



2024 Summer Reading Challenge



RIDGECREST Branch Library Events

JULY 2024

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

2 9:30-11:30am - Play & Chat
11:30am-12:30pm - Lunch at the Library (This or That, Giant Connect 4, Visitor: Backyard Beekeeper)
1:30-3pm - Crafternoon: Farm Animals
3:30-6pm - LEGO Challenge: Something Farm Related

3 9:30-11:30am - Build & Chat
11:30am-12:30pm - Lunch at the Library (This or That, Magnetic Fishing)
1:30-3pm - Crafternoon: Farm Animal Puppets
3:30-6pm - Crafternoon: Farm Animals

4 *Independence Day*
4th of July
LIBRARY CLOSED

5 9:30-11:30am - Baby Play/ Books + Background Music
11:30am-12:30pm - Lunch at the Library (This or That, Beanbag Hoop Toss, Visitor: Sierra Dance Academy Princess)
1:30-3pm - Button Making
3:30-6pm - Design Your Own Farm

6 9:30-11:30am - Play & Chat
10am-3:45pm - Catch Up Crafts Marathon

9 9:30-11:30am - Play & Chat
11:30am-12:30pm - Lunch at the Library (This or That, Giant Connect 4, Visitors: Child ID, Navy Federal Credit Union)
1:30-3pm - Crafternoon: Sand Mandalas
3:30-6pm - Journal Decorating (sponsor: East Sierra Branch CA Writers Club)

10 9:30-11:30am - Build & Chat
11:30am-12:30pm - Lunch at the Library (This or That, Magnetic Fishing, Visitor: Navy Federal Credit Union)
1:30-3pm - Make Your Own Zen Garden
3:30-4:30pm - Lost But Found with China Lake Mountain Rescue Group
5-6pm - Watercolor Bookmarks + Paint By Sticker

11 10:30-11:05am - Family Storytime: Farms
11:30am-12:30pm - Lunch at the Library (This or That, Tic-Tac-Toe Toss, Visitor: Navy Federal Credit Union)
1:30-3pm - DIY Magnetic Poetry Kits
3:30-4:30pm - TWEEN/TEEN Chip Tasting
5-6:45pm - LEGO Challenge: Marble Maze

12 9:30-11:30am - Baby Bounce Then Play/Books + Background Music
11:30am-12:30pm - Lunch at the Library (This or That, Beanbag Hoop Toss, Visitor: Sierra Dance Academy Princess)
1:30-3pm - Dear Journal K-12 Writing Mindfulness Retreat w/Ridge Writers
3:30-4:30pm - Wild Man Dan Show

13 9:30-11:30am - Play & Chat
10:30am-12pm - Zentangles for Teens/Adults (guided; be on time)
12:30-1:30pm - Yoyo Tournament (age 7+; sign up) with Demo
1:30-3pm - Dear Journal K-12 Writing Mindfulness Retreat w/Ridge Writers

16 9:30-11:30am - Play & Chat
11am-12pm - Bring a Picnic + Rudy Parris Concert (snacks provided as supply lasts)
12:30-3pm - Thaumatrope + Zoetrope Making
3:30-6pm - TEEN D&D (age 13-18)

17 9:30-11:30am - Build & Chat
10:30am-2pm - Kern Mobile Health Clinic (in dirt lot)
11am-12pm - N.Y.M. Book Club
11:30am-1:45pm - Cricut Training Project (age 10+; in makerspace)
1:30-3pm - Scorch Marker Project (age 10+)
3:30-5pm - Magic Napoleon

18 9:30-11:30am - Family Storytime: Trees + Freeplay
11:30am-1pm - Bring a Lunch + STEM Challenge: Packing Peanut Trees
1:30-3pm - TWEEN/TEEN Slime Making
3:30-6pm - Community Art Project: Bottlecap Mosaic Owl

19 9:30-11:30am - Baby Play/ Books + Background Music
11:30am-1pm - Bring Your Own Lunch + Choose Your Own Adventure: You Decide
1:30-3pm - Crafternoon: Trees
3:30-4:30pm - Book Bingo

20 9:30-11:30am - Play & Chat
10:30am-12:30pm - Craft Supplies Swap (open to all from 12pm)
1-2pm - N.Y.M. Book Club
2:30-3:45pm - TWEEN Party

23 9:30-11:30am - Play & Chat (10 am Guest Reader: Children's Burn Foundation)
11am-1pm - Crafternoon: Snow
1:30-3pm - Crafternoon: Rain+ Rainbows
4-5pm - Tie Dye Shirts (sign up; sponsor: Fractal Flow Tie Dye Co.)
5:30-7pm - Let's Learn: Paranormal Investigation

24 9:30-11:30am - Build & Chat
11am-1pm - Pendulum Painting
1:30-2:30pm - Crafternoon: Wind
3-4pm - The Butterfly Effect with Christopher Yates
4:30-6:45pm - Unplugged Game Time

25 10:30-11:05am - Family Storytime: Weather
2:30-3:30pm - Musical Drawing
4-6pm - Button Making

26 9:30-11:30am - Baby Bounce Then Play/Books + Background Music
11am-1pm - Crafternoon: Sun
1-2pm - Books in Motion
1:30-3pm - TEEN Button Making
4-5:30pm - LEGO Challenge: Something Found Outdoors

27 9:30-11:30am - Play & Chat
11am-1:30pm - Let's Learn: Fly Tying with Aguabonita Flyfishers
2-3:45pm - TEEN Paint & Snacks Party (sign up to save spot; sponsor: Botany's Desire)

30 9:30-11:30am - Play & Chat
11am-1pm - Catch Up Crafts
1:30-3pm - Rock Painting
3:30-5pm - TWEEN/TEEN Snack Ranking
5:30-6:45pm - Chess Freeplay + Games

31 9:30-11:30am - Build & Chat
12-1:30pm - DIY Matching Game
2-3pm - Dance Party (Children's Room)
3:30-5:30pm - Summer Reading Challenge Finale Cool Down



Early Learners 0-5
Children 6-11
Tween 9-12 Teen 13-18
Adults 19+
Youth 2-18
All Ages

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HOURS OPEN:

Tuesday 10am-7pm
Wednesday 10am-7pm
Thursday: 10am-7pm

Friday: 10am-6pm
Saturday: 10am-4pm



► Kids



DEAR JOURNAL K-12 WRITING MINDFULNESS RETREAT (RIDGE WRITERS) FRI 7/12 & SAT 7/13 1:30-3pm

During Mindfulness Week, learn about journaling with the RidgeWriters and receive a basic journal to keep.



YOYO TOURNAMENT (AGE 7+)

SAT 7/13 12:30-1:30pm

Ages 7+ can sign up to compete in their age division and show us their tricks. Call when open to sign up or show up at 12 pm on Sat 7/13.



THAUMATROPE + ZOETROPE MAKING

TUE 7/16 12:30-3pm

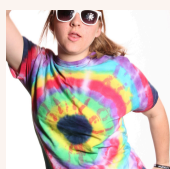
Make a zootrope with a CD and/or a thaumatrope. If you made one in June, stop by for some new zootrope and/or thaumatrope designs.



BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH+ CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE: YOU DECIDE

FRI 7/19 11:30am-1pm

Bring a lunch (or not) and vote for what to do in the Choose Your Own Adventure book!



TIE DYE SHIRTS (SPONSOR: FRACTAL FLOW TIE DYE CO.) TUE 7/23 4-5pm

Age 6+ (age 6-10 need adult help). CALL to sign up from 7/2. 20 spots available; up to 10 shirts provided (sign up by 7/13), remaining spots are bring your own 100% cotton shirts. Must start by 4:30 pm.



PENDULUM PAINTING WED 7/24 11am-1pm

Stop by to make a pendulum painting in our Community Room. For an added challenge, try to build your pendulum out of LEGO first.

► Tweens/Teens



TWEEN/TEEN SLIME MAKING THU 7/18 1:30-3pm TEEN BUTTON MAKING FRI 7/26 1:30-3pm

Our Youth Development Program intern will run two programs with snacks included.



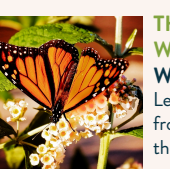
TWEEN PARTY SAT 7/20 2:30-3:45pm TEEN PARTY SAT 7/27 2-3:45pm

Tweens (9-12 yrs.) and teens (13-18 yrs.) enjoy snacks and fun. TEEN: paint & snack party sponsored by Botany's Desire. CALL to sign up starting 7/10. Last day to sign up 7/20.



TWEEN/TEEN SNACK RANKING TUE 7/30 3:30-5pm

Tweens (9-12 yrs) and teens (13-18 yrs) will taste then rank their favorite snacks, available as supply lasts.



THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT WITH CHRISTOPHER YATES WED 7/24 3-4pm

Learn about the Great Butterfly Migration from Canada to Mexico through juggling, theater, and music!



MUSICAL DRAWING THU 7/25 2:30-3:30pm

Everyone gets a paper and when the music stops, you draw something on the paper in front of you. We'll also make a larger group project to display.



LUNCH @ THE LIBRARY TUE-FRI 7/2-7/12 11:30am-12:30pm

Free lunches for kids and teens ages 2-18. No sign up required - just show up!

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. The Summer Food Service Program is a program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, administered in California by the California Department of Education. Lunch at the Library is a project of the California State Library, supported with funds from the State of California. Special thanks to Sierra Sands Unified School District for their partnership.

► Adults



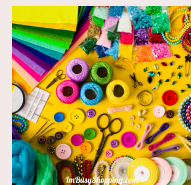
ZENTANGLES FOR TEENS/ ADULTS SAT 7/13 10:30am-12pm

Teens and adults will get a guided Zentangle lesson from Lori Morris. Please be on time to complete the project, which is sure to be amazing!



SCORCH MARKER PROJECT (AGE 10+) WED 7/17 1:30-3pm

Ages 10 and up can create a project that looks like it was wood burned using Scorch markers and a heat gun (age 13+ to use heat gun).



CRAFT SUPPLIES SWAP SAT 7/20 10:30am-12:30pm

Bring any craft supplies you won't use to swap for what someone else brought that you can use! Open to anyone from 12-12:30 pm (no craft supplies to swap needed).



LET'S LEARN: PARANORMAL INVESTIGATION TUE 7/23 5:30-7pm

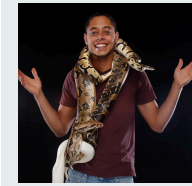
Librarian Drake will share about the history of paranormal research, technology used, and with interest, lead us on a paranormal tour of our branch!

Book Club in the Library!

RC BOOK LOVERS THU 7/25 12:30-2:00 pm

This month, they discuss *Some Like it Hawk* A Meg Langslow Mystery by Donna Andrews.

► All Ages



WILD MAN DAN SHOW FRI 7/12 3:30-4:30pm

Learn some fascinating facts about venomous and nonvenomous reptiles and other creatures while getting to see some of the creatures up close!



BRING A PICNIC +RUDY PARRIS CONCERT WITH SNACKS

TUE 7/16 11am-12pm

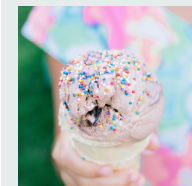
Rudy Parris (from the NBC show "The Voice") returns! Bring a lunch and enjoy the tunes. FREE snacks as supply lasts.



MAGIC NAPOLEON (SPONSOR: ROADRUNNER RIDGE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION)

WED 7/17 3:30-5pm

Magic Napoleon returns with a fun performance with magic, bubbles, and of course, balloon twisting!



FINALE COOL DOWN WED 7/31 3:30-5:30pm

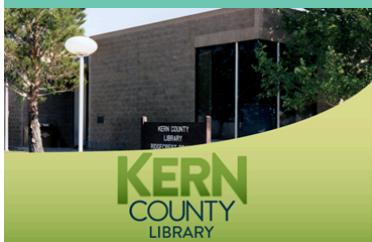
Celebrate the end of Summer Reading Challenge with a refreshing frozen treat! LAST DAY to enter bonus finisher drawings but you can still be a finisher through mid-Aug.

How many books
have you read or
listened to this
summer?



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