Cozy up with your library card this holiday season!

Winter Reading Challenge
Dec. 1 - Jan. 31
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November

Books & Baristas
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ADULTS ages 18 and older

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Nixa Branch Thursdays, 6-7 p.m. (No Class Nov. 24)
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Tai Chi with Chuck Mercer
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Fall Floral Arrangements with Ladybug Floral & Gifts
Ozark Branch Saturday, Nov. 5, 2-4 p.m.
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Learn the art of floral arrangement while crafting your own stunning fall centerpiece.

Craft Supply Swap
Sparta Branch Saturday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m.- Noon
Bring leftover craft bits and swap them with others. Drop off materials before the event at the Sparta community branch.

Retirement Planning with Edward Jones
Clever Branch Monday, Nov. 14, 6-7 p.m.
IRAs, 401Ks, pensions, insurance and annuities can be confusing. Get your retirement questions answered by a financial advisor.

Craft Class: Winter Owl Ornament
Clever Branch Tuesday, Nov. 15, 3-4 p.m.
*Registration opens Oct. 25
Prepare for long winter months with this cute felt friend who can also be a festive holiday decoration.

Open Book Chat
Sparta Branch Thursday, Nov. 17, 6-7 p.m.
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**Craft Class: Gift Tags**
*Ozark Branch*

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 4-5 p.m.

*Registration opens Nov. 23*

Repurpose old books and maps into trendy, stunning gift tags.

**Craft Class: Paint a Snowman**
*Clever Branch*

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

*Registration opens Nov. 23*

Can’t build a snowman? Paint one instead.

**Fabric Origami Ornaments with Mika Logan**
*Nixa Branch*

Saturday, Dec. 10, 3-4 p.m.

*Registration opens Nov. 26*

Trim the tree with your own hand-crafted art, taught by local origamist. Designs include diamond, fluted-style and crane with bell.

**True Crime Club**
*Ozark Branch*

Thursday, Dec. 15
6-7 p.m.

Things are not always as they appear, especially in the case of Dee Dee and Gypsy Rose Blanchard. Use your library card to watch the documentary “Mommy Dead and Dearest” using Access Video on Demand.

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**Everything You Need to Know to Self-Publish with Bon Tindle**
*Nixa Branch*

Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m.- Noon

*Registration opens Nov. 19*

Create a festive and colorful garland, the perfect addition to your home’s winter decor.

**Raspberry Cordial Book Club**
*Ozark Branch*

Tuesday, Nov. 22
1-2 p.m.

Kristin Hannah’s “The Four Winds” is a powerful American epic about love, hope and the tribulations of one family during the Great Depression.

**Books & Baristas**
*The Baked Bean Coffee Shop, 1860 N. Commerce Drive, Nixa, Saturday Dec. 17, 10-11 a.m.*

The world is freezing over, each day colder than the last. Jenni Fagan’s “The Sunlight Pilgrims,” tells the story of resilience in the face of adversity and disaster.

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**Cinema and SocieTea**
*Ozark Branch*

Saturday, Dec. 17
4-6 p.m.

“Let us be elegant or die!” we yell, teacup in hand. Don’t miss this 1994 film adaptation of Louisa May Alcott’s “Little Women.”

**Raspberry Cordial Book Club**
*Ozark Branch*

Tuesday, Dec. 27
1-2 p.m.

Faith, science, religion, addiction, mental health and love all intersect in Yaa Gyasi’s “Transcendent Kingdom,” about a family of Ghanaian immigrants.
**November**

**Open Study Hall (and Snacks)**
**Nixa Branch**
Tuesday, Nov. 8, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Need extra prep for your next test? Get helpful study strategies, tips and tutoring in a quiet environment.

**Anime Night**
**Sparta Branch**
Monday, Nov. 14, 4-6 p.m.
Love all things anime? Join us for an evening of watching popular shows and making character-inspired buttons!

**Teen Advisory Board**
**Ozark Branch**
Monday, Nov. 14, 5-6 p.m.
*Registration required*
We need your big ideas for future library programs and activities—tell us at our next meeting.

**Mario Kart Smack Down Tournament!**
**Clever Branch**
Thursday, Nov. 17, 4-5:30 p.m.
Watch out for turtle shells and banana peels during this epic video game tournament.

**Dungeons & Dragons Club**
**Ozark Branch**
Monday, Nov. 21, 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.

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**Teen Book Club**
**Nixa Branch**
Tuesday, Nov. 22
6-7 p.m.
Two fugitives set off on a desperate journey, hitchhiking through the Midwest, in Laura Moriarty’s alternate history suspense, “American Heart.”

**Hot Cocoa Flavor Lab**
**Clever Branch**
Monday, Dec. 5, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Mix your own signature hot cocoa concoctions using peppermint, pumpkin, hazelnut and more to celebrate the chilly season.

**Cozy Hangout**
**Ozark Branch**
Thursday, Dec. 8, 4-6 p.m.
Customized mugs, hot chocolate (with all the fixins) and cozy movie—you don’t want to miss this hangout.

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**Teen Book Club**
**Nixa Branch**
Tuesday, Dec. 20
6-7 p.m.
Warm up with stories about moments of fear, loss, heartbreak and uncertainty in “Hungry Hearts,” edited by Caroline Tung Richmond and Elsie Chapman.

**Bullet Journaling 101**
**Nixa Branch**
Thursday, Dec. 29, 5-6:30 p.m.
*Registration opens Dec. 15*
Get organized. Create goals. And stay on track in the new year with a bullet journal.
TWEENS for grades 5-7

November

Stained Glass Painting
Clever Branch
Wednesday, Nov. 2, 4-5 p.m.
*Registration opens Oct. 19
Create a gorgeous, fall-ish stained glass art piece to decorate any room.

Animation for Beginners
Ozark Branch
Thursday, Nov. 10, 4-6 p.m.
Learn animation basics while directing your own mini-movies.

Sharpie Mugs
Sparta Branch
Friday, Nov. 18, 4-5 p.m.
Create a masterpiece using only sharpies and a mug. Plus, you get to keep the mug!

December

Mario Kart Smack Down Tournament!
Nixa Branch
Saturday, Nov. 26, 1:30-3 p.m.
Watch out for turtle shells and banana peels during this epic video game tournament.

Craft-A-Palooza!
Nixa Branch
Tuesday, Dec. 13, 4-5:30 p.m.
It’s the craftiest time of year! Make cards, upcycle tin cans and more holiday-themed crafts.

Super Snow Globes
Sparta Branch
Thursday, Dec. 15, 4-5 p.m.
Ozark Branch
Friday, Dec. 16, 4-5 p.m.
Build a winter scene using figurines and glitter inside this magical snow globe.

Ugly Sweater Party
Clever Branch
Tuesday, Dec. 20, 4-5 p.m.
Sled over for winter party games and fun, but don’t forget your ugly sweater to be eligible for extra prizes.

Need a place to study or space for a meeting?

Book in advance up to 90 days for a meeting room, and up to 7 days for a study room.

serve a room line anytime for free.

christiancountylibrary.org/meeting-room
Why Do Leaves Change Colors?

Clever Branch
Monday, Nov. 14, 3-3:30 p.m.
Why does a leaf change from green to red? Or yellow? Find out at this interactive science activity.

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KIDS & FAMILIES Pre-K - Grade 4

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Movie and Crafts
Nixa Branch
Thursday, Nov. 17 4:30-6 p.m.
Help Judy Hopps and Nick Wilde solve a mysterious case in the movie “Zootopia.” Snacks and crafts included.

Saturday Storytime
Sparta Branch
Saturday, Nov. 19, 10-10:45 a.m.
Join us as we read, sing, play and learn early literacy skills at this special Family Storytime.

Dinosaur Play Day
Ozark Branch
Saturday, Nov. 19, 1-5 p.m.
These dinosaur-themed crafts and activities are di-no-mite!
Photos with Santa
Nixa Branch
Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
He’s here! He’s here! Come meet jolly old Saint Nick. Just don’t forget your camera. Hosted by the Christian County Friends of the Library.

Salt-Painted Snowflakes
Ozark Branch
Thursday, Dec. 1, 4-5 p.m.
You might want to lick these snowflakes—but you shouldn’t!

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Movie and Crafts
Sparta Branch
Friday, Dec. 9
4-6 p.m.
Even cotton-headed ninny muggins will enjoy this holiday classic, complete with crafts and snacks.

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Saturday, Dec. 17, 10-10:45 a.m.
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Reading Reflections

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Snuggle up with (several) good books this winter and earn chances to win magical prizes.

Submit your tickets for a Harry Potter book set inspired by each of the four Hogwarts Houses.

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Holiday Closings

Friday Nov. 11
Veteran’s Day

Thursday Nov. 24
Thanksgiving Day

Saturday Dec. 24
Christmas Eve

Monday Dec. 26
(Christmas observed)

Saturday, Dec. 31
Closing at 5 p.m.