

October 2024

Ridgecrest Branch Library

Tween & Teen EVENTS GUIDE



KERN
COUNTY
LIBRARY



Events for Tweens & Teens

All events happen in Community Room unless noted

Tweens = 9-12 year olds Teens = 13-18 year olds

Regular Programs

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+ THU. OCTOBER 10 | 3:30-4:30 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.

Pokemon Trading Card Game (monthly)

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

Stop by to play Pokemon Trading Card Game OR trade Pokemon cards (at your own risk; we will not monitor trading). We have 60 card loaner decks in case you forget yours. If you are looking to learn how to play, we sometimes have people comfortable teaching others.

Mobile Health Unit (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)

Must Be Halloween

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LEGO Challenge: Halloween + Book Giveaway

Ages 6+ SAT. OCTOBER 26 | 10 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.

Crafternoon: Halloween

Ages 3+ SAT. OCTOBER 26 | 10 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 1.5+ THU. OCTOBER 31 | 10 A.M.-7 P.M.

Show us your costume at the CIRCULATION DESK for a candy or small prize. We will have a parade route marked off in the CHILDREN'S ROOM.

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.

Read/Listen Your Way to the Desert Empire Fair! (Fri 10/18 to Sun 10/20)



Age 12 and under: read/listen to 5 books Age 13-18: read/listen for 5 hours

One free fair entry per participant. One unlimited wristband voucher winner will be drawn per age group (13-18 yrs, 12 and under).

Sign up at the branch or on Beanstack kernlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365

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.



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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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!



Special Programs



Mushroom Gardening with Hillside Mushrooms

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

Our mushroom gardening classes with Annie of Hillside Mushrooms continue with lion's mane mushrooms on 10/12 followed by reishi and shiitake mushrooms on 10/19. Due to a limited number of growing kits available, CALL 760.384.5870 to sign up starting 9/24 for the lion's mane class and 10/8 for the reishi and shiitake class. Two spots per family to start, but ask about additional spots for the lion's mane class on 10/11 and for the reishi and shiitake class on 10/18.

RidgeWriters Present *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. This program happens in the CHILDREN'S ROOM.



Looking for a book we don't have? Send us a suggestion for our branch collection!

Events for Middle/High Schoolers

All events happen in the Community Room unless noted

NOTE: Simultaneous program for 5th graders and younger is offered.

Middle/High School STEAM Time (monthly)

6th-12th graders WED. OCTOBER 16 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

See how many rubber bands it takes for a pumpkin to explode!

Middle/High School Art Exploration (monthly)

6th-12th graders FRI. OCTOBER 25 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Explore an art concept, style, or technique. In October, we use silhouettes.

Events for Teens

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TEEN Dungeons & Dragons (monthly)

Ages 13-18 TUE. OCTOBER 8 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Join our adventurers on their journey to be heroes or cause mischief! Party members are at Level 2 now, with a variety of pre-made characters available.

TEEN Time (monthly)

Ages 13-18 SAT. OCTOBER 12 | 1:30-3:30 P.M.

Teens are invited to paint and/or decorate records and enjoy some snacks while socializing. Sponsored by Botany's Desire. Feel free to bring snack and activity ideas for future consideration.

Increasing Cash Flow & Debt Management

Ages 16+ SAT. OCTOBER 19 | 1-2 P.M.

Join us for a World System Builder workshop to discover \$100 or more that you didn't know you had, learn where your money is going, increase your cash flow, and get debt free faster as part of the 30 by 30 financial literacy campaign. Participants will receive a workbook and *Saving Your Future* book.

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Poetry Freewriting (monthly)

Ages 13+ SAT. OCTOBER 26 | 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Teens and adults can join us to for poetry free writing with a volunteer. We will have a variety of poetry books and a theme available for possible poem writing inspiration, along with basic writing supplies (lined paper, unlined paper, pencils, pens) but feel free to bring your own supplies.

Events for Tweens

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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.

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**

We'd love your input!
Have a fun program idea?
Let us know and help shape our
upcoming events!

find us!

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contact us!

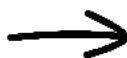
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hours

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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