

EVENTS NEWSLETTER

JULY/AUG 2026



Check the back for
PRIZE INFO

Keep Reading! The Summer Reading Challenge continues through July 31.

**In Partnership with the
American
Indian Center
of Springfield**

**Recommended for
Grades 3 and up**

**Basket Weaving
Clever Branch**

Wednesday, July 1
2:30 -4:30 p.m.

**Registration opens June 17*

Get into the weave of things and make your very own basket.

**Soft-Sole Plains Style
Moccasin Making**

Sparta Branch

Saturday, July 11

**Registration opens June 27*

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Make soft, toddler-sized moccasins and add a handmade touch to little steps.

Drum Making

Nixa Branch

Monday, July 13

**Registration opens June 29*

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Drum up some fun and craft your own rhythm maker.

Dream Catcher

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, July 28

**Registration opens July 14*

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Capture your dreams and let your creativity show with this new piece.

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ADULTS ages 18 and older

**Yoga with Debra Tucker
Ozark Branch**

Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.

Nixa Branch

Thursdays, 10-11 a.m.

Refresh your mind and body each week with 417 Create Art & Yoga Studio. *Wellness*

**Tai Chi with Chuck Mercer
Clever Branch**

Thursdays, 11 a.m.-Noon

**No session July 2*

Discover balance, focus and mindful movement with Legacy Martial Ways. *Wellness*

July

**Getting the Most From Your
Garden with Christian County
Master Gardeners**

Nixa Branch

Tuesday, July 7

5:45-6:45 p.m.

**Optional registration opens June 23*

Discover tips to make your garden buzz with helpful visitors. *Outdoors*

Lit Happens!

Clever Branch

Wednesday, July 8

10:30-11:30 a.m.

U.S. 1776 History Read in recognition of the 250th Anniversary of the United States.

Book Clubs



Reel Reads

Sparta Branch

Thursday, July 9

3:30-5:30 p.m.

Explore dread, memory, and uncertainty in Iain Reid's haunting novel

"I'm Thinking of Ending Things."

Book Clubs



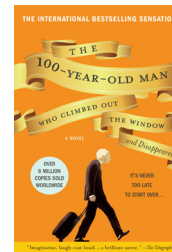
#Book Club

Nixa Branch

Friday, July 10

10-11 a.m.

Heather McBreens' "Sunk in Love" follows a couple who fakes a happy marriage for one last family vacation on a Hawaiian cruise. Toys provided for kids, with supervision by parents/caregivers. *Book Clubs*



Silly Goose Book Club

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, July 14

3-4 p.m.

Lighten up with a quirky book each

month. Read about a man who breaks out of his nursing home, sparking chaos and comedy in The Hundred-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared. *Book Clubs*

Fridge Magnets

Taylor's Version

Ozark Branch

Thursday, July 16, 3-4 p.m.

Are you ready for it? Join us to create your very own Taylor Swift inspired custom fridge magnet!

Arts & Crafts

Geometric Watercolor

**Registration opens July 3*

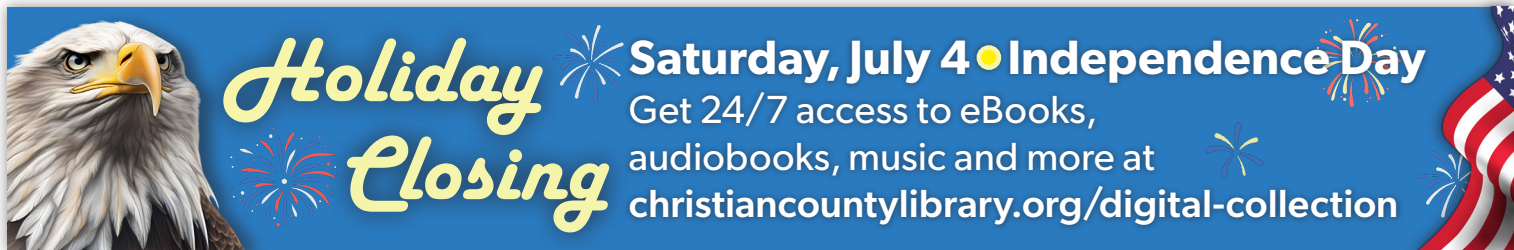
Bookmarks

Sparta Branch

Saturday, July 18, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Turn watercolor and washi tape into geometric bookmarks filled with color, texture, and creative designs.

Arts & Crafts

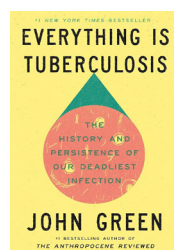


Getting the Most From Your Garden with Christian County Master Gardeners

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, July 21, 10-11 a.m.

*Optional registration opens July 7
Learn about pruning and other methods to keep your garden going through the summer. **Outdoors**



Books & Baristas

The Baked Bean Coffee Shop, 1860 N. Commerce Drive, Nixa

Saturday, July 25, 10-11 a.m.

In "Everything is Tuberculosis," John Green tells the scientific and social histories of how tuberculosis has shaped our world. **Book Clubs**

Uncovering History: Ozark City Cemetery

521 W Hill St, Ozark
Saturday, July 25, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

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

True Crime Club

Ozark Branch

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

Marilyn Sheppard was found murdered in her home, and her osteopath husband was subsequently arrested. Over 70 years later, the case is still unsolved. **Entertainment**

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY

Job Fair with Missouri Job Center— Springfield

OTC Richwood Valley Campus
3369 W. Jackson St., Nixa
Thursday, July 30, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Looking for new opportunities or considering changing careers? Now is your chance! Bring a current resume and dress to impress. **Career Success**

August

Let's Play: Whist

Sparta Branch

Saturday, August 1, 2-4 p.m.

Discover the strategy behind Whist, the classic trick-taking card game that inspired modern favorites like Bridge. **Games**

It's Not Too Late for a Garden with Christian County Master Gardeners

Clever Branch

Tuesday, August 4

5:45-6:45 p.m.

*Optional registration opens July 27
Learn about planting crops for a fall harvest and spring bloom.

Outdoors

Coffee Tasting with Ozark Mountain Coffee Company

Ozark Branch

Thursday, August 6, 6-7 p.m.

Sample various coffees from Ozark Mountain Coffee while learning where your coffee comes from. **Culinary**

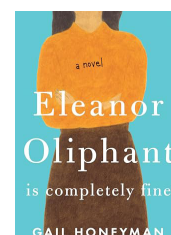


#Book Club

Nixa Branch

Friday, August 7
10-11 a.m.

Love and science collide in the 1980's when the first group of female astronauts join NASA. Toys provided for kids, with supervision by parents/caregivers. **Book Clubs**

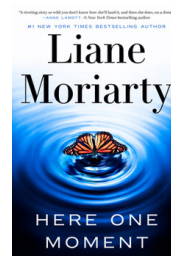


Silly Goose Book Club

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, August 11th
3-4 p.m.

Gail Honeyman's quirky book "Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine" features a type-a creature of habit who meets her match in Raymond, the chaotic IT guy. **Book Clubs**



Lit Happens!

Clever Branch

Wednesday, August 12

10:30-11:30 a.m.

In Liane Moriarty's "Here One Moment," A mysterious passenger on an ordinary flight predicts the deaths of six other passengers. **Book Clubs**



Reel Reads

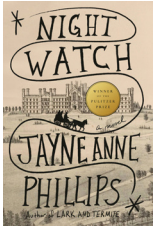
Sparta Branch

Thursday, August 13
3:30-5:30 p.m.

Secrets, betrayal, and supernatural unease simmer beneath small-town life in "All Things Cease to Appear." by Elizabeth Brundage. **Book Clubs**

ADULTS ages 18 and older

August



Books & Baristas

The Baked Bean
Coffee Shop, 1860 N.
Commerce Drive, Nixa
Friday, August 14
10-11 a.m.

Jayne Anne Phillips' "Night Watch" is the mesmerizing story of a mother and daughter seeking refuge in the chaotic aftermath of the Civil War—and a brilliant portrait of family endurance against all odds.

Book Clubs

Decoupage Catchall Trays

**Registration opens August 7*

Sparta Branch

Saturday, August 15, 2-4 p.m.

Design a one-of-a-kind catchall tray with decoupage layers, bold prints, and handmade charm.

Arts & Crafts

It's Not Too Late for a Garden with Christian County Master Gardeners Ozark Branch

Tuesday, August 18
10 a.m.-11 a.m.

Optional registration opens August 4
Planting crops for a fall harvest and spring blooms. **Outdoors**

Medicare Bingo

Nixa Branch

Friday, August 21, 2-3 p.m.

Bingo! Learn the basics of Medicare while playing bingo. You may even win a small prize. **Education**

True Crime Club

Ozark Branch

Thursday, August 27
5:30-7 p.m.

A Canadian nurse made multiple reports to police that she had a stalker. Years later she would be found dead. What happened to Cindy James? Join us as we investigate. **Entertainment**

Uncovering History: Rose Hill Cemetery

1374 County Rd 60-5, Billings
Saturday, August 29
10 a.m.-12 p.m.

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

Decorate Your Kindle

Nixa Branch

Monday, August 31
5-6:30 p.m.

Bring your own Kindle, e-reader, or tablet and case of your choosing. We will provide bookish stickers, washi tape, and colored paper. Bonus: Bring any extra stickers you have that you would like to swap! **Engagement**

TEENS grades 7-12

July

Paint a Dino Mini with Haven Games

Ozark Branch

Monday, July 6
4:30-6:00 p.m.

Paint and customize your own dinosaur miniature, perfect for tabletop adventures. **Arts & Crafts**

Beaded Plant

**Registration opens June 25*

Nixa Branch

Monday, July 9, 3-5 p.m.

Craft a mini forever plant with sun reflecting beads. **Arts & Crafts**

Ocean Lanterns

Clever Branch

Monday, July 13

**Registration opens June 29*

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Bring your beach dreams to light with this maritime craft.

Arts & Crafts

Dino D&D with Haven Games Ozark Branch

Monday, July 13

4:30-6 p.m.

Explore a Jurassic Park-style D&D one-shot filled with dinosaur encounters, chaotic mini-games, and epic prehistoric thrills. **Games**

Boba Bar

Sparta Branch

Friday, July 17

3-4 p.m.

Become a tea alchemist for the day by mixing different teas, tapioca pearls, and popping boba to create the perfect beverage. **Culinary**

Dungeons & Dragons Club Ozark Branch

Monday, July 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**

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TEENS grades 7-12

Mini Cross Stitch

**Registration opens July 9*

Nixa Branch

Thursday, July 23

3-5 p.m.

Stitch your own mini coffee themed creations to use as bookmarks or charms. **Arts & Crafts**

Anime Eats

Ozark Branch

Saturday, July 25

3-4 p.m.

Try iconic foods you've only seen in anime while connecting with fellow fans. **Culinary**

August

Squirt Gun Art

Clever Branch

Monday, August 3

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Who needs paintbrushes when you can mist and spray your way to a work of art. **Arts & Crafts**

Mini Zen Garden

Sparta Branch

**Registration opens July 20*

Monday, August 3

4-5 p.m.

Design a pocket-sized oasis using sand, stones, and tiny tools to rake calming patterns and create peaceful landscapes. **Arts & Crafts**

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Ozark Branch

Monday, August 3

Monday, August 17

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**

Artist Collage

**Registration opens July 23*

Nixa Branch

Thursday, August 6

3-5 p.m.

Create a magnetic collage for your locker to help start the new school year off right! **Arts & Crafts**

After Hours: Snowball Fight

Ozark Branch

Thursday, August 7

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Compete in an after-hours snowball fight across the library, with frozen hot chocolate and a special prize for the top team. **Engagement**

Edible Cookie Dough

**Registration opens August 3*

Clever Branch

Monday, August 17

4-5 p.m.

This cookie dough is safe to eat and even more fun to make! **Culinary**

Bookstack Bookmarks

Clever Branch

Monday, August 24

4-5 p.m.

Save your spot in your book with this fuse bead bookmark you get to make yourself. **Arts & Crafts**

Faux Cake Trinket Box

**Registration opens August 6*

Nixa Branch

Thursday, August 27

4-5 p.m.

Decorate a tiny wooden box to look like real sweet dessert.

Arts & Crafts

KIDS & FAMILIES Pre-K - grade 6

July

Dino Pull Back Cars

Nixa Branch

**Registration opens June 24*

Wednesday, July 1, 10-10:45 a.m.

Paint a dinosaur pull-back race car.

Take it home to play with or make it a gift. **Arts & Crafts**



Patriotic Ribbon Wands

Clever Branch

Thursday, July 2, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Show off your red, white and blue and celebrate America's 250th Anniversary with style. **Arts & Crafts**

Buttermaking

**Registration opens June 22*

Clever Branch

Grades 3 and up

Monday, July 6, 4-5 p.m.

Learn the history behind making butter by creating it the old fashioned way. **Education**



Medicine Wheel with the American Indian Center of Springfield

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, July 7, 2-3 p.m.

**Registration opens June 23*

Ozark Branch

Wednesday, July 22, 2-3 p.m.

**Registration opens July 8*

Create a medicine wheel while learning the history and cultural significance with the American Indian Center.

Partnerships

Family Storytime kids up to age six

Sparta Branch

Mondays: 11-11:45 a.m.

Nixa Branch

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

Thursdays: 6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Ozark Branch

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

Clever Branch

Fridays: 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Toddler Time

children 18 months to 3 years

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

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

Baby Bounce

babies up to 18 months

Ozark Branch: Thursdays

9:45-10:30 a.m.

KIDS & FAMILIES Pre-K - grade 6



Celia's Singalong Dance Party

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, July 7 10-10:45 a.m.

This world-famous, one-woman show is a rockin', stompin', hollerin' good time! Wear your dancing shoes to this all-ages party to rock your socks off! Sponsored by the Friends of the Christian County Library. *Performances*

Dinosaurs Reimagined

Sparta Branch

Grades 3 and up

Wednesday, July 8, 3-4 p.m.

Use clay, floam, and other materials to recreate what you think dinosaurs looked like. *Education*

The Land Before Time

Sparta Branch

Tuesday, July 14, 3-5 p.m.

Watch a classic dinosaur movie while eating themed snacks and creating your own air dry fossil. *Movies*



Hidden Habitats with the Dickerson Park Zoo

Ozark Branch

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

Sparta Branch

Thursday, July 23, 10-11 p.m.

Animals live in secret places. Discover how these hidden homes help them survive. *Animals*



Powwow with the American Indian Center of Springfield

Ozark Branch

Wednesday, July 15, 2-4 p.m.

*Registration opens July 1

Celebrate Native American culture through traditional dance and storytelling. Experience how children stay connected to their heritage through music and tradition. *Partnerships*

Stuffie Sleepover

Nixa Branch

Thursday, July 16, 6-7 p.m.

Bring your (second) favorite stuffed pal to our Evening Storytime. Afterwards, your stuffie is invited to stay overnight at the library and we will email you about their adventures. Just don't forget to pick them up the next morning. *Engagement*



Amphibians and Reptiles Unearthed!

with Southwest Missouri Herpetological Society

Nixa Branch

Friday, July 17, 10-11 a.m.

Amphibians and reptiles live above and below the ground. Learn more about these amazing creatures with the Southwest Missouri Herpetological Society. *Animals*

Bluey Play Day

Ozark Branch

Saturday, July 18, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Have a wackadoo good time with crafts and activities inspired by Bluey and Bingo. *Entertainment*

Bluey Meet & Greet

Ozark Branch

Saturday, July 18, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Take a "for real life" photo with Bluey. *Entertainment*

Animals of Africa with the Dickerson Park Zoo

Nixa Branch

Monday, July 20, 3-4 p.m.

You don't have to fly anywhere to see these native animals of Africa. *Animals*



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KIDS & FAMILIES Pre-K - grade 6

DIY Ice Cream Bowl

Sparta Branch

**Registration opens July 6*

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

Use paint markers to decorate your very own dessert bowl.

Arts & Crafts

Disguise a Dinosaur

Ozark Branch

Thursday, July 23, 2-3 p.m.

Give your dinosaur a makeover using crafts, creativity, and silly disguises to turn it into the most unique dino ever.

Arts & Crafts

Dino Magic with

Marty the Magician

Nixa Branch

Friday, July 24, 10-11 a.m.

Step into a world of wonder as we bring prehistoric creatures to life through mystifying illusions. Sponsored by the Friends of the Christian County Library.

Performances

Disney Karaoke Party

Nixa Branch

Saturday, July 25, 2:30-4 p.m.

Come dressed as your favorite Disney character and sing your favorite Disney songs. Prizes for best costume and best performance. **Engagement**



Owls of Missouri with the Dickerson Park Zoo

Clever Branch

Monday, July 27, 10-11 a.m.

WHO wants to get up-close to learn about Missouri's wisest creature?

Animals

Pokemon Trading Day

Ozark Branch

Grades 3 and up

Tuesday, July 28, 2-3 p.m.

Trade cards, show off collections, and connect with other Pokémon fans! **Games**

August

Ice Cream Truck

Nixa Branch

Saturday, August 1, 2-2:45 p.m.

Kids can pretend to run an ice cream truck while enjoying real treats. **Engagement**

Homeschool Support & Supply Swap

Ozark Branch

Tuesday, August 4, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Discover ways the library can support your homeschool journey and participate in a community exchange of learning materials and supplies. **Engagement**

Rock Slime

Sparta Branch

**Registration opens July 25*

Saturday, August 8, 10-11 a.m.

Become a junior builder and whip up some thick, rugged slime that looks and feels like a mini work zone. **Arts & Crafts**

Squishie Painting

Nixa Branch

**Registration opens July 27*

Monday, August 10, 11-11:45 a.m.

De-stress with this soothing craft where you get to paint your own squishie. **Arts & Crafts**

Miniatures Swap

Sparta Branch

Grades 3 and up

Tuesday, August 11, 4-5 p.m.

Join this playful marketplace of small wonders as you trade tiny treasures and pocket-sized collectables.

Engagement

Fairy Jar Night Light

Ozark Branch

Thursday, August 13, 2-3 p.m.

Create a glowing magical craft filled with sparkle, whimsy, and imagination. **Engagement**

Message in a Bottle

**Registration opens July 30*

Clever Branch

Grades 3 and up

Thursday, August 13, 4-5 p.m.

Capture your thoughts in a fashionable oceanic keepsake.

Arts & Crafts

Pipe Cleaner Animals

Ozark Branch

Grades 3 and up

Saturday, August 15

11 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Twist, bend, and create your own adorable animals to take home.

Arts & Crafts

Pokeball Backpack Keychain

Ozark Branch

Grades 3 and up

Tuesday, August 18, 2-3 p.m.

Create a beaded Poké Ball keychain to customize your backpack and display your trainer style.

Arts & Crafts



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Stay tuned for our upcoming **Outdoor Concert Series**

Take the fun outside all summer long.

**Library
of Things.**

There's more to discover at
christiancountylibrary.org/things

YARD

GAMES



**The Summer
Reading Challenge
HAS ALL THE PRIZES**

**Every
500 points
= 1 ticket**

Log minutes and activities in
Beanstack and add tickets to
prize packs by **July 31.**

Find out more at christiancountylibrary.org/src2026prizes



FOL BOOK SALE Nixa Branch

Preview Sale: Wednesday, August 12, 4-6 p.m.

Thursday, August 13, 9 a.m. -5 p.m.

Friday, August 14, 9 a.m. -5 p.m.

\$3 Bag Day: Saturday, August 15, 9 a.m. -2 p.m.

DON'T MISS OUT ON WHATS HAPPENING!



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

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7428 W. Veterans Blvd.
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1005 N. 4th Ave.
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