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Who are we? A growing, truly grassroots group originating in Nixa, MO, we are concerned citizens, teachers, and parents of public school students who want to support educational opportunities for ALL who seek them. *What do we do?* We concern ourselves with education related issues in our community. We fight against censorship, and support open choices in education, and for a wide breadth of educational experiences for all.

What have we been up to?

Back to School Bash: U-Turn members were able to be a part of a great community program put on by various local businesses and donors. Every August, Nixa families come to the junior high and are given school supplies, shoes, clothing, hygiene items, snacks, haircuts and more. All for free! It was such an honor to be able to give back to this great community and help make back to school just a little easier for families in need!

Book Bag: U-Turn in Education had the opportunity to partner with the Christian County Library to feed families and wish them a great school year. A BIG thank you to Roccas and Pizza Hut for providing dinner to about 200 people. It was great to see so many smiling faces all ready for the school year!

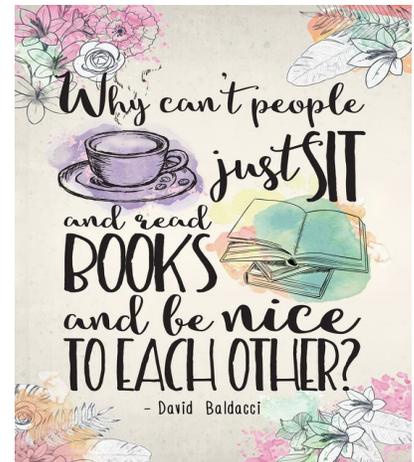
A Brand New Year

As students are once again heading back to classrooms, now is a great time to encourage exploration of thoughts and ideas through reading. Allowing students to read what interests them will allow them to develop their own ideas and think for themselves.

Nixa High School has been recognized as the top school in southwest Missouri by US News and World Report. This is a remarkable achievement, and it is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the students, teachers, and staff.

However, in order to continue winning awards, it is important that we focus on intellectual freedom and independent thinking. We need to create an environment where students feel safe to ask questions and challenge the status quo. We need to encourage them to think for themselves and to come up with their own ideas.

How can you encourage a teacher or student today?



Upcoming events

- September 14: Nixa School Board, 6:30pm, Faught Administration building
- September 26: Christian County Library board meeting, 6pm, location tbd

Exciting opportunity coming in October!

U-Turn in Education is pleased to announce a partnership with the Christian County Library; Dr. Scott Denham, Professor of German Studies at Davidson College; and Dr. Barbara Mann, Professor of Modern Hebrew Language and Literature at Case Western Reserve University.

Beginning in October a virtual and in-person hybrid course on *Maus*, by Art Spiegelman will be offered for FREE on Tuesday evenings.

Stay tuned for more information!

In The News

[Nixa high school honored](#)

[Nixa SABR making their voices heard](#)

How you can help

No matter what your comfort level, EVERYONE can contribute to our movement somehow. Some ways to get involved are:

- * Attend board and council meetings
- * Email board members and legislators in support of intellectual freedom
- * Build or donate to a little free library
- * donate

Our Socials

