

October 2024

Ridgecrest Branch Library

Early Learners **EVENTS** GUIDE



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LIBRARY



Events for Early Learners

All events happen in the Community Room unless noted.

Little Learners: Explore (Twice a month)

Ages 1.5-5 TUE. OCTOBER 8, 22 | 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Explore a variety of materials while building fine motor skills, which can help with learning to write.

Little Learners: STEAM Time (Monthly)

Ages 2-5 WED. OCTOBER 9 | 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Explore a variety of age-appropriate STEAM topics for our littlest learners.

Beyond the Book (Twice a month)

Ages 4+ WED. OCTOBER 9 & TUE. OCTOBER 29 | 3:30 - 4:30 P.M.

Listen to a picture book and enjoy an activity related to the book. 10/9 Art, 10/29 Snack.

Playtime (Monthly): Mini Obstacle Course

Ages 2+ THU. OCTOBER 10 | 11:05 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

This month's Playtime theme for toddlers and preschoolers will be a mini obstacle course set up in the CHILDREN'S ROOM after Preschool Storytime. We have different themes each month.

Ridgecrest Lions Club Cub Club Project (Monthly)

Ages 1.5-6 FRI. OCTOBER 11 | 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Join us as Cub Club members help us kickoff our annual Thank-A-Veteran project, providing coloring pages and cards to thank our local veterans.

Book Bingo (Monthly)

Ages 3+ FRI. OCTOBER 11 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Play bingo for a chance to win a free book to build home libraries.

Kern Mobile Health Clinic (Monthly)

All Ages WED. OCTOBER 16 | 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

The Kern Mobile Health Clinic will be in the dirt lot, offering immunizations plus some tests and health screenings for all ages. No sick visits available. Call 661-321-3000 if you want to schedule an appointment (NOT required).

Build & Chat (Monthly)

All Ages WED. OCTOBER 16 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

5th grade and younger can build with a variety of building sets in the CHILDREN'S ROOM during Middle/High School STEAM Time in the Community Room. Other items to play with can be available upon request.

Storytimes (Children's Room)

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Baby Bounce Then Play

Ages: 6-36 Months

FRI. OCTOBER 18 | 9:30* - 11:30 A.M.

Enjoy interactive rhymes, songs, bounces and board books just right for your little one in this LAPSIT story time. Older siblings can bring a stuffed animal to use as a baby.

Preschool Storytime

Ages: 2-5 Years

EVERY THURSDAY | 10:30 - 11:05 A.M.

10/10: Grandparents, 10/17 Adoption, 10/24 Pumpkins, 10/31 Halloween

Enjoy stories, action rhymes, and a shaker egg song to continue building early childhood skills.

Toddler Time

Ages: 15 Months-4 Years

TUE. OCTOBER 15, 29 | 9:30* - 9:50 A.M.

10/15: Colors 10/29 Bicycles
Enjoy short stories, movement songs, and action rhymes that build early childhood skills. Stay & Play happens after.

Family Storytime

Ages: 2-8 Years

SAT. OCTOBER 12, 26 | 10:30 - 11 A.M.

10/12: Grandparents, 10/26 Halloween
Children of all ages can enjoy stories, a song, and action rhymes to continue building early childhood skills.

Freeplay Fun (Children's Room)

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Baby Play

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FRI. OCTOBER 11, 25 | 9:30* - 11:30 A.M.

Freeplay time for our littlest ones to socialize with caregivers (and each other) by exploring a variety of baby-friendly items. Caregivers can also socialize with each other.



Stay & Play

Ages: 12 Months-7 Years

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For more event information, visit our website - kclevents.org
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.



Did You Know?

90% of a child's brain develops before they are 5 years old. This sets the foundation for health, learning, and social development. Reading to your child is an excellent way to help build neural connections during this time of rapid development.



- * Sign up your baby, toddler, preschooler, or even kindergartener! Ask staff at the Circulation Desk or go to kernlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365 to sign up.
- * Get a lanyard at sign up and pins for every 100 books listened to or read.
- * You do not need to use library books AND the same book 10 times counts as 10 books!

Does 1,000 books seem overwhelming?!? It doesn't have to be!

- * 5 books a week for 4 years = 1,040 books
- * 1 book a day for 3 years = 1,095 books
- * 10 books a week for 2 years = 1,040 books
- * 3 books a day for 1 non-leap year = 1,095 books



Classes, groups, organizations, and individuals



ALL AGES EVENT
OCT 21-NOV 2, 2024

**DRAW A PICTURE
MAKE A CARD
MAKE UP A POEM
WRITE A LETTER**

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International Day of Older Persons 2024

This celebration in Ridgecrest was initiated, organized, and sponsored by the Cross Cultural Exchange Club & Cheryl McDonald Creative since 2018 with the collaboration of many local partners.

Special Programs at the Library

Intergenerational Collaborative Art Project

Ages 5+ WED. OCTOBER 23 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Stop by to participate in a tape based resist painting on a larger canvas, designed for participation from aspiring artists of all ages.

Intergenerational Bingo

Ages 3+ THU. OCTOBER 24 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Stop by to play bingo and try to win a snack (pre-packaged) or small prize! Sponsored by the Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library.

Unplugged Game Time (monthly)

Ages 3+ TUE. OCTOBER 22 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Stop by to play games for 3 year olds to adults! We have classics like Candyland, Jenga, Monopoly, and chess plus lots of Simply Fun games and others like Exploding Kittens, Sushi Go, Clue, Spot It, and Skip-Bo. You can bring a game from home!

Special Programs

Mushroom Gardening with Hillside Mushrooms

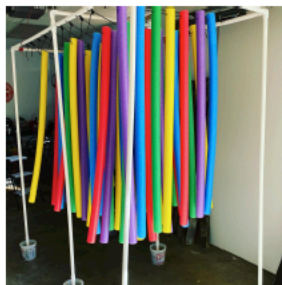
Ages 4+ SAT. OCTOBER 12 & 19 | 11 A.M. -12 P.M.

Annie of Hillside Mushrooms returns on 10/12 for lion's mane and on 10/19 for reishi and shiitake. Due to limited number of grow kits available, CALL 760.384.5870 to sign up starting 9/24 for lion's mane and 10/8 for reishi and shiitake class. Two spots per family to start, but ask about additional spots for lion's mane class on 10/11 and for reishi and shiitake class on 10/18.

Noodle Forest Build Session

Ages 2+ FRI. OCTOBER 25 | 10-11:30 A.M. AND 1-3 P.M.

MAEVE Ridgcrest members invite you to help create a sensory "noodle forest" (see picture to right) from PVC pipe and pool noodles. Once completed, it will be in our Children's Room to provide a sensory experience to all visitors (*EXCEPT during Toddler Time, Preschool Storytimes, and Family Storytimes*).



Must Be Halloween

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Crafternoon: Halloween

Ages 3+ SAT. OCTOBER 26 | 11 A.M.-2 P.M.

Stop by to work on some Halloween themed crafts. Thanks to sponsor Ridgcrest Toys for Tots Foundation, there will be a book giveaway as supply lasts.

Catch Up Crafts: Halloween

Ages 3+ WED. OCTOBER 30 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Stop by to work on any of our Halloween themed crafts that you may have missed the week before.

Costumes for Candy

Ages 1.5+ THU. OCTOBER 31 | 10 A.M.-7 P.M.

Stop by to show your Halloween costume at the CIRCULATION DESK for a piece of candy or a small prize. We will also have a little parade route marked in the CHILDREN'S ROOM, if you would like to follow it for an impromptu parade.

Halloween Games

Ages 2+ THU. OCTOBER 31 | 12:30-4:30 P.M.

Stop by to play a few Halloween themed games for kids and kids at heart.



This is Me Community Puzzle Project

Pick up a puzzle piece and decorate one side to represent you. Return it to the circulation desk. We will incorporate puzzle pieces into one large community puzzle for display in Oct & Nov.

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hours

Tuesday - Thursday	10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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