

ONE BOOK • ONE DISCUSSION • ONE COMMUNITY

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EVENTS BROCHURE

Events are FREE and open to the public.

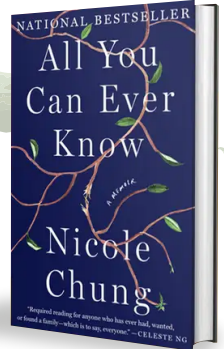
THE ONE
BOOK
PROJECT

FOUNDED 2002

This October and November, the One Book Project invites the entire community to engage in discussions, educational programs, and entertainment centered around the themes of *All You Can Ever Know: A Memoir* by Nicole Chung.

The initiative aims to bring the community *together to bridge cultural divides* and promote understanding of our *diversity*, all while supporting literacy and learning throughout Kern County.

All You Can Ever Know: A Memoir by Nicole Chung



ABOUT THE PRIMARY TITLE

Nicole Chung was born prematurely, adopted by white parents, and raised in a sheltered Oregon town. Growing up, she believed her biological Korean parents gave her up for a better life, but as she matured, faced prejudice, and embraced her Asian American identity, she questioned this narrative. In *All You Can Ever Know*, Chung shares her emotional search for her birth family, which paralleled the birth of her own child, exploring the complexities of family, identity, and belonging.

For event listings & resources visit KCLonebook.org

Check us out on Facebook!  @KCLonebook

The One Book Project is presented by Kern County Library and California State University, Bakersfield, Office of the Provost.

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AND NO ONE NO MATTER
HOW SWEET
OR EXPERIENCED, COULD
EXPECT TO LOOK at A
TINY **baby** & KNOW EXACTLY
WHO or **WHAT**
SHE WOULD GROW UP to BE.

- Nicole Chung

Author of *All You Can Ever Know: A Memoir*

Welcome!



The Kern County community is invited to share experiences related to a single book's themes through discussions, educational programming, and entertainment. This year's One Book selection, *All You Can Ever Know: A Memoir* by Nicole Chung, explores the themes of cross-cultural adoption, blended families, acceptance, ethnicity, identity and cultural heritage.

Children, teens, and adults can participate by reading fiction, non-fiction and graphic novels curated in our One Book companion title list and readers advisory list.

All Kern County Library locations will host programming that includes book discussions, storytimes, crafts, and additional activities.

Partnering with education institutions, nonprofit organizations, and local agencies throughout the county, we offer safe spaces for community members to participate in One Book Project activities and discussions.

Stay in the know about programming, events, discussions, and updates by visiting us at KCLonebook.org

THE ONE BOOK PROJECT

About the One Book Project

Since 2002, the One Book Project has sought to promote a culture of reading and discussion in our diverse communities throughout Bakersfield and Kern County. Annually, the Kern County Library and California State University, Bakersfield lead the One Book Project effort to bring community members together through events and discussions related to the themes in one thought-provoking title. The One Book Project is meant to connect people across cultural divides to foster understanding through a collection of theme-related titles to support reading and literacy for all age groups in our community.

Accessing One Book Titles

All One Book titles are available for check-out in print, eBook, eAudiobook, or Book on CD from the Kern County Library.

Join the Reading Challenge

Readers are encouraged to join our online One Book Project Reading Challenge on Beanstack, where participants can win digital badges and prizes by completing activities. With Beanstack, it's easy to record reading sessions and manage family accounts.

Scan QR code to sign-up for the Reading Challenge



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ONE BOOK PROJECT COMPANION TITLES FOR ALL GENRES & AGES

ADULT FICTION



Inconvenient Daughter

by Lauren J. Sharkey

YOUNG ADULT FICTION



The All-American
A Novel

by Joe Milan Jr.

TEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL



Monstrous
by Sarah Meyer

MIDDLE GRADE GRAPHIC NOVEL



A Sky of Paper Stars
by Susie Yi

CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOK



My Tree
by Hope Lim

CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOK



Eyes that Weave the World's Wonders
by Chingyen Liu

All You Can Ever Know & One Book companion titles are available for checkout in print, eBook, eAudiobook, & book on CD from the Kern County Library. Sign up for our One Book eNewsletter to also receive reader's advisory titles.



PREMIERE EVENTS

Go Beyond the Book. Join the community discussion.

One Book Project Kickoff Event **Tues. | Oct. 1 | 11:30am - 1pm**

What I'd Like You to Know About Adoption and Foster Care Panel Discussion

Join us in-person for a heartfelt discussion on the joys and challenges of fostering and adopting youth from various backgrounds. Share in the triumphs, insights, and experiences that shape these transformative journeys.


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 *Bakersfield College, Levan Center 1801 Panorama Dr., Bakersfield. 661.395.4011*

Film Screening of a True Adoption Story **Tues. | Oct. 3 | 1pm**

This true story follows a young boy who gets lost and ends up thousands of miles from home. Years later, he uses technology and memories to find his birth family and return to his roots. Don't miss this emotional journey—watch the film and be inspired!



 *Rasmussen Senior Center, North of the River Recreation & Parks District, 115 E. Roberts Lane, Bakersfield. 661.392.2000*

Film Screening of Iconic K-POP Girl Group's Journey

Wed. | Oct. 4 | 6:30pm - 8pm

Record-breaking Korean girl group shares their story, revealing the challenges and triumphs behind their incredible rise to fame. Don't miss this inspiring event! Free and open to the public—join us and be part of the journey!



 *Beale Memorial Library, 701 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield. 661.868.0701*

Tracing the Past to See the Future **Sat. | Oct. 12 | 11am - 12pm**

To celebrate Kern County Genealogical Society's sixty years, we must look at the past and examine the historical background of Genealogy, how it has evolved, the formation of KCGS, and how the organization has met the ever-changing needs of genealogy researchers in our communities.



 *Beale Memorial Library Local History Room, 701 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield. 661.868.0701*

PREMIERE EVENTS

Get Involved. Join the community discussion.

An Evening with Nicole Chung **Thur. | Oct. 24 | 7pm**

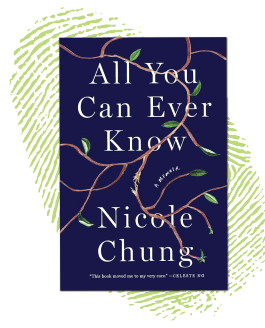
Author of All You Can Ever Know: A Memoir

Don't miss the chance to meet the author in person at the exclusive book signing event! Grab your copy, get it signed, and enjoy a unique opportunity to connect. Join us and be part of this special moment!

Discussion, Q & A and Book Signing. FREE and Open to the Public

Partners:

- California State University, Office of the Provost
- Kern Council Teachers of English
- Walter W. Stiern Library
- Department of English
- General Education Program
- Kern High School District
- Sigma Tau Delta



 **CSUB, Icardo Center, 9001 Stockdale Hwy. 661.654.3172 • Free parking in Lot I after 6pm.**

“Can You K-POP” Dance Showcase **Sat. | Nov. 2 | 2 - 6pm**

Random Dance Play from 2-3pm and Showcase from 4-6pm

Join us and several talent scouts from industry-leading dance companies as they scour the stage for the next K-POP stars! Come watch 25 of Kern County's most talented acts as they dance to today's biggest K-POP hits. From BTS, NMixx, to Xikers, solo, duo and group dancers will cover their songs with the most intense, degree of difficulty, idol-choreographed moves. Get ready for Random Dance Play (RDP) to pump up the crowd before the showcase kicks off!



 **Beale Memorial Library Local History Room, 701 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield. 661.868.0701**

A Parent Speaks **Tues. | Nov. 5 | 3 - 4pm**

Joey Merritt is the adoptive parent of two young women adopted as babies from Eastern Europe. Her oldest daughter, adopted from an orphanage in Ukraine, is now 23 with a family. Her younger daughter, adopted from foster care in the Republic of Georgia, is a transracial adoptee. There are so many myths around adopting internationally and so many things she wished she knew before she adopted - from changing birth names, how to handle racism in the community, how to work with Interethnic Adoption Provisions (IEP's) in the school system and how to answer questions from her kids about adoption. She will speak about the process, the struggles, and triumphs of family building through adoption. There will be plenty of time for questions in this informal conversation.

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 **via ZOOM, REGISTER ONLINE**

PREMIERE EVENTS

Get Involved. Join the community discussion.

Adoptive-Foster Parents & Their Allies Panel Discussion

Wed. | Nov. 6 | 4:30pm

Join us for an informative panel discussion with professionals in the field of adoption and foster care as they discuss how the process works in Kern County and share their program services, as well as a discussion with adoptive parents as they talk about their challenges and successes through the process and raising multiracial kids.

Partners:

- Kern Bridges Youth Homes
- Koinonia Family Services
- Department of Human Services – Kern County Adoption Agency

📍 *Beale Memorial Library, 701 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield. 661.868.0701*



In Praise of Late Wonder: California Poet Laureate

Lee Herrick Poetry Reading **Thur. | Nov. 14 | 6 - 7pm**

Korean adoptee, Lee Herrick, will read poems from his new book titled, *In Praise of Late Wonder: New and Selected Poems* about his adoption from Korea related to loss, uncertainty, race dynamics, and joy. The poems explore questions of belonging, survival, and the complexities of adoption. There will be a book giveaway and book signing by the author after the presentation.

📍 *Beale Memorial Library Auditorium, 701 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield. 661.868.0701*



Film Screening of **First Person Plural** **Tues. | Nov. 5 | 3 - 4pm**

In 1966, Deann Borshay Liem was adopted by an American family and sent from Korea to California. As she grew up, memories of her birth family faded until recurring dreams revealed the truth: her Korean mother was still alive. **FIRST PERSON PLURAL** follows Deann's emotional journey to unite her biological and adoptive families, exploring themes of family, loss, and identity. The film premiered at the 2000 Sundance Film Festival and won the Grand Jury Prize for Best Bay Area Documentary at the San Francisco International Film Festival.

📍 *Beale Memorial Library, 701 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield. 661.868.0701*



OTHER ACTIVITIES

Foster Kids Wish List Drive Promotion

We're inviting the community to support foster youth by helping them access essential items that will empower them to thrive and succeed as they grow. The Dream Center works with young people who have experienced foster care at some point in their lives - whether they aged out of the system at 18 or were adopted through child welfare. Your contributions can make a lasting impact on their journey to becoming independent adults. Help make a difference today - every item donated is a step toward a brighter future for these deserving youth.



For more information call, 661-636-4911.



Link to wish list: amzn.to/3XLpxQj or scan QR code here

One Book Project International Book Club

Students from Europe, Central America, South America, and the United States will be reading and discussing "All You Can Ever Know" via CSUB's One Book Project International Book Club website. This online platform will facilitate vibrant discussions on the book's themes, characters, and cultural implications, promoting a rich exchange of perspectives among participants from diverse backgrounds. Join us as we explore the narratives that connect us all!

Link to website: csubinternationalbookclub.blogspot.com

CSUB Identity Art Exhibit

October 15 - November 1 | Open Daily 8am - 10pm

In support of this year's One Book Project selection, the Walter W. Stiern Library is excited to host an art exhibit featuring the theme of *IDENTITY* to showcase unique visual works created and submitted by CSUB students, faculty, and staff. This open-access exhibit is a free event for the entire community, accessible during the Stiern Library's regular operating hours. Day passes for parking on campus can be purchased near campus entrances.



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Walter W. Stiern Library

 **CSUB Walter W. Stiern Library, 2nd Floor, 9001 Stockdale Hwy., Bakersfield. 661.654.3172**

Jamison Center Book Drive In November

Kern County Library is teaming up with the Jamison Center to promote a Young Adult Book Drive to include Fiction, Non-Fiction, and Graphic Novel books. Jamison Center is asking community members to support reading and literacy by donating new books at Library drop-off locations countywide or shipping directly to the Jamison Center. Your support will help to provide a supportive learning environment for teens that have found themselves in a situation beyond their control. The books you provide will fuel their imagination and nurture their spirit.



Every month, more than 100 children are cared for at Jamison Children's Center. The children are provided the basic living essentials: food, clothing, shelter, education and health care. The center also provides a dedicated, hardworking staff of teachers, mental health counselors, group counselors, medical professionals and other staff to replace the children's fear with hope, and a sense of security.

Coloring Book Distribution

Come pick up a free adoption story coloring book produced by the Department of Human Resources at any Kern County library branch while supplies last! This coloring book features heartwarming adoption stories and illustrations. Don't miss out—pick up your copy at your local library today!

2024 Kern Council of Teachers of English One Book

Project's College & High School Writing Contests

Tap into your creativity and enter the KCTE One Book Project Writing Contest to showcase your writing and win exciting prizes! Don't miss this chance to make your voice heard!

College Writing Contest Announcement and Rules:

For a complete copy of the contest rules, download the KCTE College Writing Contest Rules 2024.

Link to download Rules: <https://bit.ly/3ZRUBRO>

High School Writing Contest Announcement and Rules:

For the full announcement, download the KCTE High School Writing Contest Announcement 2024. For a complete copy of the contest rules, download the KCTE High School Writing Contest Rules 2024

Link to download Announcement: bit.ly/4gMMBXF

Link to download Rules: bit.ly/3N4FAUH



**Entries must be received by 5pm
on Friday October 11, 2024**

STORYTIMES

Preschool Storytime

AGES 0-5

Baker Branch Library

1400 Baker St., Bakersfield. 661.861.2390

*Saturday, October 5.....11am

Monday, October 7.....4pm

California City Branch Library

9507 California City Blvd., California City. 760.373.4757

Tuesday, October 22.....3:30pm

Tuesday, November 5.....3:30pm

Frazier Park Branch Library

3732 Park Dr., Frazier Park. 661.245.1267

Thursday, October 17.....11am

Monday, October 7.....4pm

Mojave Branch Library

15555 O St., Mojave. 661.824.2243

Tuesday, October 1.....4:30pm

Northeast Branch Library

2671 Oswell St., Bakersfield. 661.871.9017

Thursday, October 3.....10:30am

Thursday, October 10.....10:30am

Thursday, October 17.....10:30am

Thursday, October 24.....10:30am

Thursday, October 31.....10:30am

Thursday, November 7.....10:30am

Thursday, November 14.....10:30am

Friday, November 15.....10:30am

Thursday, November 21.....10:30am

Rathbun Branch Library

200 W China Grade Loop, Bakersfield. 661.393.6431

*Tuesday, October 10.....10am

*Thursday, November 7.....10am

Ridgecrest Branch Library

131 E Las Flores Ave., Ridgecrest. 760.384.5870

Thursday, October 17.....10:30am

Thursday, November 21.....10:30am

Rosamond Branch Library

3611 Rosamond Blvd., Bakersfield. 661.256.3236

Thursday, October 3.....11am

Friday, October 4.....12pm

Thursday, October 31.....11am

Friday, November 1.....12pm

Taft Branch Library

27 Cougar Ct., Taft. 661.763.3294

Monday, October 7.....11am

Wasco Branch Library

1102 7th St., Wasco. 661.758.2114

Monday, November 4.....2pm

Monday, November 18.....2pm

Monday, November 25.....2pm

Family Storytime

AGES 6-11

Baker Branch Library

1400 Baker St., Bakersfield. 661.861.2390

*Saturday, November 2.....10:30am

Buttonwillow Branch Library

101 N Main St., Buttonwillow. 661.764.5337

Friday, October 4.....11am

Frazier Park Branch Library

3732 Park Dr., Frazier Park. 661.245.1267

Friday, November 15.....3:30pm

McFarland Branch Library

500 W Kern Ave., McFarland. 661.792.2318

Saturday, October 5.....11am

Mojave Branch Library

15555 O St., Mojave. 661.824.2243

Wednesday, November 6.....2:30pm

Rosamond Branch Library

3611 Rosamond Blvd., Bakersfield. 661.256.3236

Tuesday, October 1.....4pm

Saturday, October 5.....4pm

Tuesday, October 28.....4pm

Saturday, November 2.....10:30am

Taft Branch Library

27 Cougar Ct., Taft. 661.763.3294

Tuesday, October 15.....4pm

Wasco Branch Library

1102 7th St., Wasco. 661.758.2114

Friday, November 5.....2pm

Tuesday, November 19.....2pm

**Storytime includes craft*

PROGRAM INFORMATION: Library workshops, performances, and events are FREE and open to the public. At times, programs may be rescheduled or canceled without advance notice.

ARTS & CRAFTS

All Ages

Arvin Branch Library

201 Campus Dr., Arvin. 661.854.5934

Friday, November 1.....10am

Baker Branch Library

1400 Baker St., Bakersfield. 661.861.2390

Saturday, November 16.....1pm

Buttonwillow Branch Library

101 N Main St., Buttonwillow. 661.764.5337

Saturday, October 12.....12pm

Wednesday, November 6.....5pm

Saturday, November 6.....2pm

Lamont Branch Library

8304 Segrue Rd., Lamont. 661.869.6018

Friday, November 1.....10am

Mojave Branch Library

15555 O St., Mojave. 661.824.2243

Friday, November 1.....11am

Taft Branch Library

27 Cougar Ct., Taft. 661.763.3294

Monday, November 4.....11am

Wasco Branch Library

1102 7th St., Wasco. 661.758.2114

Monday, November 4.....11am

Ages 6-11

Arvin Branch Library

201 Campus Dr., Arvin. 661.854.5934

Wednesday, October 9.....4pm

Beale Memorial Library

701 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield. 661.868.0701

Wednesday, November 6.....4pm

Wednesday, November 20.....4pm

Buttonwillow Branch Library

101 N Main St., Buttonwillow. 661.764.5337

Friday, October 4.....4pm

Friday, October 11.....4pm

Tuesday, October 15.....3pm

Thursday, November 14.....4pm

Monday, November 18.....4pm

Tuesday, November 26.....4pm

California City Branch Library

9507 California City Blvd., California City. 760.373.4757

Tuesday, October 22.....3:30pm

Frazier Park Branch Library

3732 Park Dr., Frazier Park. 661.245.1267

Friday, October 18.....3:30pm

Tuesday, November 5.....3:30pm

Lamont Branch Library

8304 Segrue Rd, Lamont. 661.869.6018

Tuesday, October 8.....12:30pm

Mojave Branch Library

15555 O Street, Mojave. 661.824.2243

Wednesday, October 9.....2:30pm

Thursday, November 14.....4pm

Northeast Branch Library

2671 Oswell Street, Bakersfield. 661.871.9017

Tuesday, November 5.....4pm

Ridgecrest Branch Library

131 E Las Flores Ave, Ridgecrest. 760.384.5870

Wednesday, November 20.....12pm

Taft Branch Library

27 Cougar Ct., Taft. 661.763.3294

Tuesday, October 22.....4pm

Tuesday, November 5.....4pm

Wasco Branch Library

1102 7th St., Wasco. 661.758.2114

Tuesday, November 5.....4pm

Tuesday, November 12.....4pm

Ages 12-17

Baker Branch Library

1400 Baker St., Bakersfield. 661.861.2390

Wednesday, October 16.....4pm

Buttonwillow Branch Library

101 N Main St., Buttonwillow. 661.764.5337

Wednesday, October 2.....4pm

Frazier Park Branch Library

3732 Park Dr., Frazier Park. 661.245.1267

Tuesday, October 8.....4pm

Lamont Branch Library

8304 Segrue Rd., Lamont. 661.869.6018

Wednesday, October 9.....4:30pm

McFarland Branch Library

500 W Kern Ave., McFarland. 661.792.2318

Wednesday, November 6.....2:00pm

Rosamond Branch Library

3611 Rosamond Blvd., Bakersfield. 661.256.3236

Thursday, November 21.....3:30pm

Ages 18+

Buttonwillow Branch Library

101 N Main St., Buttonwillow. 661.764.5337

Saturday, November 2.....1pm

California City Branch Library

9507 California City Blvd., California City. 760.373.4757

Thursday, November 7.....4pm

Mojave Branch Library

15555 O St., Mojave. 661.824.2243

Thursday, October 17.....5:30pm

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Bakersfield College Foster & Kinship Program

- 661-395-4991
- BCFKCE@bakersfieldcollege.edu
- bakersfieldcollege.edu/community/FKCE

Bakersfield College NextUp

- 661-395-4011
- nextup@bakersfieldcollege.edu
- bakersfieldcollege.edu/enrollment-aid/eops/nextup

Kern County Genealogical Society

- 661-868-0773
- technologychair@kerngenealogical.org
- kerngenealogical.org

Kern County Network for Children

- 661-636-4488
- tocorson@kern.org
- kern.org/kern-county-network-children

DHS - Kern County Adoption Agency

- 661-873-2400
- kcdhs.org/services/adoption

Koinonia Family Services

- 661-833-4483
- kfh.org

Kern Bridges Youth Homes

- 661-396-2301
- kernbridges.com

The Dream Center

- 661-636-4488
- kern.org/menu_az/dream-center

Jamison Children's Center

- 661-334-3500
- kcdhs.org/services/child-protective-services/jamison-childrens-center

**Interested in becoming a partner
for next year's One Book Project?**

Visit KCLonebook.org to learn more
about the program, and email
info@kernlibrary.org to get involved.



LIBRARY SPACES AND PARK PLACES

Kern County Libraries and North of the River Recreation & Park District (NOR) locations are safe and welcoming places where adoptive, kinship and foster families, as well as foster kids can gather, play, read and enjoy the outdoors or have supervised visits.

For General Activities

Enjoy reading or explore fun activities, open spaces, and community services designed to enrich your time alone or together all year-round.

For Visitations

Libraries and public parks are also neutral ground for family visits providing accessible spaces for complex family dynamics.

To view a full list of libraries and public parks or learn more about activities, visit:
kerncountylibrary.org and NORfun.org.