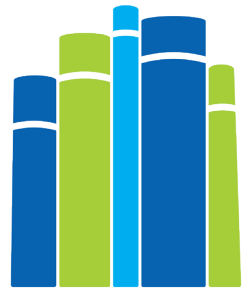


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**EVENTS**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
SEPT/OCT 2025

# Outdoor Concert Series



**All Ages**  
**Saturdays**  
**6:30-7:30 p.m.**

*RH  
Silverwood*

Sept. 6 | Ozark

*Jasmine  
Road*

Sept. 13 | Clever

*Rowan's  
Crossing*

Sept. 20 | Sparta

*Lancaster  
Station Band*

Oct. 25 | Nixa

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.



**FRIENDS OF THE  
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LIBRARY**

# ADULTS ages 18 and older

## September

### Families Eating Smart and Moving More

**Nixa Branch**

Tuesdays (Aug. 5-Sept. 9), 1-2 p.m.

*\*Registration opens July 22*

Take the first step toward a healthier home. Learn how shopping on a budget, cooking healthy recipes and incorporating daily exercise can improve everyone's quality of life. **Wellness**



### Yoga with Debra Tucker

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

**Nixa Branch** Thursdays, 10-11 a.m.

Unwind and recharge with weekly classes from 417 Create Art & Yoga Studio. *\*New time on Thursdays\** **Wellness**

### Tai Chi with Chuck Mercer

**Clever Branch**

Thursdays, 11 a.m.- Noon

Embrace the art of mindful movement each week with Legacy Martial Ways. **Wellness**

### Genealogy Workshop with Brittany Russell

**Clever Branch**

Saturday, Sept. 6

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Discover how deep your family tree roots go with help from a genealogy enthusiast. **History**

### Let's Play: Stop the Bus

**Sparta Branch**

Saturday, Sept. 6, 2-4 p.m.

Test your luck to collect the best sets and know just when to call stop! **Games**

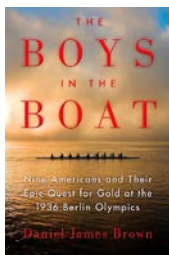
### Forcing Bulbs with Christian County Master Gardeners

**Clever Branch**

Tuesday, Sept. 9, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

You'll dig these techniques to making bulbs bloom out of season.

**Outdoors**



### Lit Happens!

**Clever Branch**

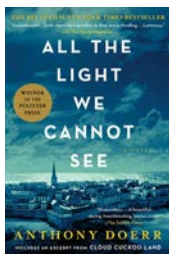
Wednesday

Sept. 10

10:30-11:30 a.m.

"The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel

James Brown is the true story of a rowing team that overcame the odds to compete in the 1936 Berlin Olympics. **Book Clubs**



### Reel Reads

**Sparta Branch**

Thursday, Sept. 11

3:30-4:30 p.m.

War, fate and resilience intertwine in Anthony Doerr's

"All the Light We Cannot See" about the lives of a blind French girl and a German boy during World War II. **Book Clubs**

### Come & See: Honduras

**Ozark Branch**

Thursday, Sept. 11, 6-7 p.m.

All ages

You won't need a passport to enjoy eye-catching art, stunning photos and a tasty traditional Honduran dish. **Education**



### #BookClub

**Nixa Branch**

Friday, Sept. 12

10-11 a.m.

An influencer's life takes an unbelievable turn after capturing

footage of a flying object and a charming Man in Black starts following her around in Mallory Marlowe's "Love at First Sighting." Toys provided for kids, with supervision by parents/caregivers.

**Book Clubs**

### Beaded Tassel Bookmark

**Sparta Branch**

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

*\*Registration opens Aug. 30*

Style your own tassel bookmark with bright beads, playful charms and personal flair. **Arts & Crafts**

### Book Swap

**Nixa Branch**

Saturday, Sept. 13, 2-3:30 p.m.

Pass along gently used reads and grab some new-to-you finds. Make sure to stay for bookish activities and refreshments (while supplies last). **Engagement**

### Perfume Blending Workshop with Aroma Design

**Ozark Branch**

Monday, Sept. 15, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

*\*Registration opens Sept. 1*

Discover the art of fragrance and create a custom scent to take home. Toys provided for kids, with supervision by parents/caregivers. **Arts & Crafts**

## HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

**Monday, September 1 • Labor Day**

**Monday, October 13 • Staff Training Day**



**Cook Book Club****Ozark Branch**

Friday, Sept. 19

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

Bring a new or old favorite chili dish to share as we chat about past and future culinary adventures. *Culinary*

**Constitution Day with  
the Daughters of the  
American Revolution**
**Nixa Branch**

Saturday, Sept. 20, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**All ages**

Celebrate the anniversary of the most influential document in the history of America. *History*


**Putting Your Garden to  
Bed with Christian County  
Master Gardeners**
**Ozark Branch**

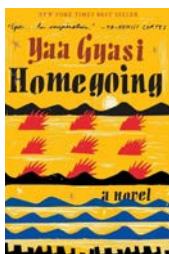
Thursday, Sept. 25, 5:30-7 p.m.

As the growing season winds down, it's time to tuck your garden in for the winter. Learn the steps to prepare the ground for a healthy rest. *Outdoors*

**True Crime Club****Ozark Branch**

Thursday, Sept. 25, 5:30-7 p.m.

Join us as we put the pieces together from famous true crime cases. *Entertainment*

**Books & Baristas***The Baked Bean**Coffee Shop, 1860*

N. Commerce Drive

Nixa, Saturday

Sept. 27, 10-11 a.m.

Trace the stories of two sisters, one in Ghana and the other in antebellum America, and the generations that follow in Yaa Gyasi's historical debut "Homegoing." *Book Clubs*

**Uncovering History:  
Gravestone Cleaning**
*Prospect Cemetery*

2932 Old Prospect Rd., Ozark

Saturday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m.- Noon

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

**Astronomy Night  
with the Springfield  
Astronomical Society**
**Clever Branch**

Monday, Sept. 29, 7:30-9 p.m.

**All ages**

View stars, planets and other celestial objects right in the library's backyard with other astronomy enthusiasts. *Rain date is Sept. 30.* *Outdoors*

**Cute Ghost Garlands****Ozark Branch**

Tuesday, Sept. 30, 10-11 a.m.

This boo-tiful ghost garland craft is the perfect home decoration. Toys provided for kids, with supervision by parents/caregivers. *Arts & Crafts*

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**Let's Play: Scrabble****Sparta Branch**

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

Spell out some f-u-n and put your vocabulary to the test. *Games*

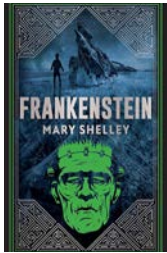
**Planning for Next Year  
with Christian County  
Master Gardeners**
**Nixa Branch**

Tuesday, Oct. 7, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Harvest insights for prepping your garden beds for the spring's growing season. *Outdoors*

# ADULTS ages 18 and older

## October



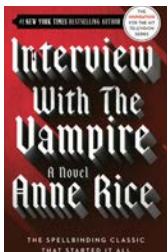
### Lit Happens!

#### Clever Branch

Wednesday, Oct. 8  
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Learn the consequences of unchecked ambition

when a young scientist creates a living monster in "Frankenstein" by Mary Shelley. **Book Clubs**



### Reel Reads

#### Sparta Branch

Thursday, Oct. 9  
3:30-4:30 p.m.

It's regret, desire and the monstrous side of immortality in

"Interview with the Vampire" by Anne Rice. **Book Clubs**

### Come & See: Japan

#### Ozark Branch

Thursday, Oct. 9, 6-7 p.m.

All ages

You won't need a passport to enjoy eye-catching art, stunning photos and a tasty traditional Japanese dish. **Education**



### #BookClub

#### Nixa Branch

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

"Impractical Magic" by Emily Grimoire blends small-town

charm, second-chance romance and a touch of magic when childhood friends reunite to face old secrets. Toys provided for kids, with supervision by parents/caregivers. **Book Clubs**

### Autumn Crescent Wreath

#### Sparta Branch

Saturday, Oct. 11, 2-4 p.m.

\*Registration opens Sept. 27

Welcome the changing seasons with this rustic wreath decoration bursting with charm. **Arts & Crafts**

### DIY Cemetery Terrariums

#### Ozark Branch

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 10-11 a.m.

This haunting scene packed with eerie details will add the perfect seasonal décor to your home. Toys provided for kids, with supervision by parents/caregivers. **Arts & Crafts**

### Beginner Watercolor:

#### Autumn Leaves

#### Ozark Branch

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2-3 p.m.

Brush along as we paint fall foliage using new and classic watercolor techniques. **Education**

### Cook Book Club

#### Ozark Branch

Friday, Oct. 17

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

Bring a new or old favorite cinnamon-inspired dish to share as we chat about past and future culinary adventures. **Culinary**



### Author Talk:

#### Theo Makombe

#### Nixa Branch

Tuesday, Oct. 21  
6-7 p.m.

In one day a boy's life was shattered

forever. Hear the true story of his survival and escape during the 1994 Rwandan genocide claiming thousands of lives in the memoir "The Race for Life." **Talks & Lectures**

### Spooky Escape Room

#### Ozark Branch

Thursday, Oct. 23, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

\*Registration opens Oct. 9

Can you crack the codes and unlock the secrets before time runs out in this Halloween-themed challenge? **Games**

### Houseplants with Christian

#### County Master Gardeners

#### Sparta Branch

Thursday, Oct. 23, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Gain expert advice to keep your houseplants thriving all year long. **Outdoors**



### Books & Baristas

#### The Baked Bean

#### Coffee Shop, 1860

#### N. Commerce Drive

#### Nixa, Saturday

Oct. 25, 10-11 a.m.

A local book club

investigates a wave of missing children in Grady Hendrix's genre mashup "The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires."

**Book Clubs**

### Uncovering History:

#### Gravestone Cleaning

#### I.O.O.F. Cemetery

6889 State Hwy. 14, Sparta

Saturday, Oct. 25, 10 a.m.- Noon

Preserve our local history and help make a difference to an often

overlooked part of our community.

Cleaning supplies provided. **History**

### True Crime Club

#### Mudhouse Coffee Shop,

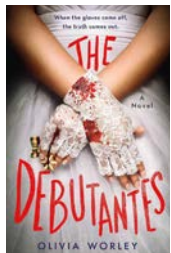
5401 N. 22nd St., Ozark

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

Over a cup of coffee we're discussing the disappearance of Jodi Huisentrut at the height of her career.

**Entertainment**

## September



### **The Mystery Ink Society** **Nixa Branch**

**Tuesday, Sept. 2**  
**4-5 p.m.**

The Les Masques Ball is the social event of

the season. Debutantes compete to be Queen of the Ball but might wind up dead in "The Debutantes" by Olivia Worley. **Book Clubs**

### **Let's Cook!**

#### **Sparta Branch**

**Tuesday, Sept. 2, 4-5 p.m.**

*\*Registration opens Aug. 19*

Whip up these tasty apple pie cups for a cozy treat. **Culinary**

### **Anime and Ramen**

#### **Sparta Branch**

**Monday, Sept. 8, 3:30-5:30 p.m.**

Settle in as we slurp up ramen noodles while watching "The Lord of the Rings: The War of the Rohirrim." Rated PG-13. **Movies**

### **Teen Advisory Board**

#### **Ozark Branch**

**Monday, Sept. 8, 5-6 p.m.**

**Grades 9 and up**

Your voice matters! Tell us what you'd love to see at library events during our next meeting. **Engagement**

### **Taste Test Challenge**

#### **Clever Branch**

**Monday, Sept. 15, 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

Put your taste buds to work by guessing these mystery flavors—no peeking allowed! **Engagement**

### **Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club** **Ozark Branch**

**Monday, Sept. 15, 4:30-6 p.m.**

Meetup with others to explore fantastic worlds, clash with monsters and perform heroic feats while playing the greatest RPG of all time. **Games**



### **Hollywood Hangout** **Clever Branch**

**Monday, Sept. 22**  
**3-5 p.m.**

Join us for an epic mashup of literature

and cinema with movie-themed snacks and engaging discussions about adaptations. This month's pick is "Bridge to Terabithia." Rated PG. **Movies**

### **Hobbit Door Wreaths**

#### **Ozark Branch**

**Monday, Sept. 22, 4-5 p.m.**

There and back again—with glue and greenery! Celebrate National Hobbit Day with this charming round door wreath, fit for any home in The Shire. **Arts & Crafts**

### **Spooky Embroidery Hoop**

#### **Nixa Branch**

**Thursday, Sept. 25, 4-5:30 p.m.**

*\*Registration opens Sept. 11*

Create your own ethereal decoration using heat transfer vinyl. **Arts & Crafts**

## October

### **Nintendo Switch:** **Jackbox Games**

#### **Nixa Branch**

**Thursday, Oct. 2, 4-5:30 p.m.**

Have you ever played party games on the TV? Now is your chance! Bring your smart phone to join. **Entertainment**



### **The Mystery Ink Society** **Nixa Branch**

**Monday, Oct. 6**  
**4-5 p.m.**

From a nepotism scandal to a local

cult, this AV club is determined to uncover all their small town secrets in Faith Gardner's thriller, "If You Can Hear This." **Book Clubs**

### **Eerie Altered Art**

#### **Ozark Branch**

**Monday, Oct. 6, 4-5 p.m.**

Take ordinary images and transform them into haunting masterpieces by adding creepy elements into unexpected places. **Arts & Crafts**

### **Let's Cook!**

#### **Sparta Branch**

**Tuesday, Oct. 7, 4-5 p.m.**

*\*Registration opens Sept. 23*

Layer up beans, guacamole, sour cream and four more ingredients for a seven layer dip that's as tasty to make as it is to eat. **Culinary**

# TEENS grades 7-12

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## October

### Mini Dice Vault

#### Sparta Branch

Friday, Oct. 10, 4-5 p.m.

*\*Registration opens Sept. 26*

Protect your set of dice with this decorative miniature safe.

*Arts & Crafts*

### Teen Advisory Board

#### Nixa Branch

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 5-6 p.m.

*Grades 9 and up*

Your voice matters! Tell us what you'd love to see at library events during our next meeting. *Engagement*

### Haunted Birdhouses

#### Ozark Branch

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

Create a creepy home that will have all the neighborhood birds *raven* mad with envy. *Arts & Crafts*

### Pumpkin Pie Cups

#### Clever Branch

Thursday, Oct. 16, 4-5 p.m.

*\*Registration opens Oct. 2*

Satisfy your sweet tooth with easy, no-bake treats. *Culinary*



### Hollywood Hangout

#### Clever Branch

Monday, Oct. 20  
3-5 p.m.

Join us for an epic mashup of literature

and cinema with movie-themed snacks and engaging discussions about adaptations! This month's pick is "The Witches" Rated PG. *Movies*

### Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club

#### Ozark Branch

Monday, Oct. 20, 4:30-6 p.m.

Meetup with others to explore fantastic worlds, clash with monsters and perform heroic feats while playing the greatest RPG of all time.

*Games*

# KIDS & FAMILIES Pre-K - grade 6

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## September

### Superhero Wall Plaque

#### Sparta Branch

Saturday, Sept. 6, 10-11 a.m.

*\*Registration opens Aug. 23*

*Grades 3 and up*

Whether it's Batman or Superman, this cut-out comics display will add heroic flair to any fortress of solitude.

*Arts & Crafts*

### LEGO Race Car Challenge with Bricks & Minifigs

#### Ozark Branch

Tuesday, Sept. 9, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

*Grades 3 and up*

Test those LEGO skills by building the fastest balloon-powered race car. *Education*

### Watercolor Unicorn

#### Clever Branch

Thursday, Sept. 11, 4-5 p.m.

Bring the mythical world of unicorns to life using watercolor techniques.

*Arts & Crafts*

### Superhero Storytime

#### Ozark Branch

Saturday, Sept. 13, 10-11 a.m.

Suit up for epic tales, songs and action-packed crafts perfect for all little heroes. *Storytimes*

### Adopt a Reading Buddy

#### Sparta Branch

Tuesday, Sept. 16, 4-5 p.m.

*\*Registration opens Sept. 6*

Adopt a miniature plushy dog, decorate their home and design a blanket so they can be your *fur*-ever reading buddy. *Arts & Crafts*

### My Festival Passport:

#### South Africa

#### Nixa Branch

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

Explore the diverse cultures and traditions celebrated during South Africa's Heritage Day. *Education*

### Tiny Tots Ball

#### Ozark Branch

Saturday, Sept. 20, 10 a.m.- Noon

*Children up to 3 years*

You're cordially invited to a delightful dress-up dance party with a photo booth, playful tunes and crafts. *Entertainment*

### Mini Piñatas

#### Nixa Branch

Saturday, Sept. 20, 1-2 p.m.

Take Hispanic Heritage Month to the next level with this adorable minúsculo craft! *Arts & Crafts*



# KIDS & FAMILIES Pre-K - grade 6

## Felt Finger Puppets

**Nixa Branch**

Wednesday, Sept. 24, 10-11 a.m.

Make a delightful animal costume—for your fingers. *Arts & Crafts*

## Let's Look at Animal Tracks

**Clever Branch**

Monday, Sept. 29, 4-5 p.m.

*\*Registration opens Sept. 15*

**Grades 3 and up**

Identify wildlife footprints like an expert and even create a few of your own. *Education*

## October

## Royal Tea Party

**Nixa Branch**

Saturday, Oct. 4, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Pinkies out and let's *par-tea*! Practice table manners while sipping on tea and eating crumpets. Royal dress is encouraged. *Engagement*

## Candy Science Lab

**Ozark Branch**

Tuesday, Oct. 7, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Grades 3 and up**

Embark on a sugar-filled adventure with tasty experiments using sweet science and your favorite candies. *Education*

## Craft a Family Tree

**Nixa Branch**

Wednesday, Oct. 8, 10-10:45 a.m.

Turn paper bags, markers, crayons and scissors into a keepsake that celebrates your roots. *Arts & Crafts*

## Fall Painting Day

**Clever Branch**

Thursday, Oct. 9, 4-5 p.m.

**Grades 3 and up**

Design seasonal paintings that mimic the bright colors of the season. *Arts & Crafts*

## Pajama Storytime

**Ozark Branch**

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

Wear comfy jammies and bring your favorite stuffie for this cozy, pajama-themed event. *Storytimes*

## My Festival Passport: India

**Nixa Branch**

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

Explore the rich traditions and cultural significance of Diwali, the Festival of Lights. *Education*

## Ghost Painting

**Sparta Branch**

Monday, Oct. 20, 4-5 p.m.

Use negative space techniques to create a chilling portrait. *Arts & Crafts*

## Bath Potions

**Ozark Branch**

Friday, Oct. 24, 11 a.m.- Noon

Brew a spooky bath potion using magical ingredients for a fizzy surprise. *Arts & Crafts*

## Monster Hunting Party

**Clever Branch**

Monday, Oct. 27, 3:30-5 p.m.

*\*Registration opens Oct. 13*

You'll need to make a special spray and chow down on snacks before going on a monstrous adventure in the library. *Entertainment*

## Haunted Family Portrait

**Sparta Branch**

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

*\*Registration opens Oct. 14*

**Grades 3 and up**

Create a hauntingly perfect ghost family using cardboard and paint. *Arts & Crafts*

## Monster Mash Storytime

**Nixa Branch**

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

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

## Family Storytime

**kids up to ages six**

**Sparta Branch: Mondays**  
11-11:45 a.m.

**Nixa Branch: Tuesdays**  
10-10:45, 11-11:45 a.m.

**Ozark Branch: Wednesdays**  
10-10:45, 11-11:45 a.m.

**Clever Branch: Fridays**  
10:30-11:15 a.m.

## Baby Bounce

**babies up to 18 months**

**Ozark Branch: Thursdays**  
9:45-10:30 a.m.

## Toddler Time

**children 18 months-3 years**

**Nixa Branch: Mondays**  
9:30-10:15 a.m.

**Ozark Branch: Thursdays**  
10:45-11:30 a.m.

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Sept. 2  
thru  
Oct. 31

All Ages



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