

A stylized illustration of a magnifying glass with a yellow handle and a white lens, positioned to the left of the title text.

THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

IT'S SHOWTIME AT YOUR LIBRARY

NEWS & FREE EVENTS FROM RIDGECREST BRANCH LIBRARY

NOTICIAS Y EVENTOS GRATUITOS DE SUCURSALES DE LA BIBLIOTECA DE RIDGECREST

A photograph of a young child with dark hair and bangs, smiling broadly. The child is wearing a grey t-shirt with a Mickey Mouse pattern. They are standing in front of a bookshelf filled with books. A clear plastic bag is visible in the foreground.

**YOUR
SHOWSTOPPING
EXPEDITION**

STARTS HERE.

JUN | JUL | AUG



LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION



SET THE SCENE

- * Go backstage; take the Summer Reading Challenge!
- * It's rated G for everyone; ages 0-100 are invited!
- * Read books YOU choose & win awards when you reach reading goals.
- * Sign up at your local Kern County Library Branch or on Beanstack.

Use Beanstack to track reading online or with the mobile app. Earn digital badges, record reading sessions, and manage family accounts.



Beanstack



For more information, visit KCLsummerchallenge.org

* EARLY LEARNERS AGES 0-4

Read **10** books to your child & turn in the reading log.

* KIDS AGES 5-12

Read **10** books YOU choose & turn in your signed log.

* TWEENS AGES 11-12

Choose to follow the Kids' or Teens' challenge.

* TEENS AGES 13-18

Read for **10** hours & turn in your signed reading log.

* ADULTS AGES 18+

Challenge yourself to read over the Summer. We recommend reading **3** books. Turn in your reading log.

COMPLETE YOUR CHALLENGE BY JULY 31ST TO BECOME AN AWARD WINNER

World-class readers receive (while supplies last):

- * A FREE book from the Friends of the Kern County Library, Inc.
- * A FREE bookmark, and digital badges when you log online.
- * Other unique prizes for your epic performance.



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS: * SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FRIENDS OF THE KERN COUNTY LIBRARY



* FRIENDS SUPPORT:
Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library

* ADDITIONAL SUPPORT:

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City of Ridgecrest Parks & Rec
Classic Burgers
Ephen Tacos
IW Brewing Company
Living Desert Wellness Center

Maturango Museum
Ridgecrest Cinemas
Starbucks





KICK OFF SUMMER READING

- * Its Showtime at your Library! Enjoy fun family activities.
- * Sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge.

SAT | JUNE 1 | 12-2PM | RIDGECREST BRANCH LIBRARY



MAKE AN APPEARANCE PG. 3

- * Take a seat in the audience for storytimes and performances.
- * Be amazed by magic and melodrama!
- * Let your artistic abilities shine at daily crafts and activities.
- * No registration necessary.



IN THE LIMELIGHT, EAT, LAUGH, & LEARN

- * More than just a place for children and teens to eat this Summer!
- * Meals are FREE for ages 2-18; Parents and caregivers, \$2.
- * Enjoy the special feature: different shows or activities daily.

JUNE 4 - JULY 19 | 11:30-12:30PM | TUESDAYS - FRIDAYS

The Lunch at the Library program is a statewide collaboration between the California Library Association, the California Summer Meal Coalition, the Institute for Local Government, and the Sierra Sands Unified School District.



I CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW, THE FEES ARE GONE

- * Clear FEES with our wonderful Amnesty program.

AUGUST 2019 | ALL LIBRARY BRANCHES

All ages have the opportunity to clear fees on their Kern County Library card by reading, donating, or returning materials. This limited offer does not apply to accounts already in collections. **Other exceptions may apply.**

KIDS & TEENS: Pick up a "Read As Much As You Can" Reading Log or sign-up on Beanstack. Turn it in.

ADULTS: Donate one library item from the donation list.

LOST / NOT-RETURNED ITEMS: Return not-returned or lost books to your local Library branch.

ACCEPTED DONATIONS INCLUDE:

Baby Wipes	Crayons & Markers	Disposable Tablecloths	Paper Plates
Bubbles	Coloring Pencils	Duplo LEGO Pack	Play-Doh
Classic LEGO Pack	Coloring Books	Glue Sticks	Sidewalk Chalk
Clorox Wipes	Craft Kits	Napkins	Trash Bags

For branch-specific wishlists, visit kerncountylibrary.org/support-the-library ∞

FAMILY STORYTIME

Fridays at 9:30am

BUILD SOMETHING!

Tue | Jun 4 | 3pm

MATURANGO MUSEUM:

BETH ARMOGIDA PLANETARIUM *

Wed | Jun 5 | 3pm-6:30pm | Shows every 30 mins

LEGO BUILD IT

Thu | Jun 6 | 1:30pm

Tue | Jun 18 | 3pm

Sat | Jun 29 | 12:30pm

Sat | Jul 13 | 12:30pm

Tue | Jul 16 | 3pm

Fri | Jul 26 | 3:30pm

PUPPET THEATER TIME

Fri | Jun 7 | 1:30pm

Thu | Jul 11 | 1:30pm

MUSICAL DRAWING

Fri | Jun 7 | 3:30pm

YO-YO TRICKS 101

Sat | Jun 8 | 12:30pm

Sat | Jul 6 & 20 | 12:30pm

WEDNESDAY VISITORS

Wed | Jun 12 | 3pm | Chuck Bolt

Wed | Jul 3 | 3pm | Community Vehicles

Wed | July 17 | 3pm | Infinite Movement Academy

Wed | July 24 | 3pm | Ridgecrest Police Dept.

GIANT MEMORY MATCH

Thu | Jun 13 | 1:30pm

BE DRAMATIC: THEATRE MASKS

Tue | Jun 11 | 3pm

Fri | Jul 12 | 3:30pm

IT'S SHOWTIME: SING A SONG,

SAY A STORY

Fri | Jun 14 | 1:30pm

CIRCUS TRAINING CAMP FOR KIDS

Fri | Jun 14 | 3:30pm

Tue | Jun 18 | 1:30pm

READING RELAY

Sat | Jun 15 | 12:30pm

Thu | Jun 20 | 3:30pm

Fri | Jul 5 | 1:30pm | STEM Lab: Solar Snacks

Fri | Jul 19 | 3:30pm

Thu | Jul 25 | 1:30pm & 3pm

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION FILM

Sat | Jun 15 | 2:30pm

Sat | Jun 29 | 2:30pm

Fri | Jul 19 | 1:30pm

CRAFTERNOON

Thu | Jun 20 | 1:30pm | Puppet Making

Thu | Jun 27 | 3:30pm | Travel Tic-Tac-Toe

Fri | Jul 5 | 3:30pm | Puppet Making

Tue | Jul 30 | 3pm | Leftover Edition

HOLLYWOOD LIGHTS: PAPER CIRCUITS

Fri | Jun 21 | 1:30pm

Sat | Jul 27 | 2:30pm

PRESCHOOL PLAYERS PRESENT:

STONE SOUP

Fri | Jun 21 | 3:30pm

CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

CHOCOLATE TASTING

Sat | Jun 22 | 2:30pm

COLLABORATIVE CROSSWORD PUZZLE FUN

Tue | Jun 25 | 11:30am

Tue | Jul 23 | 11:30am

HISTORY OF BLUES MUSIC IN AMERICA

WITH JOEY LEONE

Wed | Jun 26 | 3pm

SODA TASTE AND GUESS

Thu | Jun 27 | 1:30pm

Fri | Jul 12 | 1:30pm

EAT, LAUGH, & LEARN

@ LUNCH AT THE LIBRARY

TUESDAYS - FRIDAYS AT 11:30AM-12:30PM | JUN 4-JUL 19

Children, ages 2-18 - FREE
Parents & Caregivers - \$2

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

ENRICH YOUR MINDS!

@ LUNCH AT THE LIBRARY

TUESDAYS | 11:30AM
Outdoor Tic-Tac-Toe Toss & Indoor Paper Project

WEDNESDAYS | 11:30AM
Indoor Table Questions

WEDNESDAYS | 11:30AM
Outdoor Bean Bag Toss

THURSDAYS | 11:30AM
Outdoor Giant Connect 4 & Indoor Paper Project

FRIDAYS | 11:30AM
Outdoor Magnetic Fishing

FRIDAYS | 11:30AM
Free Stuff Fridays

FRIDAYS | 11:30AM
Indoor Table Drawings

LISTEN TO A STORY WITH LUNCH GUEST READERS

WED | JUNE 12 | 11:45AM
Anastasia Lester, First 5 Kern

JOIN US FOR THE
**OMNI
PRES
ENT**
PUPPET THEATRE

**FRI. JULY 12
DURING LUNCH
11AM-12PM**



ANIMATION FLIP BOOKS

Fri | Jun 28 | 1:30pm
Thu | Jul 25 | 3:30pm

FLEECE TIE PILLOWS

Tue | Jul 2 | 3pm

PONY BEAD CRAFTS

Tue | Jul 9 | 3pm

DRESSING ROOM STARS

Thu | Jul 11 | 3:30pm

JUGGLER/COMEDIAN DAVID COUSIN

Sat | Jul 20 | 3pm

TABLETOP ACTIVITIES

Tue | Jul 23 | 3pm

SING-A-LONG

Fri | Jul 26 | 1:30pm

MANGA CONNECTION

Thu | Jun 6 | 3:30pm | Pocky Taste Test
Fri | Jun 28 | 3:30pm | Candy Sushi Making
Thu | Jul 18 | 3:30pm | Japanese Snack Tasting

DIY CELEBRITY SPA TREATMENT

Sat | Jun 8 | 2:30pm

KILL SHAKESPEARE:

A DRAMATIC TABLE READING

Sat | Jul 13 | 2:30pm

DIY CELEBRITY SPA TREATMENT

Sat | Jul 6 | 2:30pm

PUB TRIVIA: SHOWTIME EDITION

@ CASEY'S STEAK & BARBECUE *

Tue | Jun 18 | 6pm

SMOOTHIE CHALLENGE *

Wed | Jun 19 | 3pm

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Sat | Jun 22 | 12:30pm | The Gingerbread Cookie Murder
Sat | Jul 27 | 12:30pm | Butterfly Palace

ALL SUMMER LONG

 #KCLSELFIE @ SELFIE STATIONS	 BOOK TO SCREEN & COLORING
JUNE & JULY ALL MONTH	JUNE & JULY ALL MONTH
 ARE YOU AS TALL? CELEBRITIES	 I SPY DISPLAY CASE
JUNE & JULY ALL MONTH	JUNE & JULY ALL MONTH
 GUESSING JAR	 SCAVENGER HUNT
JUNE & JULY ALL MONTH	JUNE & JULY ALL MONTH
 KICK OFF SUMMER READING	 THE MAGIC OF CHRISTOPHER LOPEZ
SAT JUN 1 12:15PM	FRI JUNE 7 11AM
 ROAMING REPTILES	 CELEBRATE @ SUMMER FINALE
WED JULY 10 1 & 3PM	WED JUL 31 3PM

SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

During Lunch

THE SHOW MUST GO ON



ONE-ON-ONE TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE

- * Learn how to download eBooks to your mobile device.
- * Learn essential skills for using a computer & set up an email address.
- * By Appointment Only. Call your local Kern County Library branch.

STORYTIME ON YOUR TIME

- * Listen to stories weekly in English & Spanish by calling Dial-A-Story!
- * In English: 661.868.0794 / En Español: 661.868.0798
- * Access our online library of #StorytimeOnline videos via YouTube!

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THE LIBRARY IS YOUR RED CARPET.

WE ENCOURAGE ALL AGES TO CULTIVATE CURIOSITY, BY PARTICIPATING IN OUR ACTIVITIES, READING, BUILDING, CREATING, AND ALWAYS LEARNING. EXPERIENCES LIKE THESE ARE THE FOUNDATION TO BUILDING A STRONG COMMUNITY AND INVESTING IN OUR RESIDENTS.

ANDIE SULLIVAN
DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES

NIX SUMMER LEARNING LOSS

School may be out, but don't let learning end! Summer breaks, although a lot of fun, have been known to contribute to a loss of learning and reading skills among students. This is called the phenomenon of summer learning loss, or the summer slide. Children and teens who do not read over the Summer are more likely to return to school in the Fall academically behind their literacy-loving peers. These inequalities are more glaring in lower-income communities, and it is our goal through the Summer Reading Challenge and our June & July programming to nix the effects of summer learning loss. Challenge your child to read whatever they want over the Summer months (because all reading is good reading!), and model the love of reading by challenging yourself to read over the Summer too.

A TRANSFORMATIVE SUMMER READING

Summer Reading is historically the oldest program that the Kern County Library offers, going back to at least the mid-century. Every year, the program has transformed to better serve our communities, and the Library evaluates how to make improvements and expand your Summer learning opportunities. Among this year's newest offerings are Beanstack, which brings Summer Reading directly to your mobile device. Sign-up for Summer Reading from home, track your family's readers, log your reading, earn digital badges, and much more. Starting in June 2019, the Beanstack Mobile Tracker will be available for the Kern County Library through the Apple App and Google Play stores.

MAGICAL SHOWS & IMAGINATIVE STORIES

Annually, the Friends of the Kern County Library, Inc. fund 2 of our largest events at every Kern County Library branch. This year, enjoy an exciting magic show with the beloved and family-friendly Christopher Lopez and a creative and enjoyable puppet show with the local Omnipresent Puppet Theater. It's showtime at the library! Join in on the fun!

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2018, over 53,000+ children, teens, and adults visited us for Summer Reading. Over 9,600+ people challenged themselves over the Summer, and 7% more of our customers were successful in completing their challenge than the year before. Over 40,000+ books were read countywide. Additionally, last year's first-ever opportunity for fine-forgiveness was so successful that this year's Summer sees it return in August. Customers can see clearly now with their fines gone through reading and donations (exceptions and parameters apply). Ask a library staff member for more details.



LUNCH IS EXPANDING

In 2018, the Kern County Library had 7 Lunch at the Library locations countywide and fed over 12,800+ children and teens. As of 2019, library partnerships have expanded and offerings have doubled. For Summer 2019, 14 Lunch locations & 1 breakfast location are available countywide.



ANIMATION FLIP BOOKS *Become an animator by creating an old-school flip book.*

ARE YOU AS TALL? CELEBRITIES

Come to the library to see which celebrity is the same height.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION FILM

Have you ever wanted to sing along during movies, repeat the actor's lines, or join in any way? Join us at the Library where you are encouraged to participate! You are welcome to wear a costume for the movie!

CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE

FACTORY CHOCOLATE TASTING

Stop by to taste some different types and flavors of milk and dark chocolate (while supplies last).

CIRCUS TRAINING CAMP FOR KIDS

Kids can stop by to train for kid-friendly versions of tightrope walking, weight lifting, and getting a lion to jump through a hoop.

COLLABORATIVE CROSSWORD

PUZZLE FUN *Take a look at the crossword puzzle posted in you Library's bulletin board and help other members of your community solve it.*

CRAFTERNOON

Join us for an afternoon of crafts.

CRAFT TIME: DRESSING ROOM STARS

Let your family know that a star lives in your room!

FAMILY STORYTIME

Celebrate reading by enjoying stories, songs, rhymes, and fun for the whole family.

GIANT MEMORY MATCH *Stop by to play a supersized memory match game.*

GUESSING JAR *Guess how many items are in the jar. Get the closest or exact amount to choose a picture book or chapter book prize.*

HISTORY OF BLUES MUSIC IN AMERICA WITH JOEY LEONE

Joey Leone and his band will present a history of American blues music through song and story, appropriate for all ages.

HOLLYWOOD LIGHTS: PAPER CIRCUITS

Join us in making a picture or card made with light up LEDs and copper tape. You can gift the card to someone and light up their day!

I SPY DISPLAY CASE *Can you find the items on the list in the display case? New list every week!*

IT'S SHOWTIME: SING A SONG, SAY A STORY *Stop by to sing a song or tell a story, because who doesn't like to sing or talk into a microphone!*

JUGGLER/COMEDIAN DAVID COUSIN *Join us for an entertaining comedy juggling show with David Cousin.*

LEGO BUILD IT *Create with the library's Lego bricks! Your creation is displayed until the next session. Duplos are available on request.*

LIBRARY VISIT *Join us for a visit from a vehicle or organization in our awesome community.*

FREE STUFF FRIDAYS *All children get an extra surprise with their lunch and indoor diners can also draw on the (paper covered) tables.*

INDOOR TABLE DRAWINGS *Indoor diners will get to work on a fun paper craft while they eat.*

INDOOR TABLE QUESTIONS *Indoor diners can answer the question of the day on the (paper covered) table while they eat.*

OUTDOOR BEAN BAG TOSS *Outdoor diners can play a bean bag toss game and see how many points they can get.*

OUTDOOR GIANT CONNECT 4 *Outdoor diners can enjoy playing a game of giant Connect Four.*

OUTDOOR MAGNETIC FISHING *Outdoor diners can see how many fish they can "catch" or challenge someone to see who can "catch" more.*

OUTDOOR TIC-TAC-TOE TOSS *Outdoor diners can play a fun round of tic-tac-toe toss.*

ROAMING READER *First 5 Kern Program Manager Anastasia Lester will be the Roaming Reader, sharing some stories to diners both inside and outside.*

MASK MAKING *Create or decorate a mask. There will be several styles to choose from.*

MUSICAL DRAWING *When the music stops, add something to the drawing on the paper in front of you. At the end you can take home your collaborative drawing or leave it for our Creative Wall.*

OMNIPRESENT PUPPET THEATER *Experience the art of puppetry with an unforgettable show.*

PRESCHOOL PLAYERS PRESENT: STONE SOUP *Join us as children perform Stone Soup. There will be a few meetings/rehearsals before the performance. Caregivers will be asked to be in another area of the library to keep the show a surprise.*

PUPPET THEATER TIME *Use our collection of puppets to create a puppet show in the Community Room.*

READING RELAY *Read for one hour, get a snack, then get a "lap" marked off a special bookmark (don't lose it). When all of the "laps" are completed, choose a prize!*

ROAMING REPTILES *Discover snakes, lizards, & other reptiles through an engaging interactive reptile show.*

SCAVENGER HUNT *Weekly list of items to find inside the library for toddlers through school age children.*

SING-A-LONG *Join us for a sing-a-long. Could it be Frozen? Mary Poppins? Something else?*

SODA TASTE AND GUESS *Stop by to taste interesting soda flavors, and try to guess what flavors they are.*

SUMMER READING FINALE *Summer Reading has come to an end, but the fun doesn't stop there! Join us for the finale event and don't forget to pick up your goodies (while supplies last).*

SUMMER READING KICK OFF *It's the start of Summer Reading and it's Showtime at the Library! Sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge, get crafty and have loads of family fun!*

THE MAGIC OF CHRISTOPHER LOPEZ *Prepare to be amazed! Enjoy a phenomenal & interactive magic show.*

YO-YO TRICKS 101 *Learn yo-yo tricks from nationally ranked Jose Madrigal in preparation for the Yo-Yo Tournament in August. Bring a yo-yo with bearings or try one of ours.*

DIY CELEBRITY SPA TREATMENT *Create some DIY spa items so you can feel like a celebrity at home or with friends.*

KILL SHAKESPEARE: A DRAMATIC TABLE READING *We invite teens to come to the Library and do some reader's theater, with a remixing of some of the greatest characters of all time.*

DESCRIPTION INDEX

More information about upcoming events.



■ = kids & families

■ = tweens & teens

■ = adults

MANGA CONNECTION Join us for different activities using Japanese snacks (while supplies last).

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION Join us in an adult book discussion of a pre-selected biography or autobiography.

PUB TRIVIA: SHOWTIME EDITION
Gather a team of up to 5 (or join one) for showtime-related trivia at Casey's Steaks and Barbecue! Registration Required. Email ridgcrestbranchlibrary@gmail.com or call 760-384-5870. Free to play, but food/drink may be purchased at your discretion.

SMOOTHIE CHALLENGE
Your challenge is to create a delicious smoothie! Sponsored by Ridgecrest Regional Hospital. Email ridgcrestbranchlibrary@gmail.com or call 760-384-5870. Registration Required.

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ABOUT THE LIBRARY

YOUR LOCAL KCL BRANCH

RIDGECREST - 131 East Las Flores Ave.

Tuesday - Thursday 11am-7pm

Friday & Saturday 9am-5pm

Phone 760.384.5870

For a full listing of Kern County Library locations countywide, visit kernlibrary.org

UPCOMING LIBRARY CLOSURES

PRÓXIMOS CIERRES DE BIBLIOTECAS

All locations will be closed, unless noted otherwise.

July 4 • Independence Day

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GET IN TOUCH ESTAR EN CONTACTO

Main Number 661-868-0701

General Inquiry info@kernlibrary.org

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Library workshops, performances, and events are **FREE** and open to the public. We're adding more programs all the time! At times, programs may be re-scheduled or cancelled without advance notice. Visit KCLEvents.org to find out what's new and to confirm the most up-to-date program information. **Visite KCLEvents.org para averiguar qué hay de nuevo y para confirmar la información mas actualizada del programa.**



OUR MISSION NUESTRA MISIÓN

To build community and cultivate opportunities for Kern County residents, by connecting people, ideas, information, and technology.



FIND LIBRARY MATERIALS ENCONTRAR MATERIALES DE LA BIBLIOTECA

Utilize the library's online catalog to search for both print and digital materials in the San Joaquin Valley Library System and request items.



ACCESS YOUR ACCOUNT ACCEDER A TU CUENTA

Please stay on top of your checkout dates by renewing in person, online, or by phone. To access your account online, you will need your PIN#.



GET A LIBRARY CARD OBTENER UNA TARJETA DE LA BIBLIOTECA

All California residents are eligible for a free Kern County Library card with proof of residency and photo ID. Visit any Kern County Library branch to get a card.



BORROWING PRIVILEGES PRIVILEGIOS DE PRÉSTAMO

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