monday, Aug. 15, 6-7 p.m.

Informational series on topics such as power of attorney, living wills, estate planning and long term care. Presented by Ozarks Elder Law.

Notorious Incidents of Greene County with Larry Wood Ozark Branch

Monday, Aug. 15, 6-7 p.m.

Learn how Springfield connects to Bonnie and Clyde and a Wild Bill Hickok shootout with a local author and historian.

ADULTS ages 18 and older

Open Book Chat

Sparta Branch

Thursday, Aug. 18, 6-7 p.m.

A book club to discuss your favorite recent reads with others—and get some new reading suggestions.



Books & Baristas Book Club

The Baked Bean Coffee Shop, 1860 N. Commerce Drive Nixa, Saturday Aug. 20, 10-11 a.m.

Stranded after a plane crash, two strangers must forge a connection to survive. Grab a cuppa and dive into “The Mountain Between Us” by Charles Martin.

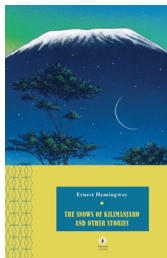


Cinema and SocieTea

Ozark Branch

Saturday, Aug. 20
4-6 p.m.

Pinkies up as we enjoy afternoon tea and indulge in a film adaptation of “Chocolat” by Joanne Harris.

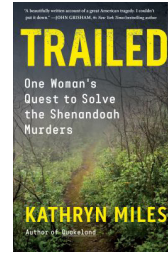


Raspberry Cordial Book Club

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, Aug. 23
1-2 p.m.

Travel to Africa in Ernest Hemingway’s classic, “The Snows of Kilimanjaro,” about a novelist contemplating life while dying from gangrene.



True Crime Club

Ozark Branch
Thursday, Aug. 25
6-7 p.m.

They must have been followed. Go back to the unsolved murder of two free-spirited young women in “Trailed: One Woman’s Quest to Solve the Shenandoah Murders” by Kathryn Miles.

Family Lawn Games

Sparta Branch

Saturday, Aug. 27, 5-7 p.m.

Recommended for all ages

Let’s play! Bring the whole family for an evening of croquet, bocce ball and cornhole.

TWEENS for grades 5-7

July

Ocean Mosaic Art

Nixa Branch

Thursday, July 7, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

*Registration opens June 23

Piece by piece, create a unique mosaic ocean scene.

Animation for Beginners

Sparta Branch

Monday, July 11, 3-5 p.m.

Action! Film your own movie animation using cameras, drawings and clay.

Mermaid Crowns

Clever Branch

Monday, July 18, 3-4 p.m.

*Registration opens July 5

Become aquatic royalty with a handmade mermaid crown.

Pirate Adventure

Escape Room

Nixa Branch

Wednesday, July 27, 2:30-5 p.m.

*Registration opens July 13

Solve pirate-y puzzles and uncover buried treasures untold.

August

Board Games at the Library

Sparta Branch

Monday, Aug. 15, 3-5 p.m.

Feeling bored? Come to the library for a puzzling afternoon of board games with others.

Design a Comic Book!

Clever Branch

Monday, Aug. 22, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

*Registration opens Aug. 8

Zap! Bam! Boom! It’s time to design your own graphic novel.

Magnetic Slime

Ozark Branch

Thursday, Aug. 25, 4-5 p.m.

*Registration opens Aug. 11

Step up your slime game with this magnetic slime recipe.

Catapult Challenge

Nixa Branch

Saturday, Aug. 27, 2-3 p.m.

Construct a working catapult that can really go the distance. Look out!



Holiday Closing Monday, July 4

All community branches will be closed on Monday, July 4. Get 24/7 access to eBooks, audiobooks, music and more at christiancountylibrary.org/digital-collection

TEENS for grades 8-12

July

Under the Sea Minute to Win it Clever Branch

Wednesday, July 13
3:30-4:30 p.m.

**Registration opens June 29*

You have one minute to complete these ocean-themed challenges.

Ocean Bingo Sparta Branch

Thursday, July 14, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Navigate the ocean's layers while racing to complete your bingo board.

Dungeons & Dragons

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

on **zoom**

**Registration opens July 5*

Join us for a magical, and sometimes dangerous, D&D online adventure.

Ocean Bingo

Ozark Branch

Thursday, July 21, 3-4 p.m.

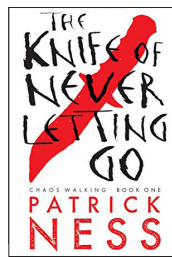
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Pirate Adventure Escape Room Nixa Branch

Monday, July 25, 2:30-5 p.m.

**Registration opens July 11*

Solve pirate-y puzzles and uncover buried treasures untold.



Teen Book Club Nixa Branch

Tuesday, July 26
6-7 p.m.

On a planet where people can hear each other's thoughts, find

out if this is a good thing in "The Knife of Never Letting Go" by Patrick Ness.

August

Ocean Keychain

Clever Branch

Tuesday, Aug. 2, 3-4 p.m.

**Registration opens July 18*

Give your accessories a beachy vibe with this sea-inspired keychain.

Teen Advisory Board

Monday, Aug. 8, 5-6 p.m.

on **zoom**

We need your ideas for future programs and activities. Tell us by joining the Teen Advisory Board.

Dungeons & Dragons

Monday, Aug. 15, 4:30-6 p.m.
on **zoom**

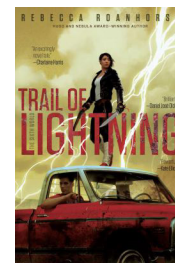
**Registration opens Aug. 1*

Adventure is calling! Log on for a magical and dangerous D&D quest.

Break a Record Ozark Branch

Thursday, Aug. 18, 4-5 p.m.

There are world records ready to be broken. Can you do it?



Teen Book Club Nixa Branch

Tuesday, Aug. 23
6-7 p.m.

Gods and heroes of legend walk the land, but so do

monsters in "Trail of Lightning" by Rebecca Roanhorse.

Writer's Workshop

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, Aug. 30, 5-6:30 p.m.

Conquer the blank page while learning to express yourself with writing tips and tricks.

Register for events at christiancountylibrary.org/events

KIDS & FAMILIES Pre-K - Grade 4

July

Dive for Pearls

Clever Branch

Wednesday, July 6, Noon-1 p.m.

**Registration opens June 22*

Did you know pearls come from oysters? Find out how while hunting the shelves for hidden pearls.

State & County Government

with Lynn Morris Ozark Branch

Thursday, July 7
10-11 a.m.

Sparta Branch
Saturday, July 9
2-3 p.m.



State and county government might seem confusing, but the Eastern County Commissioner is here to demystify how bills become laws, budgets and the importance of getting involved.

Water, Water, Everywhere!

with Dickerson Park Zoo Ozark Branch

Friday, July 8, 10-11 a.m.

Animals and people both need water to live. Learn why it's so important and what we can do to keep our water sources healthy with animal ambassadors from Dickerson Park Zoo.

DIVE Into Reading with Marty Hahne

Nixa Branch

Monday, July 11, 10-11 a.m.

Don't miss these amazing magic tricks involving fish, sea creatures, water and even pirates.

Hawk Talk

with Dickerson Park Zoo Sparta Branch

Tuesday, July 12, 10-10:30 a.m.

Fly over for some hawk talk about the rehabilitation program with animal ambassadors from Dickerson Park Zoo.

Shark Day

Ozark Branch

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

Watch out! Join us for a *jaw-some* shark story, crafts and treats.

Radical Reptiles

with Dickerson Park Zoo Clever Branch

Wednesday, July 20, 10-10:30 a.m.

Not all reptiles are scary (but they are scaly). See for yourself with animal ambassadors from Dickerson Park Zoo.

DIVE Into Reading with Marty Hahne

Ozark Branch

Friday, July 22, 10-11 a.m.

Don't miss these amazing magic tricks involving fish, sea creatures, water and even pirates.

Make a Marble Run

Sparta Branch

Friday, July 22, 10- Noon

And...they're off! Build your own marble run mazes and tracks.

Family Trivia Night: Disney Edition

Ozark Branch

Saturday, July 23, 2:30-4 p.m.

**Registration opens July 15*

Think you're a Disney fan? Prove it during this family trivia night.

Movie Day at the library

Ozark Branch

Four Kids and It
July 5



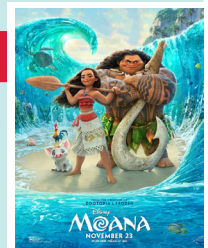
Clever Branch

Finding Nemo
July 12



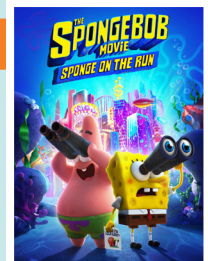
Nixa Branch

Moana
July 19



Sparta Branch

Spongebob Movie:
Sponge on the Run
July 26



Waves of Laughter with Laughing Matters Nixa Branch

Monday, July 25, 10-10:45 a.m.

There will be juggling, stories and other aquatic-themed hijinks with Jay and Leslie.

Register for events at christiancountylibrary.org/events

Tuesdays
3:30-5:30 p.m.



**Detective
Pikachu**
Aug. 2



**An American
Tail: Fievel
Goes West**
Aug. 9



Megamind
Aug. 16



**Sonic the
Hedgehog**
Aug. 23

Ocean of Possibilities

Diaper Derby
Ozark Branch

Thursday, July 28, 10-11 a.m.

**Registration opens July 14*

Babies will scoot like seals, crawl like crabs and toddle like turtles towards the finish line.

August

**Moana Storytime with
Princesses of the 417**
Nixa Branch

Monday, Aug. 1, 10-10:30 a.m.

**Registration opens July 18*

Become a real way-finder with Moana during songs and stories from the film.

**Moana Meet & Greet with
Princesses of the 417**
Nixa Branch

Monday, Aug. 1

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

Board your boat and sail across the sea to Moana of Motunui for a special meet and greet.

Nature Storytime

Sparta Branch

Friday, Aug. 5, 10-11 a.m.

Explore the library in different ways using sight, smell, sound and touch.

Build-an-Animal Collage
Ozark Branch

Thursday, Aug. 11, 3-4 p.m.

New animals are found every day. Discover your own with this animal collage.

Dance Party
Clever Branch

Monday, Aug. 15

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

Time to bust a move during this rocking library dance party.

Building Play Day

Nixa Branch

Saturday, Aug. 20, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

If you can imagine it, then you can build it—using blocks and other materials.

Family Storytime

For kids up to age six

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

TUESDAY

Nixa

WEDNESDAY

Ozark

THURSDAY

Sparta

FRIDAY

Clever

Virtual Storytime: Fridays, 10 a.m. on YouTube



Win prizes in the SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Find out more at
christiancountylibrary.org/src2022prizes



Every 500 points = 1 ticket

Log minutes and activities in Beanstack and
add tickets to prize packs by August 5.



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Christian County

CLEVER
7428 W. Veterans Blvd.
(417) 743-2277

NIXA
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(417) 724-6100

OZARK
1005 N. 4th Ave.
(417) 581-2432

SPARTA
147 Library Ln.
(417) 441-1400