Outdoor Concert Series

SEPTEMBER 15

Celebrating 67 years of service
1956-2023
Outdoor Concert Series
christiancountylibrary.org/concerts

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

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.
**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
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.

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.

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.

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
“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 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 quitter strips.

Yoga with Debra Tucker
Ozark Branch
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
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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.

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.

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.

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**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.

**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!

**True Crime Club**
& ZOOM
*Ozark Branch*
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*
*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.

**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
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.

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? 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!

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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**  
*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.

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

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Monte 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.

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!
Go beyond books with the Library of Things.

New experiences, activities and adventures await. All you need is your library card.

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

- Pickleball
- Cornhole
- Bocce ball
- Horseshoes
- Croquet

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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

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!