Storytime is Back!

Join us for:

- Stories
- Activities
- Songs

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.”

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.

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.”

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.

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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.
*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.

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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, July 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.

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.

August

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.

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

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.

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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.

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.

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**August**

**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.

**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.

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**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

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**Family Storytime**  
For kids up to age six  
10-10:45 a.m. or 11-11:45 a.m.

**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.

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**Virtual Storytime:** Fridays, 10 a.m. on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com)
Win prizes in the **SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**

Find out more at [christiancountylibrary.org/src2022prizes](http://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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7428 W. Veterans Blvd.  
(417) 743-2277

**NIXA**
208 N. McCroskey St.  
(417) 724-6100

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

**SPARTA**
147 Library Ln.  
(417) 441-1400