

October 2024

Ridgecrest Branch Library

Kids EVENTS GUIDE



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Events for Kids

All events happen in the Community Room unless noted

Regular Programs

Build & Chat (twice a month)

6yrs-5th grade TUE. OCTOBER 8 & WED. OCTOBER 16 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Kids in 5th grade and younger can build with some of our building sets in our CHILDREN'S ROOM while middle/high school students play Dungeons & Dragons (Tue 10/8) and make pumpkins "explode" during STEAM Time (Wed 10/16) in our Community Room.

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 work on fun activities related to the books. 10/9 is spider-themed and 10/29 is monster-themed with *The Monster on the Bus* by John Lieb.

LEGO Challenge: Patterns (monthly; different challenges)

Ages 6-12 THU. OCTOBER 10 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Stop by to try the LEGO Challenge of creating a pattern or build anything.

Book Bingo (monthly)

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

Stop by to play a round of bingo and try to win a book to build home libraries.

Family Storytime (twice a month)

Ages 2-8 SAT. OCTOBER 12 & 26 | 10:30-11 A.M.

Younger and older children can enjoy stories, a song, and action rhymes to continue building early literacy skills. 10/12 grandparents, 10/31 Halloween



Read/Listen Your Way to the Desert Empire Fair! Fri-Sun Oct 18-20, 2024

Youth 18 and under can read or listen to get 1 (one) FREE entry to the Desert Empire Fair AND a chance to win an unlimited ride wristband!

Age 12 and under: read/listen to 5 books

Age 13-18: read/listen for 5 hours

One free fair entry per participant. (5 and under get free entry.)

One unlimited wristband voucher winner will be drawn per age group. (Please check the minimum heights for rides for younger children.)

Sign up at the Ridgecrest Branch Library or on Beanstack at kernlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365

Thank you to our generous sponsor!



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-schedule or cancelled without advance notice.



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 Movies and Chat

Ages 6+ THU. OCTOBER 17 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.
FRI. OCTOBER 18 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Join us for two movies featuring intergenerational relationships. Contact the library branch for the movie title and rating.

Intergenerational Paper Card Making

Ages 8+ WED. OCTOBER 23 | 12-2 P.M.

Join us for paper card making with craft kits. Limit 3 cards per person. Sponsored by Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library and Robyn Newcomb from Creative Memories

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 a small prize. Sponsored by Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library



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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Pokemon Trading Card Game (monthly)

Ages 6+ TUE. OCTOBER 15 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Stop by to play Pokemon Trading Card Game and/or trade cards at your risk. We have loaner decks to use and are looking for people who might be interested to teach the game to those who want to learn.

Mobile Health Clinic (monthly)

All Ages WED. OCTOBER 16 | 10:30 A.M.-2 P.M.

The Kern Mobile Health Clinic will be in the dirt lot, offering child and adult immunizations, tuberculosis testing, family planning services including birth control, sexual health services, health screenings, free Narcan with training, and child health exams for 12-18 year olds. No sick visits available. For an appointment, call 661-321-3000 (NOT required; walk-ins accepted).

TWEEN Time (monthly)

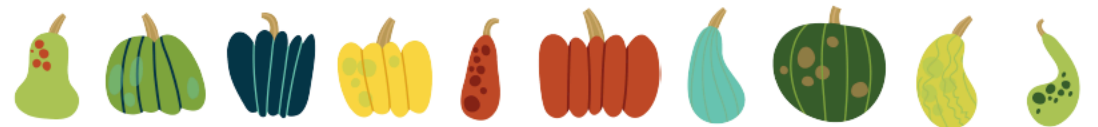
Ages 9-12 SAT. OCTOBER 19 | 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Tweens can join us for snacks and a fun activity of their choice while socializing with other tweens! Feel free to bring snack and activity ideas for future consideration.

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 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!



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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.

RidgeWriters Presents *Planet Mojave* Authors

Ages 9+ SAT. OCTOBER 19 | 12-1 P.M.

In celebration of California Writer's Week (10/13-10/19; always the third week in October), listen to some literary works from RidgeWriters members and authors featured in the newest edition of *Planet Mojave* in the CHILDREN'S ROOM.

Tower Building

Ages 6-5th grade FRI. OCTOBER 25 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Join us in the MAKERSPACE to see how high of a tower you can build! This is a simultaneous program while middle/high schoolers participate in Middle/High School Art Exploration.

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

Must Be Halloween

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LEGO Challenge: Halloween + Book Giveaway

Ages 6+ WED. OCTOBER 23 | 9:30-11:30 A.M.

Accept the LEGO Challenge and build something related to Halloween. You can also build anything else. Book giveaway sponsored by Ridgecrest Toys for Tots Foundation, as supply lasts.

Crafternoon: Halloween

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

Stop by to make Halloween themed crafts. Thanks to sponsor Ridgecrest 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 a Halloween craft you may have missed last week.

Costumes for Candy

Ages 3+ THU. OCTOBER 31 | 10 A.M.-7 P.M.

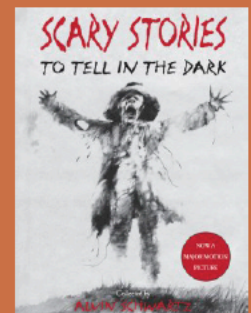
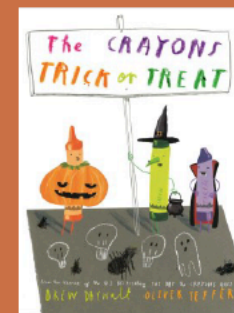
Show us your costume at the CIRCULATION DESK for a candy or small prize. For those who want to, we will have a parade route marked off in the CHILDREN'S ROOM.

Halloween Games

Ages 2+ THU. OCTOBER 31 | 10 A.M.-7 P.M.

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

Halloween themed reads!



find us!

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contact us!

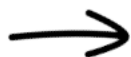
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hours

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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