

Outdoor Concert Series



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EVENTS
CALENDAR**
SEPT/OCT 2023

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Outdoor Concert Series

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

*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

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

 **Extension**
University of Missouri

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

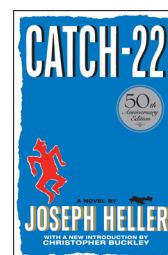
Tuesday, Sept. 12

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!



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ADULTS ages 18 and older

Changing Seasons Dance Party with DJ Ray Datema

Clever Branch

Saturday, Sept. 16

6:30-8:00 p.m.

For all ages

Dance off those dog days of summer with autumn just around the corner.

Craft Class: Pumpkin Wreaths

Sparta Branch

Saturday, Sept. 16, 10 a.m.- Noon

*Registration opens Sept. 2

These gourd-geous pumpkin wreaths are warm and inviting additions to your Fall décor.

Native Plants with the James River Basin Partnership

Nixa Branch

Tuesday, Sept. 19

6-7 p.m.

Brooke Widmar

explains how

anyone can incorporate native plants into their gardens to combat invasive species. Free native flower seeds provided.



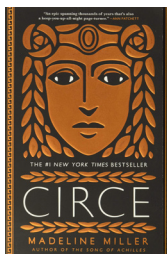
Tech Talk: Mobile Basics

Apple/iOS

Clever Branch

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 1-2:30 p.m.

Unsure who to ask for help with your iPhone? We can! Learn all of its basic functions with guided demonstrations.



Books & Baristas

The Baked Bean
Coffee Shop, 1860
N. Commerce Drive
Nixa, Saturday
Sept. 23, 10-11 a.m.

Most people know

her from Homer's epic poem where she turned men into pigs. Learn the whole story of this Greek god in "Circe" by Madeline Miller.

Constitution Day with the Daughters of the American Revolution

Nixa Branch

Saturday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

For all ages

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



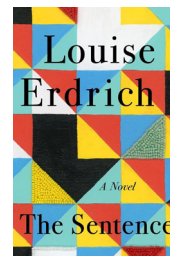
Astronomy Night with the Springfield Astronomical Society

Clever Branch

Monday, Sept. 25, 7-9 p.m.

For all ages

View stars, planets and other celestial objects in the library's backyard after hours. It will be out of this world. Rain date is Sept. 26.



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.

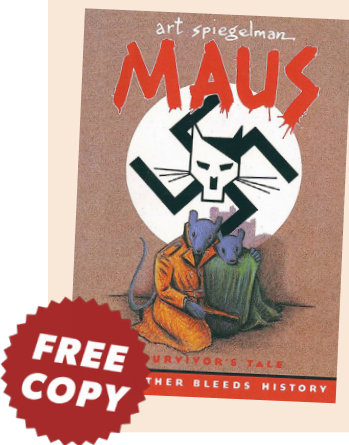


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Holiday Closings

Monday, Sept. 4
Labor Day

Monday, Oct. 9
Staff Training Day



"Maus" Book Discussion with **Dr. Scott Denham** and **Dr. Barbara Mann** **Nixa Branch & ZOOM**, Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Oct. 3, Oct. 10, Oct. 17, Oct. 24 and Oct. 31

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 Case Western Reserve University, 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.

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 quilter 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)

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Nixa Branch

Wednesdays, Oct. 4, Oct. 11
5:30-7 p.m.

**Registration required*

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Tai Chi with Chuck Mercer **Clever Branch**

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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**

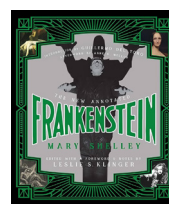
Clever Branch

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**

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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.



Books & Baristas

*The Baked Bean
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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.

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.

Card Game Night with **Haven Games** Ozark Branch

Friday, Oct. 20, 3-6 p.m.

For all ages

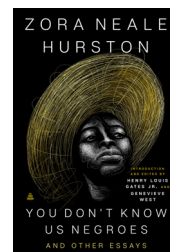
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Hike Swan Creek Trail with the U.S. Forest Service

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.



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.



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**A library card
is elemental.
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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

TEENS for grades 7-12

September

Teen Anime Night

Ozark Branch

Friday, Sept. 8, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Love all things anime? Join us for an evening of watching popular anime and snacks.

Teen Advisory Board

Nixa Branch

Monday, Sept. 11, 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.

Magazine Beads

Sparta Branch

Wednesday, Sept. 13

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Get ready to recycle! Turn old magazines into new unique jewelry.

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Ozark Branch

Monday, Sept. 18, 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, Sept. 19, 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.



Teen Book Club

Nixa Branch

Tuesday, Sept. 26

6-7 p.m.

Two girls. One night. Zero phones. This month we're reading

about a wild and crazy New York City night in "Take Me Home Tonight" by Morgan Matson.

Leaf Macramé

Clever Branch

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 3-4:30 p.m.

Learn the steps to make retro macramé knots for a little fall-inspired decoration.

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Clever Branch

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 3:30-5 p.m.

Ready to explore and create something new? Design yarn pumpkins during this interactive, hands-on workspace.

Mini Cloud Lamp

Ozark Branch

Friday, Oct. 20, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

This cloud lamp will certainly brighten up any room.

Unsolved Case Files

Sparta Branch

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

Put on your detective cap, we've got a mystery to solve! Come together for a classic whodunit game and see if you can beat the clock.



Teen Book Club

Nixa Branch

Tuesday, Oct. 24

6-7 p.m.

Are you ready for an eerie thriller set at summer camp?

Natasha Preston's "The Lake" is the perfect frightening read to kick-off the spooky season.



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!

Register today at christiancountylibrary.org/events

KIDS & FAMILIES Pre-K - Grade 6

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 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.

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.

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.

KIDS & FAMILIES Pre-K - Grade 6

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 Ozark 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.

EVERY
THURSDAY

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!



Harry Potter Fest Nixa Branch Saturday, Oct. 14

Escape Room, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Registration opens Sept. 3*

Teams of four race against the clock finding clues and solving puzzles in order to escape from this magical room.

Magical Crafting, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Build your own magical wand, origami and crafts as we watch the first two Harry Potter movies. Rated PG.

Potter Trivia, 3-5:30 p.m.

**Registration opens Sept. 3*

Ready to put the combined knowledge of your friends and family to the test? Summon your squad of four for an evening of Harry Potter-themed trivia.

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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!

Monster Mash Storytime

Nixa Branch

Monday, Oct. 30, 10-10:45 a.m.

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



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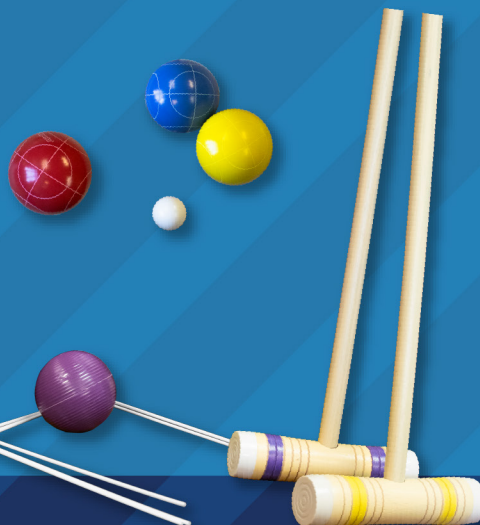
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