Outdoor Concert Series

SEPTEMBER 15
Celebrating 67 years of service
1956-2023
Outdoor Concert Series

The Paper Moons
Sept. 16 | Ozark

Abbey Waterworth
Oct. 7 | Clever

The Beach Cats
Oct. 14 | Nixa

Bishop Mau
Oct. 21 | Ozark

One More Dollar Band
Oct. 28 | Sparta

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

christiancountylibrary.org/concerts

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

**Let’s Play: Pinochle**
*Sparta Branch*
Saturday, Sept. 2, 2-4 p.m.
Try your “hand” at the most popular trick-taking card game in the country while enjoying conversation and refreshments.

**Brown Bag Travelogue**
*Ozark Branch*
Tuesday, Sept. 5, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Sit back and relax as Jeremy Adams recounts his trip to the small country of Burundi, Africa.

**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.

**Healthy Aging**
*Sparta Branch*
Tuesdays, 10-11 a.m.
*Registration opens Aug. 22*
Staying fit and active as we get older is possible. Learn how during this weekly healthy aging series. Sept. 5, Keep Your Keys Sept. 12, Healthy Aging & Nutrition Sept. 19, Fall Prevention Sept. 26, Wits Workout/Brain Health

**Stream Cleanup with the James River Basin Partnership**
*Delaware Town Access, Nixa*
Google Maps Code: 3J26+5C Tuesday, Sept. 5, 6-7:30 p.m.
*For all ages*
Do your part to help keep our streams free of trash. Supplies provided.

**Meditation Exploration with Darla Schuerger**
*Nixa Branch*
Wednesdays, 5:30-7 p.m.
*Registration opens Aug. 23*
Learn the steps to retain focus and balance in this six-week meditation and relaxation course from Body Wisdom.

**Tai Chi with Chuck Mercer**
*Clever Branch*
Thursdays, 11 a.m.- Noon
Find your inner balance each week with Legacy Martial Ways.

**Uncovering History: Gravestone Cleaning**
*I.O.O.F. Cemetery 6889 State Hwy. 14, Sparta*
Saturday, Sept. 9, 10 a.m.- Noon
Preserve our local history and help make a difference to an often overlooked part of our community. Cleaning supplies provided.

**Turning Pages Book Club**
*Clever Branch*
Tuesday, Sept. 12
11 a.m.- Noon
“Surviving Savannah” by Patti Callahan combines historical fact and fiction around the sinking of a luxury steamship (known as the Titanic of the South) and the history of a family aboard when it exploded.

**Reel Reads Book Club**
*Sparta Branch*
Thursday, Sept. 14
3:30-4:30 p.m.
A title that coined a term for a paradoxical situation has been retold as a movie and TV mini-series. Find out why “Catch-22” by Joseph Heller has a permanent place in our lexicon and literature.

**Card Game Night with Haven Games**
*Ozark Branch*
Friday, Sept. 15, 3-6 p.m.
*For all ages*
Calling all card game enthusiasts! This month, we are playing Magic: the Gathering for all skill levels. Have another game you’d like to play? Bring it!

Register today at christiancountylibrary.org/events
Raspberry Cordial Book Club
Ozark Branch
Tuesday, Sept. 26
1-2 p.m.
Follow a bookstore employee that must solve the mystery of a ghostly haunting in “The Sentence” by Louise Erdrich.

True Crime Club
Ozark Branch & ZOOM
Thursday, Sept. 28
6-7 p.m.
Did Lee Harvey Oswald really do it? Read, watch or listen to the mysteries around the assassination of JFK and bring them to discuss either in-person or virtually.

Clever Acoustic Jam
Clever Branch
Saturday, Sept. 30, 6-7 p.m.
For all ages
Want to do more than just attend the Outdoor Concert Series? Bring your acoustic instruments to play and sing along during this jam session incorporating bluegrass, folk and traditional hymns.

Get 24/7 access to eBooks, audiobooks, music and more at christiancountylibrary.org

Holiday Closings
Monday, Sept. 4
Labor Day
Monday, Oct. 9
Staff Training Day
October

Craft Class: Bookmark Design  
**Nixa Branch**  
Tuesday, Oct. 3, 3-4 p.m.  
If you need a reading break, make sure it’s with one of these spectacularly designed quitter strips.

**Yoga with Debra Tucker**  
**Ozark Branch** Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.  
**Nixa Branch** Thursdays, 6-7 p.m.  
(Class on Oct. 24 in Finley River Park, 891 N. Riverside Rd., Ozark)  
Take time for yourself with weekly classes from 417 Create Art & Yoga Studio.

**Meditation Exploration with Darla Schuerger**  
**Nixa Branch**  
Wednesdays, Oct. 4, Oct. 11  
5:30-7 p.m.  
*Registration required*  
Learn the steps to retain focus and balance in this six-week meditation and relaxation course from Body Wisdom.

“Maus” Book Discussion with Dr. Scott Denham and Dr. Barbara Mann  
**Nixa Branch** & ZOOM, Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Take a deep dive into the art, history and story of the first graphic novel to win a Pulitzer Prize. Each week Dr. Scott Denham, Professor of German Studies at Davidson College, and Dr. Barbara Mann, Professor of Jewish Literature at the Jewish Theological Seminary, leads guided readings of Art Spiegelman’s “Maus” and discussion about its portrayal of the Holocaust, historical significance and challenges. Recommended for adults.

**Free copies of the book are available for participants while supplies last.**

Tai Chi with Chuck Mercer  
**Clever Branch**  
Thursdays, 11 a.m.- Noon  
Find your inner balance each week with Legacy Martial Ways.

Let’s Play: Clue  
**Sparta Branch**  
Saturday, Oct. 7, 2-4 p.m.  
It’s always Colonel Mustard. Unravel the secrets, find the truth and catch the culprit in this classic whodunit board game adventure.

**Turning Pages Book Club**  
**Clever Branch**  
Tuesday, Oct. 10  
11 a.m.- Noon  
One sister is fighting for her life in a home requisitioned by Nazis and the other joined the resistance endangering herself to save others in “The Nightingale” by Kristin Hannah.

Reel Reads Book Club  
**Sparta Branch**  
Thursday, Oct. 12  
3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Mary Shelley’s “Frankenstein” has been a box office staple inspiring new interpretations throughout the years. Checkout the original story that started it all.

Uncovering History: Gravestone Cleaning  
**Vaughn Oddfellow Cemetery**  
1605 S. 14th Ave., Ozark  
Saturday, Oct. 14, 10 a.m.- Noon  
Preserve our local history and help make a difference to an often overlooked part of our community. Parking at Ozark Highlands Church. Cleaning supplies provided.

Tech Talk: Mobile Basics Apple/iOS  
**Sparta Branch**  
Tuesday, Oct. 17, 1-2 p.m.  
Unsure who to ask for help with your iPhone? We can! Learn all of its basic functions with guided demonstrations.
ADULTS ages 18 and older

True Crime Club
Ozark Branch
& ZOOM
Thursday, Oct. 19
6-7 p.m.
The story of Lizzie Borden and her ax has been retold in books, movies and rhymes. Take a deep dive into the 1892 court case in “The Trial of Lizzie Borden” by Cara Robertson.

Card Game Night
with Haven Games
Ozark Branch
Friday, Oct. 20, 3-6 p.m.
For all ages
Calling all card game enthusiasts! This month, we are playing Magic: the Gathering for all skill levels. Have another game you’d like to play? Bring it!

Books & Baristas
The Baked Bean
Coffee Shop, 1860 N. Commerce Drive
Nixa, Saturday
Oct. 21, 10-11 a.m.
Spooky and creepy vibes are abound in “The Haunting of Hill House” a horror classic by Shirley Jackson that inspired a hit Netflix show.

Hike Swan Creek Trail
with the U.S. Forest Service
Bar-K Wrangler Camp, Chadwick
Google Maps Code: VX5R+XV
Saturday, Oct. 21, 9-11 a.m.
Lace up your boots for a guided hike of Swan Creek Trail lead by the U.S. Forest Service. Learn about the flora and fauna of Mark Twain National Forest and tips for staying safe exploring the park.

Writers’ Workshop:
General Forum with Bon Tindle
Nixa Branch
Saturday, Oct. 21, 2-3:30 p.m.
Have all your questions answered about becoming a published author during this interactive Q&A workshop session.

Raspberry Cordial Book Club
Ozark Branch
Tuesday, Oct. 24
1-2 p.m.
“You Don’t Know Us Negroes” by Zora Neale is a collection of fearless personal essays of historical events and the impact they have on Black Americans.

Register today at christiancountylibrary.org/events
A library card is elemental.
Get yours today!

September is
LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

FALL INTO READING CHALLENGE
Sept. 1 - Oct. 31
Log your minutes read and completed activities on beanstack for chances to win one of the fall-inspired prize packs.

Spice up your autumn by joining this all ages reading challenge.
christiancountylibrary.beanstack.org
**October**

**Teen Advisory Board**
*Ozark Branch*
Tuesday, Oct. 10, 5-6 p.m.
*Registration required*
For grades 9 and up
We need your big ideas for future library events and activities—tell us at our next meeting.

**Dungeons & Dragons Club**
*Ozark Branch*
Monday, Oct. 16, 4:30-6 p.m.
Whether you’ve only heard about the game, or played hundreds of times, there is space for you to join.

**Makerspace Challenge**
*Clever Branch*
Tuesday, Oct. 17, 3:30-5 p.m.
Ready to explore and create something new? Use rocks and paint to make a fun decoration during this interactive, hands-on workspace.

**Movie Day: Beetlejuice**
*Nixa Branch*
Friday, Oct. 27, 4-5:45 p.m.
You don’t want to miss this “ghost with the most.” Enjoy movie snacks while watching this cult classic. Costumes encouraged but not required. Rated PG.

**Boo Bash**
*Clever Branch*
Monday, Oct. 30, 3-5 p.m.
With a costume contest, festive food and party games...it’s sure to be a scary good time!
**September**

**Fall Craft Day**  
*Clever Branch*  
Wednesday, Sept. 6, 3-5 p.m.  
Carve out some time for these fall-themed crafts including bags, garland and more.

**Movie Day:**  
*The Super Mario Bros.* Movie  
*Nixa Branch*  
Thursday, Sept. 7  
4:30-6 p.m.  
The classic video game jumps onto the big screen when Mario travels to the Mushroom Kingdom to find his brother and save two worlds. Rated PG.

**Building Play Day**  
*Nixa Branch*  
Saturday, Sept. 9  
10:30 a.m.- Noon  
You bring the imagination, we’ll provide the materials. There’s no limit to what can be built.

**Perler Party**  
*Sparta Branch*  
Saturday, Sept. 9, 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
*For grades 3 and up*  
Big and small, we’ve got them all. Test your design skills using perler beads.

**Up in the Air STEM Day**  
*Ozark Branch*  
Tuesday, Sept. 12, 4-5 p.m.  
*For grades 3 and up*  
All these contraptions have one thing in common, they launch things into the air!

**Hot Cocoa Bombs**  
*Clever Branch*  
Wednesday, Sept. 13  
3:30-4:30 p.m.  
*For grades 3 and up*  
Bland old cocoa packets are a thing of the past. Try this hot cocoa bomb instead.

**Movie Day:**  
*Puss in Boots: The Last Wish*  
*Sparta Branch*  
Monday, Sept. 18  
4:30-6:30 p.m.  
Follow Puss in Boots on an epic adventure with his squad of friends, but he only has one life left. Rated PG.

**PAWS for Reading**  
*Nixa Branch*  
Thursday, Sept. 21  
3:30-5:30 p.m.  
*Registration opens Sept. 7*  
These pups are all ears! Reluctant readers can build confidence while reading to the cutest audience around.

**Play-Doh! Bakery**  
*Ozark Branch*  
Friday, Sept. 22, 3:30-5:30 p.m.  
*We are transforming into a bakery.* Pretend to be the best chef in town while cooking up beautiful creations.

**Family Storytimes**  
*for kids up to age six*

**TUESDAYS**

**Nixa**

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

**WEDNESDAYS**

**Ozark**

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

**THURSDAYS**

**Sparta**

10-10:45 a.m.

**FRIDAYS**

**Clever**

10:30-11:15 a.m.

**Animals of the Night**  
*with Dickerson Park Zoo*  
*Ozark Branch*  
Friday, Sept. 29, 4:30-5 p.m.  
You would usually have to stay up pretty late to catch a glimpse of these nocturnal animals. Or you can just visit the library.
**October**

**Monster Cookie Decorating Contest**  
*Clever Branch*  
**Monday, Oct. 2, 3-4 p.m.**  
*Registration opens Sept. 25*  
A treat that might bite back! Decorate your best monster cookie for a chance to win grrrrreat prize.

**Slime Lab**  
*Clever Branch*  
**Saturday, Oct. 7, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**  
*For grades 3 and up*  
Experiment and customize your own slime. Pick colors and add-ins to make a glob that is truly unique.

**Movie Day:**  
*Hotel Transylvania*  
*Clever Branch*  
**Wednesday, Oct. 11, 4-6 p.m.**  
Turn this spooky movie from “bleh, bleh-bleh” into a lively event filled with trivia and pizza. Rated PG.

**Haunted Gingerbread House**  
*Sparta Branch*  
**Friday, Oct. 13, 4:30-5:30 p.m.**  
Create your own terror-rific house using graham crackers and popular fall treats.

**PAWS for Reading**  
*Nixa Branch*  
**Thursday, Oct. 19, 3:30-5:30 p.m.**  
*Registration opens Oct. 5*  
These pups are all ears! Reluctant readers can build confidence while reading to the cutest audience around.

**Fall Storytime**  
*Ozark Branch*  
**Saturday, Oct. 21, 10-11 a.m.**  
Get into the autumn spirit with this fantastic fall-themed Storytime.

**STEM Saturday**  
*Sparta Branch*  
**Saturday, Oct. 21, 3-5 p.m.**  
*For grades 3 and up*  
Build, craft and explore with these fun and educational science-based experiments.

**Spooky Crafts**  
*Ozark Branch*  
**Friday, Oct. 27, 4:30-5:30 p.m.**  
Ghouls just want to have fun—and they will with these festive crafts. Costumes are encouraged!

**Baby Bounce**  
*Ozark Branch*  
**9:45-10:30 a.m.**  
Babies up to 18 months  
Join us for fingerplays, action rhymes, plenty of songs and playtime!

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Yard games for all ages and skill levels are now available for checkout.

- Pickleball
- Cornhole
- Bocce ball
- Horseshoes
- Croquet

[christiancountylibrary.org/things]
RAISING THE STAKES

Try your luck while supporting the library.

Ozarks Event Center
842 Guin Rd., Nixa
Sunday, Oct. 22, 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

For more info visit christiancountylibrary.org/foundation

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(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

FOL BOOK SALE

Sparta’s Persimmon Days

christiancountylibrary.org/friends

Saturday, Oct. 21
9 a.m.-6 p.m.
at Roller Park

- Books
- DVDs
- Puzzles
and more!