# Outdoor Concert Series

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### September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

Let your imagination sing at the library.
September

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, Sept. 1
Thursday, Sept. 15
5:30-7 p.m.
Slide right, fall back, switch place and turn with these fun and low-impact steps taught by Joan Bryant.

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 led by Debra Tucker from 417 Create Art & Yoga Studio.

Craft Class: Black Bear Amigurumi
Sparta Branch
Saturday, Sept. 3, 10-11 a.m.
*Registration opens Aug. 20
Learn the crochet basics to make yourself a bear-y cuddly miniature.

Uncovering History:
Gravestone Cleaning
Ozark Cemetery
521 W. Hall St., Ozark
Saturday, Sept. 3, 1-2:30 p.m.
Each month we preserve our local history by cleaning headstones.

Virtual Author Visit: Suzanne Woods Fisher
Clever Branch
Saturday, Sept. 10
10:30-11:30 a.m.
Get the scoop on this bestselling author’s new book, “The Sweet Life,” about a summer of sweet surprises on Cape Cod. Can’t make it into the branch? Join us at home on ZOOM.

Craft Class: Book Clock
Ozark Branch
Saturday, Sept. 10, 3-4 p.m.
*Registration opens Aug. 26
Time will fly when crafting this book clock.

Open Book Chat
Sparta Branch
Thursday, Sept. 15, 6-7 p.m.
A book club to discuss your favorite recent reads with others—and get some new reading suggestions.

Storytellers
Clever Branch
Saturday, Sept. 17, 2-3 p.m.
Storytelling is the heart of teaching and learning. Share your stories of years gone by with the community during this open discussion.

Cinema and SocieTea
Ozark Branch
Saturday, Sept. 17
4-6 p.m.
You deserve the best treatment—it’s this charming film adaptation of Jane Austen’s “Emma.”

Constitution Day with the Daughters of the American Revolution
Nixa Branch
Saturday, Sept. 17
10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Recommended for all ages
Uncover U.S. history with members of DAR; in celebration of Constitution Day, there will be a commemorative bell ringing at 3 p.m.

Evening with the Beckers
Clever Branch
Saturday, Sept. 17
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Recommended for all ages
Don and Gayla Becker have been performing southern gospel and bluegrass hits together for over 40 years. They will have you singing and clapping to the music at this soulful concert.

Voter Registration Day with the League of Women Voters
Nixa Branch
Tuesday, Sept. 20, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Did you know it only takes two minutes to register to vote? It’s true. Make sure you’re registered before the upcoming election.

Register today at christiancountylibrary.org/events
### True Crime Club
**Ozark Branch**
**Thursday, Sept. 22**
**6-7 p.m.**
Dive into the life of this real estate heir and serial killer by either watching “The Jinx: The Life and Deaths of Robert Durst” or reading “He Killed Them All” by Jeanine Pirro.

### Books & Baristas Book Club
**The Baked Bean Coffee Shop**, 1860 N. Commerce Drive, Nixa, Saturday, Sept. 24, 10-11 a.m.
How many lifetimes does it take to learn to live? Discover the answer with 429-year-old Tom Hazard in “How to Stop Time” by Matt Haig.

### Raspberry Cordial Book Club
**Ozark Branch**
**Tuesday, Sept. 27**
**1-2 p.m.**
Select any title from Joanne Fischmann’s cozy mystery series about a small-town baker. Each story includes recipes!

### Uncovering History: Gravestone Cleaning
**Mt. Carmel Cemetery**
4039 Mt. Carmel Rd., Clever Saturday, Oct. 1, 1-2:30 p.m.
Each month we preserve our local history by cleaning headstones.

### Astronomy Night
**with the Springfield Astronomical Society
Clever Branch**
**Monday, Oct. 3, 7-9 p.m.**
Peer into the universe while mapping the planets and stars. Telescopes will be provided.

### Yoga at the Library
**Ozark Branch**
**Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.**
**Nixa Branch**
**Thursdays, 6-7 p.m.**
(No Class Oct. 6)
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**Healthy Aging Learning Series**
**Nixa Branch**
**9:30-10:30 a.m.**
*Registration opens Sept. 1*
September is Healthy Aging Month, a time to raise awareness about the positive aspects of growing older. Don’t miss these events that encourage everyone to act how they feel — instead of acting their age!

Presented by [Extension](https://extension.missouri.edu) University of Missouri

**Wednesday, Sept. 21:** Wits Workout
**Friday, Sept. 23:** Healthy Living for the Brain and Body with the Alzheimer’s Association
**Wednesday, Sept. 28:** A Matter of Balance and Fall Prevention
**Friday, Sept. 30:** Keep Your Keys (Driver Safety)

For more information about the Healthy Aging Series, visit [www.extension.missouri.edu/programs](http://www.extension.missouri.edu/programs)
Craft Class: Needle Felt Pumpkin Patch  
Sparta Branch  
Saturday, Oct. 15, 11 a.m.- Noon  
*Registration opens Sept. 30  
Decorate your home with a gourd-geous fall craft.

Craft Class: Fall Wreath  
Ozark Branch  
Saturday, Oct. 8, 3-4 p.m.  
*Registration opens Sept. 23  
An un-be-leaf-able fall décor craft you won’t want to miss.

Cinema and SocieTea  
Ozark Branch  
Saturday Oct. 15  
6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Recommended for all ages  
Bring your lawn chairs and blankets as we follow the yellow brick road to Oz(ark) and watch “The Wizard of Oz” outdoors. Costumes welcome; flying monkeys are not.

Craft Class: Basic Crochet Stitches  
Nixa Branch  
Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2-3 p.m.  
*Registration opens Oct. 5  
Don’t know a stitch about crochet? Pick up the fundamentals with expert Melissa Denney.

Books & Baristas Book Club  
The Baked Bean Coffee Shop, 1860 N. Commerce Drive  
Nixa, Saturday Oct. 15, 10-11 a.m.  
A clairvoyant has nightmares connecting her to a WWI veteran in “Brimstone” by Cherie Priest.

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Ebook Training  
Nixa Branch  
Friday, Oct. 21, 11 a.m.- Noon  
*Registration opens Oct. 7  
Digital content is only a click away! Learn how to download titles from Hoopla and Libby like a pro on your own devices.

Raspberry Cordial Book Club  
Ozark Branch  
Tuesday, Oct. 25  
1-2 p.m.  
Don’t miss this spellbinding tale of psychological suspense, weaving together Greek mythology, murder and obsession in “The Maidens” by Alex Michaelides.

True Crime Club  
Ozark Branch  
Thursday, Oct. 27  
5-7 p.m.  
Test your serial killer knowledge during this trivia game for bloody great prizes.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day with Nixa Police Department  
Nixa Branch  
Saturday, Oct. 29, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Dispose of unused and expired prescription drugs safely and responsibly.

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- **Wrath of Khan Movie Day**  
  **Nixa Branch**  
  Thursday, Sept. 8, 3:30-5:30 p.m.  
  Celebrating Star Trek Day with “The Wrath of Khan” would only be logical!

- **Teen Anime Night**  
  **Ozark Branch**  
  Thursday, Sept. 8, 4-6 p.m.  
  Join us as we watch and talk about your favorite anime.

- **Teen Advisory Board**  
  **Ozark Branch**  
  Monday, Sept. 12, 5-6 p.m.  
  *Registration required*  
  Give us your ideas for future programs and activities by joining the Teen Advisory Board.

- **Make a Zine**  
  **Sparta Branch**  
  Monday, Sept. 19, 4-5:30 p.m.  
  There are no set-in-stone rules for these mini magazines. Just tell your story.

- **Dungeons & Dragons Club**  
  **Ozark Branch**  
  Monday, Sept. 19, 4:30-6 p.m.  
  Whether you’ve only heard about the game, or played hundreds of times, there is space for you in our club!

- **Origami Succulents**  
  **Nixa Branch**  
  Thursday, Sept. 22, 4-5 p.m.  
  These adorable little plants need no watering whatsoever.

- **Design a Book Bag**  
  **Clever Branch**  
  Wednesday, Sept. 28, 4-5 p.m.  
  *Registration opens Sept. 14*  
  You know what those library books need? A cool book bag!

- **October**

- **Teen Advisory Board**  
  **Nixa Branch**  
  Tuesday, Oct. 11, 5-6 p.m.  
  *Registration required*  
  Give us your ideas for future programs and activities by joining the Teen Advisory Board.

- **Art of Picture Books**  
  **Sparta Branch**  
  Friday, Oct. 14, 4-5:30 p.m.  
  Tell your own story with artwork inspired by picture book illustrations.

- **Dungeons & Dragons Club**  
  **Ozark Branch**  
  Monday, Oct. 17, 4:30-6 p.m.  
  Whether you’ve only heard about the game, or played hundreds of times, there is space for you in our club!

- **It’s Not Rocket Science, But It’s Close!**  
  **Nixa Branch**  
  Saturday, Oct. 22, 3-4:30 p.m.  
  *Registration opens Oct. 8*  
  Prepare for blastoff while constructing your own functioning rocket.

- **Edgar Allen Poe-try Night**  
  **Clever Branch**  
  Tuesday, Oct. 25, 4-5 p.m.  
  Share your spookiest poems or sit in as we read some bone-chilling poetry.

- **Teen Book Club**  
  **Nixa Branch**  
  Tuesday, Oct. 25, 6-7 p.m.  
  **Rival witch covens must band together when one of their own is murdered in**  

- **Nature Craft: Twigs Entwined**  
  **Nixa Branch**  
  Thursday, Oct. 27, 4-5 p.m.  
  *Registration opens Oct. 11*  
  Twist twigs and twine to add colorful trim to any room.

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**All community branches will be closed**  
**Monday, Sept. 5**  
**Monday, Oct. 10**
TWEENS for grades 5-7

September

Game Night
Clever Branch
Tuesday, Sept. 13, 4-5 p.m.
We promise you won’t get board at this game night.

After School Snack Attack!
Nixa Branch
Tuesday, Sept. 13, 4-5 p.m.
*Registration opens Aug. 30
Healthy and tasty snacks? It’s true! And they can be made by you.

Perler Party
Sparta Branch
Thursday, Sept. 15, 4-5 p.m.
Ozark Branch
Friday, Sept. 16, 4-5 p.m.
Check out this cool way to create awesome interchangeable designs using colorful beads.

Animation for Beginners
Clever Branch
Thursday, Sept. 22, 3-5 p.m.
Action! Use photos, clay and cameras to animate your own blockbuster movie.

October

Skeleton Scavenger Hunt
Clever Branch
Wednesday, Oct. 19, 4-5 p.m.
*Registration opens Oct. 5
Hunt for missing bones in the library at this eerie scavenger hunt.

Animation for Beginners
Nixa Branch
Thursday, Oct. 20, 3-5 p.m.
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Spooky Minute to Win It
Sparta Branch
Thursday, Oct. 27, 4-5 p.m.
Test your bravery with these terrifying 60 second trials.

KIDS & FAMILIES Pre-K - Grade 4

September

Adopt a Crab
Clever Branch
Wednesday, Sept. 7
3:30-4:30 p.m.
Won’t you give one of these cute and mini pool noodle crabs a home.

Light Play Day
Sparta Branch
Saturday, Sept. 10, 1-5 p.m.
Play at the library with activities themed around light.

Out of this World Play Day
Nixa Branch
Saturday, Sept. 17, 1-3:30 p.m.
Venture the cosmos with galaxy sensory bins, a rocket toss and space-themed crafts.

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**September**

**Squeegee Art**  
*Ozark Branch*  
Thursday, Sept. 22, 4-5 p.m.  
*Registration opens Sept. 8*  
Drop your brushes! Squeegee art is the newest way to paint.

**Saturday Storytime**  
*Sparta Branch*  
Saturday, Sept. 24, 10-11 a.m.  
Join us as we read, sing, play and learn early literacy skills during this Saturday storytime.

**October**

**Haunted Gingerbread House**  
*Ozark Branch*  
Friday, Oct. 7, 4-5 p.m.  
*Registration opens Sept. 23*  
Any gingerbread house can be haunted, if you build it that way.

**Sculpture Play Day**  
*Sparta Branch*  
Saturday, Oct. 8, 1-5 p.m.  
Are you a Leo, Donnie, Mikey or Raph? We mean the artists, of course!

**Play-Doh Bakery Play Day**  
*Ozark Branch*  
Friday, Oct. 14, 1-4 p.m.  
Run, run as fast as you can! The storytime room is turning into a bakery to make Play-Doh creations.

**Spooky Storytime**  
*Sparta Branch*  
Saturday, Oct. 29, 10-11 a.m.  
It’s boo-gie time! Sing, dance and play during this special storytime.

**Monster Mash Storytime**  
*Nixa Branch*  
Monday, Oct. 31, 10-10:45 a.m.  
Celebrate the monster season with stories, songs and activities. Costumes welcome.

**Family Storytime**

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

Virtual Storytime: Fridays, 10 a.m. on YouTube
Friends of the Library Book Sale

Nixa community branch  Tuesday, Oct. 4 - Saturday, Oct. 8  christiancountylibrary.org/friends

Down:
1. Dracula
2. The Prince
3. Crime and Punishment
4. The Picture of Dorian Gray
5. Wuthering Heights
6. The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
7. Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland

Across:
1. Frankenstein
2. Metamorphosis
3. Gulliver’s Travels
4. Moby Dick
5. Ulysses
6. The Three Musketeers
7. War and Peace

Classic Authors’ Last Names

Answer Key:
1. Stoker
2. Doyle
3. Machiavelli
4. Dostoevsky
5. Wilde
6. Swift
7. Melville
8. Joyce
9. Bronte
10. Dumas
11. Carroll
12. Tolstoy

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CLEVER
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

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