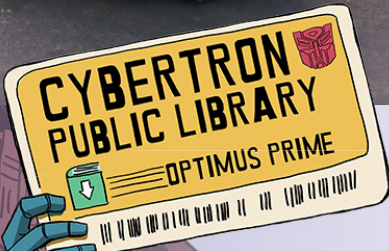


# Outdoor Concert Series



**EVENTS**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
SEPT/OCT 2024



**LIBRARIES-**  
**MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE...**

ROLL OUT  
WITH A  
LIBRARY  
CARD.

September is  
**LIBRARY CARD  
SIGN-UP MONTH**



# Outdoor Concert Series

Saturdays  
from 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
for all ages

[christiancountylibrary.org/concerts](http://christiancountylibrary.org/concerts)

*Burgess Sisters*

Sept. 14 | Clever



*Uke 66*

Sept. 21 | Sparta



*Shaun Munday*

Oct. 5 | Ozark



*Kicking Jacksie*

Oct. 12 | Nixa

Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets and snacks. Please note, in the event of rain or severe weather, concerts may be canceled or moved indoors. Keep an eye on our social media pages for updates and changes.



# ADULTS ages 18 and older

## September

### Yoga with Debra Tucker

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

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

Take time for yourself with weekly classes from 417 Create Art & Yoga Studio.

### Tai Chi with Chuck Mercer

**Clever Branch**

Thursdays, 11 a.m.- Noon

Find your inner balance each week with Legacy Martial Ways.

### Genealogy Workshop with Brittany Russell

**Clever Branch**

Saturday, Sept 7, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Search your roots and discover new branches on the family tree during this monthly series.

### Let's Play: Stop the Bus

**Sparta Branch**

Saturday, Sept. 7, 2-4 p.m.

Throw your opponents off the bus in this quick and fast-paced card game.

Stop by our booth during the  
**Showcase Ozark Community Expo**

Ozark Innovation Center  
1600 W. Jackson, Ozark  
Saturday, Sept. 7  
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### Astronomy Night with the Springfield Astronomical Society

**Clever Branch**

Monday, Sept. 9, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

All ages

View stars, planets and other celestial objects in the library's backyard. It will be out of this world. *Rain date is Sept. 10.*

### Sew This: Block of the Month Quilting

**Clever Branch**

Thursday, Sept. 12  
4:30-6:30 p.m.

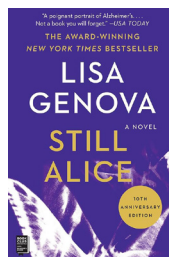
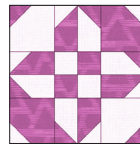
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**Nixa Branch**

Friday, Sept. 13, 4-6 p.m.

\*Registration opens Aug. 30

Build your next quilting project with us block by block! Bring fabric with two unique colors or patterns and we'll provide the rest. Review the online FAQ for more details.



### Reel Reads

**Sparta Branch**

Thursday, Sept. 12  
3:30-4:30 p.m.

How do memories make a person?

Explore the impact of early-onset Alzheimer's Disease in Lisa Genova's "Still Alice."



### #BookClub Nixa Branch

Friday, Sept. 13

10-11 a.m.

A hometown paranormal romance writer finds that love

isn't actually dead in "The Dead Romantics" by Ashley Poston.

Toys will be provided for kids, with supervision by parents.

### Wildlife Watching: Bug Crawl

**Ozark Branch**

Saturday, Sept. 14, 10-11 a.m.

We're putting a little bug in your ear to step outside and join us in identifying small, fascinating creatures.

### Uncovering History: Gravestone Cleaning

**Chadwick Cemetery**

200 Emma Ave., Chadwick

Saturday, Sept. 14, 10 a.m.- Noon

Preserve our local history and help make a difference to an often overlooked part of our community. Cleaning supplies will be provided.

### Demo Day: Unlock Card Game with Haven Games

**Ozark Branch**

Saturday, Sept. 14, 2-4 p.m.

All ages

Search the scene and solve riddles to make it out in time just like an escape room. Snacks and giveaways are included.

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# ADULTS ages 18 and older

## September

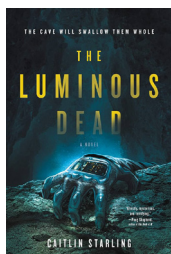
### Papercrete Pumpkins

#### Sparta Branch

Saturday, Sept. 14, 2-4 p.m.

\*Registration opens Aug. 31

Gourd vibes only with this festive seasonal décor made from paper fiber and concrete.



### Sci-Fi Horror Club

#### Ozark Branch

Wednesday, Sept. 18  
6-7 p.m.

Gyre has not been entirely truthful on her resume and now

she's on a foreign planet in the middle of a terrifying psychological and emotional journey in Caitlin Starling's "The Luminous Dead."

### John, Jim, and the James:

Recreation on our Ozarks

Streams with the James River

Basin Partnership

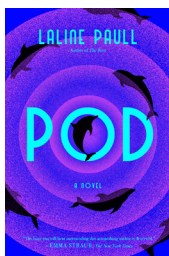
Ozark Branch

Thursday, Sept. 19

6-7 p.m.

Education Outreach

Coordinator Brooke Widmar breaks down the impact of tourism on the Ozarks and the importance of maintaining a connection with our forests and streams.



### Books & Baristas

*The Baked Bean*

Coffee Shop, 1860

N. Commerce Drive

Nixa, Saturday

Sept. 21, 10-11 a.m.

Shortlisted for the

Women's Prize for Fiction, "Pod" by Laline Paull explores themes of belonging and humankind's effect on nature through the eyes of a spinner dolphin.

### Constitution Day with

the Daughters of the

American Revolution

Nixa Branch

Saturday, Sept. 21

10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

All ages

Celebrate the anniversary of the most influential document in American history with activities and refreshments.



### Bullet Journaling

Nixa Branch

Monday, Sept. 23, 5-6 p.m.

Tell us your favorite journaling content creators and receive resources to expand your creative projects.

### True Crime Club

Ozark Branch

Thursday, Sept. 26, 6-7 p.m.

A shocking discovery inside the Belvedere Hotel is a rabbit hole of secret societies, shady business dealings and countless theories about the true and strange death of Rey Rivera.

### Star Wars, Rebel Escape

Nixa Branch

Saturday, Sept. 28, 1-5 p.m.

\*Registration opens Sept. 14

While trying to save your Rebel Alliance leader from execution, your crew is captured and might share the same fate unless you prove more than the Empire can handle. Don't miss this chilling-role playing game led by the "I Want to be a GM" group. Pre-generated character sheets provided.

## Holiday Closings

### Monday, Sept. 2

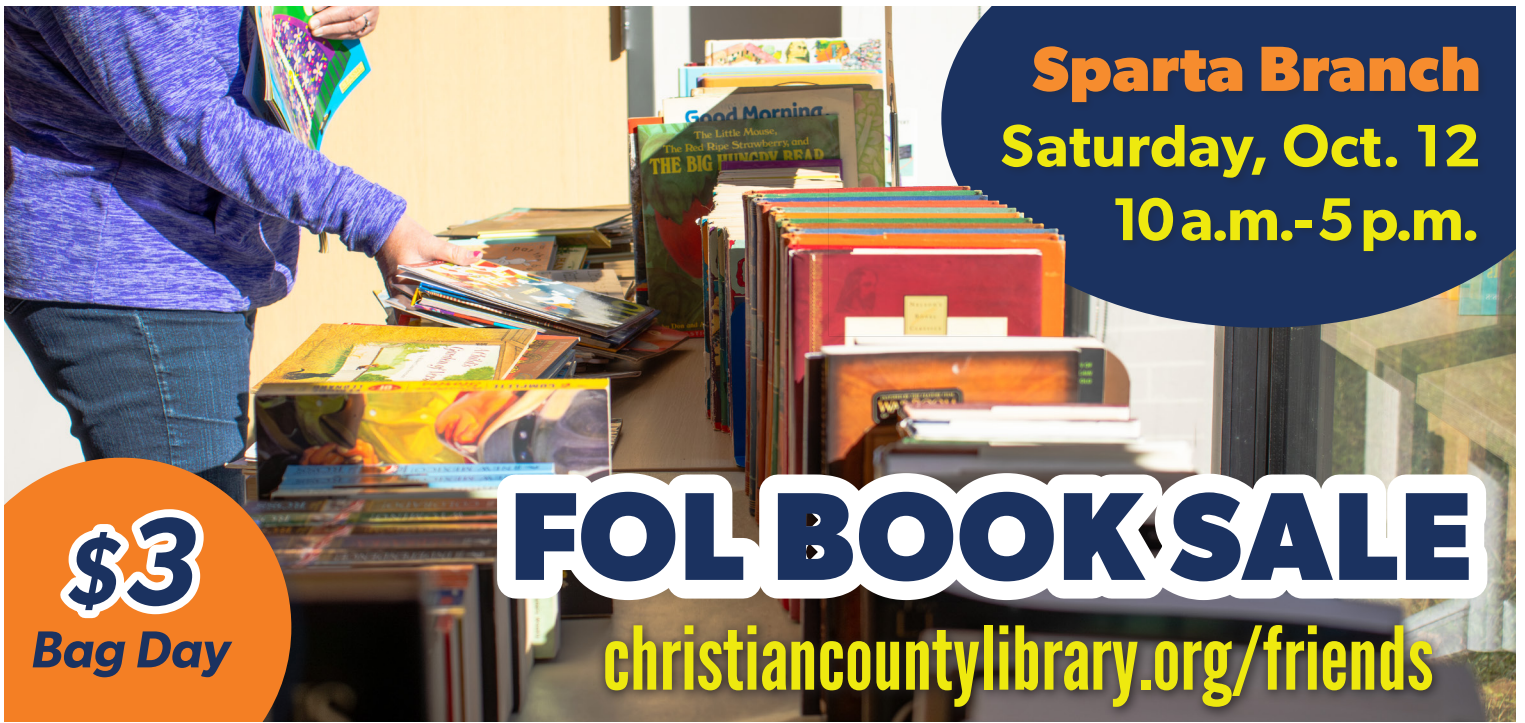
#### Labor Day

### Monday, Oct. 14

#### Staff Training Day

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**Sparta Branch**  
**Saturday, Oct. 12**  
**10 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**\$3**  
**Bag Day**

# FOL BOOK SALE

[christiancountylibrary.org/friends](http://christiancountylibrary.org/friends)

## October

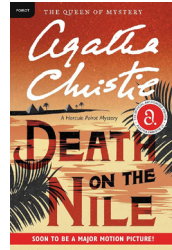
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 Search your roots and discover new branches on the family tree during this monthly series.

**Let's Play: Codenames**  
**Sparta Branch**  
 Saturday, Oct. 5, 2-4 p.m.  
 Put on your thinking cap to crack the code and uncover hidden agents.

**Healthy Touch for Children & Youth with the Child Advocacy Center**  
**Nixa Branch**  
 Wednesday, Oct. 9, 6-7 p.m.  
 Learn trusted guidelines for healthy and respectful ways to interact with children both at home and in youth-serving settings.



twists in Agatha Christie's "Death on the Nile."

**Reel Reads**  
**Sparta Branch**  
 Thursday, Oct. 10  
 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
 Dive into a mystery of love, jealousy, betrayal and clever

**Sew This: Block of the Month Quilting**  
**Clever Branch**  
 Thursday, Oct. 10  
 4:30-6:30 p.m.  
 \*Registration opens Sept. 26  
**Nixa Branch**  
 Thursday, Oct. 24, 4:30-6:30 p.m.  
 \*Registration opens Oct. 10  
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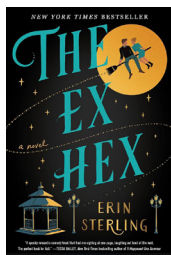


**Common Myths About Mental Health Issues**  
**with Orchard Counseling**  
**Ozark Branch**  
 Thursday, Oct. 10, 6-7 p.m.  
 Debunk common myths about mental health including depression, anxiety and treatment with Michelle M. Phillips, a licensed counselor.



# ADULTS ages 18 and older

## October



### #BookClub Nixa Branch

Friday, Oct. 11  
10-11 a.m.

It's wishes, witches and hexes gone wrong in "The Ex

Hex" by Erin Sterling. Toys provided for kids, with supervision by parents.

### Uncovering History: Gravestone Cleaning

Linden Cemetery, Sparta

Google Maps Code: 2VR9+P9  
Saturday, Oct. 12, 10 a.m.- Noon

Preserve our local history and help make a difference to an often overlooked part of our community. Cleaning supplies will be provided.

### Vampire the Masquerade, The Hunters

Nixa Branch

Saturday, Oct. 12, 1-5 p.m.

\*Registration opens Sept. 28

You and fellow hunters have discovered a vampiric threat to your town. Can everyone be saved before it's too late? Don't miss this chilling-role playing game led by the "I Want to be a GM" group. Pre-generated character sheets provided.

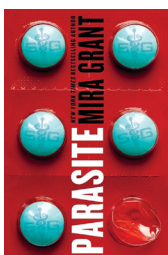


### Author Talk: LaDonna Greiner Nixa Branch

Tuesday, Oct. 15  
6-7 p.m.

Join this local author as she shares her

real-life journey to the summit of Missouri's highest peak, the Taum Sauk Mountain, as described in her book "I'm Here For a Purpose."

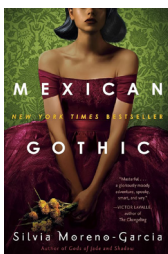


### Sci-Fi Horror Club Ozark Branch

Wednesday, Oct. 16  
6-7 p.m.

How far would you go to be free from a terrible disease?

Dissect the darkness behind these genetically engineered tapeworms and uncover the unsettling truths lurking within Mira Grant's "Parasite."



### Books & Baristas

*The Baked Bean*

Coffee Shop, 1860

N. Commerce Drive

Nixa, Saturday

Oct. 19, 10-11 a.m.

Debutante Noemí

Taboada finds herself embroiled in a spooky, paranoid mystery while visiting her cousin's decrepit estate in Silvia Moreno-Garcia's "Mexican Gothic."

### Campfires and S'more!

Sparta Branch

Saturday, Oct. 19, 4-6 p.m.

Learn the steps to build a campfire and roast a gooey, tasty treat in our fire pit.

### Craft Class: C is for Collage

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, Oct. 22, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Practice the special techniques needed to create a letter-themed collage of your own.

### Demo Day:

Flamecraft Board Game

with Haven Games

Ozark Branch

Saturday, Oct. 26, 2-4 p.m.

All ages

Become a Flamekeeper skilled in the art of conversing with dragons, placing them in their ideal home and using enchantments to entice them to produce wondrous things. Snacks and giveaways included.

### True Crime Club

*The Workshop at Finley Farms*

840 Finley Farms Ln., Ozark

Thursday, Oct. 31, 1-2 p.m.

Beneath the veneer of glitz and glamour lives one of Hollywood's darkest secrets: Elizabeth Short, the Black Dahlia. Discuss the details of this case with a cup of coffee.


Register today at [christiancountylibrary.org/events](http://christiancountylibrary.org/events)



Join the challenge at [christiancountylibrary.beanstack.org](http://christiancountylibrary.beanstack.org)

# FALL INTO READING CHALLENGE

Sept. 1 - Oct. 31 All Ages

Log your minutes read and completed activities on  beanstack for chances to win one of the fall-inspired prize packs.



Visit any branch or scan the QR code to apply for a library card!



## September

### Anime & Snacks

#### Nixa Branch

Tuesday, Sept. 3, 5-6 p.m.

Watch episodes of "Ouran High School Host Club" while munching on Mochi Ice Cream. Rated TV-14.

### Glow in the Dark Painting

#### Clever Branch

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 4-5 p.m.

Let your creativity shine while painting fall pictures...completely in the dark!? Bring a smock or clothes that you don't mind getting dirty.

### Teen Advisory Board

#### Ozark Branch

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 5-6 p.m.

*\*Registration required*

Grades 9 and up

We need your big ideas for future library events and activities—tell us during our next meeting.



### Hollywood Hangout

#### Clever Branch

Monday, Sept. 16

3-5 p.m.

Calling all movie buffs. Bring a snack

(inspired by the movie) as we watch and discuss cinema favorites.

This month we are talking about "Holes." Rated PG.

### Dungeons & Dragons Club

#### Ozark Branch

Monday, Sept. 16, 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.

### Diamond Art Coasters

#### Sparta Branch

Monday, Sept. 23, 4-5 p.m.

Add a little sparkle and shine to your space with these coasters.

### Shrinky Dinks Keychains

#### Ozark Branch

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Experience the wonders of science and make a little art of your own with this retro craft.

### Pressed Flower Lanterns

#### Nixa Branch

Thursday, Sept. 26

4:30-5:30 p.m.

*\*Registration opens Sept. 12*

Lighten up any space with flower power using candle holders, glass jars and leaves.

## October

### Cosplay Q&A

#### Ozark Branch

Thursday, Oct. 3, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Ever wonder what it takes to get involved with costume play? Join us for a Q&A session with cosplayers Amber Rea as Darth Maul and Aaron Snape as Spider-Man to learn about costume design and character portrayal.

### Anime & Snacks

#### Nixa Branch

Monday, Oct. 7, 5-6 p.m.

Slurp ramen and cast your vote for which exciting anime to watch this month. Rated TV-14.

### Teen Advisory Board

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Tuesday, Oct. 15, 5-6 p.m.

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### Hollywood Hangout

#### Clever Branch

Monday, Oct. 21

3-5 p.m.

You know a lot about movies? Bring a

snack (inspired by the movie) as we watch and discuss cinema favorites. This month we are talking about "Hocus Pocus." Rated PG.

### Dungeons & Dragons Club

#### Ozark Branch

Monday, Oct. 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.

### Pumpkin Spice Sugar Scrub

#### Sparta Branch

Friday, Oct. 25, 4-5 p.m.

Combine sugar and everyone's favorite fall scent to make a seasonal body scrub.

### Ghost Stories and S'mores

#### Clever Branch

Monday, Oct. 28, 4-5 p.m.

Spine-tingling tales and warm s'mores make the perfect combo this time of year.

# KIDS & FAMILIES Pre-K - grade 6

## September

### Play-Doh Bakery Play Day

#### Nixa Branch

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

Put on your chef's hat and roll out some dough – Play-Doh, that is!

### Star Wars Meet & Greet with 501st Legion

#### Clever Branch

Saturday, Sept. 7, 3-4 p.m.

Which side will you choose? How about your best side while taking pictures with your favorite characters from a galaxy far, far away.

### Perler Party

#### Sparta Branch

Friday, Sept. 13, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Big and small, we've got them all! Create a picture or design by melting Perler Beads.

### Fall Leaf Art

#### Nixa Branch

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

\*Registration opens Sept. 3

Unleash your inner artist with different painting techniques and help from nature's foliage.

### PAWS for Reading

#### Nixa Branch

Thursday, Sept. 19, 4-5 p.m.

\*Registration opens Sept. 5

Reluctant readers can build confidence by reading to these cute and supportive furry friends.

### Paper Airplane Studio

#### Ozark Branch

Friday, Sept. 20, 4-5 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

These aren't your classic paper airplanes. Design and fly unique crafts around obstacles in the testing grounds.

### Adventurer's Guild:

#### An Unexpected Threat

#### Nixa Branch

Saturday, Sept. 21, 2-4:30 p.m.

Grades 4 and up

Ulrik Goldbeard, the most famous Bard of all, has gone missing in the Black Mountain labyrinth. Can you and your crew find him before it's too late?



### Movie Day:

#### Elemental

#### Sparta Branch

Saturday, Sept. 21  
3-5 p.m.

In Element City, a fiery woman and a chill

guy discover they have more in common than they thought. Rated PG.

### Fall Clay Crafting

#### Clever Branch

Monday, Sept. 23, 11 a.m.- Noon

Mold, sculpt and fold fall-themed keepsakes that you will want to put out every year.

### Safety Tips with

#### Ozark Fire Protection District

#### Ozark Branch

Friday, Sept. 27, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Learn how to protect yourself and the home from fire damage with tips from the crew and take an up-close look at their fire truck.



It was a fairy tale come to life when Rapunzel from Princesses of the 417 visited the Sparta Branch.



# KIDS & FAMILIES Pre-K - grade 6

## October

### "Witches' Brew" Slime

#### Clever Branch

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 11 a.m.- Noon

Grades 3 and up

\*Registration opens Sept. 18

Eye of newt and lizard's tongue!  
Brew up something sticky in your cauldron.

### Family Photo Shoot

#### Ozark Branch

Saturday, Oct. 5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

\*Registration opens Sept. 21

It will only take a moment to capture a lasting family memory. Professional photos taken and emailed.

### Pumpkin Painting

#### Clever Branch

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 3:30-5 p.m.

\*Registration opens Sept. 24

Will it be silly, spooky or somewhere in between? Put your best face on this seasonal favorite.

### Edible Camp Fire

#### Nixa Branch

Thursday, Oct. 10, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

\*Registration opens Sept. 26

Build a delicious snack while learning about campfire safety during National Fire Prevention Week.

### Pumpkin Patch Pudding Cups

#### Ozark Branch

Tuesday, Oct. 15, 4-5 p.m.

Grades 3 and up

\*Registration opens Oct. 1

We are not pudding you on. Follow along and create a delicious, fall-themed treat.

### PAWS for Reading

#### Nixa Branch

Thursday, Oct. 17, 4-5 p.m.

\*Registration opens Oct. 3

Reluctant readers can build confidence by reading to these cute and supportive furry friends.

### Handprint Pumpkins

#### Sparta Branch

Saturday, Oct. 19, 11 a.m.- Noon

This *gourd-geous* craft will become a family keepsake for years to come.

### Adventurer's Guild: Mausritter

#### Nixa Branch

Saturday, Oct. 19, 2-4:30 p.m.

Grades 4 and up

Take up the sword and don the whiskers of a brave mouse adventurer in "Mausritter" by Losing Games.

### Haunted Gingerbread House

#### Sparta Branch

Monday, Oct. 28, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Make your own *terror-rific* house using graham crackers and popular fall treats.

### Monster Mash Storytime

#### Nixa Branch

Thursday, Oct. 31, 10-10:45 a.m.

Celebrate the monster season with stories, songs and activities. Costumes are encouraged.

## Family Storytime

kids up to age six

### Sparta Branch Mondays

11-11:45 a.m.

### Ozark Branch Wednesdays

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

### Nixa Branch Tuesdays

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

### Clever Branch Fridays

10:30-11:15 a.m.

### Ozark Branch Thursdays



## Baby Bounce

babies up to 18 months  
9:45-10:30 a.m.

## Toddler Time

children 18 months to 3 years  
10:45-11:30 a.m.



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*On September 15 the library will  
be celebrating 68 years of service.*

**1956-2024**

## Connections Game

**How to Play:** Group four words that share a common thread. Check the back for the answers.



SCAN  
HERE  
TO PLAY  
ONLINE

LEVER

STUDY

MARK

SHELF

BAKE

PART

REST

STORYTIME

NIX

CASE

SALE

PLANT

ARK

PLAY

MEETING

FISH

Check out our social media to stay up-to-date  
on what's happening every day at the library.



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# RAISING THE STAKES

Try your luck while supporting the library.



Ozarks Event Center  
842 Guin Rd., Nixa

Sunday, Sept. 29, 1-5 p.m.  
Doors open at Noon

**\$50 Donation to enter**

Finger food included • Cash bar available

Hosted by the  
Christian County Library Foundation



## Connections Game Answers

- Different "rooms" in the library**  
MEETING, REST, STORYTIME, STUDY
- Words that follow "book"**  
CASE, MARK, SALE, SHELF
- Library of Things actions**  
BAKE, FISH, PLANT, PLAY
- Branch names with missing letters**  
ARK, LEVER, NIX, PART



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Mon-Thu: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Fri-Sat: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Closed Sundays

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

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

**OZARK**  
1005 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
(417) 581-2432

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