

December 2024

Adults' EVENTS GUIDE

Beale Memorial Library



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Events for Adults



Karaoke Club!

DECEMBER 2 | 5- 7 P.M.
TEJON ROOM

Join us at the library to let off some steam and unwind while singing your heart out

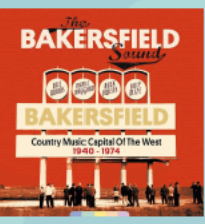


Ornament Extravaganza

All Ages DECEMBER 5 | 5-6:30 P.M.
TEJON ROOM

Get crafty this holiday season at our DIY ornament workshop. Come join us to create unique, personalized ornaments for your Christmas tree while listening to music and sipping on hot cocoa. No experience necessary just bring your creativity!

Bakersfield Sound Family and Friends

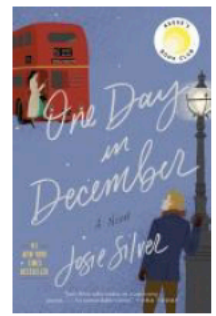


DECEMBER 14 | 1-3 P.M.
LOCAL HISTORY ROOM

Come join renowned country music historian, Scott Bomar, and Bakersfield musicians for a film screening of the 1988 Grand Opening of the Bakersfield Country Music Museum (BCMM). This historic event was captured on film by Inez Savage & Henry Sharpe at the Kern County Museum. On Sunday, Dec 15th, the Kern County Museum invites the public to visit the Bakersfield Sound Exhibit free of charge between 9am & 3:30pm.

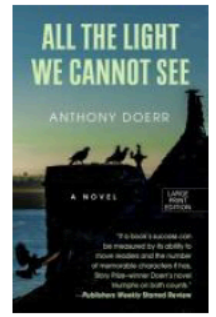


Cozy Winter Reads



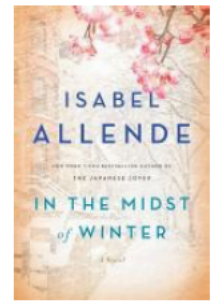
One Day in December by Josie Silver

This contemporary romance is perfect for fans of holiday tales like *Love Actually*. Laurie thinks that love at first sight exists only in movies, until the day she looks out a bus window and locks eyes with a man who she knows instantly is the one. As the bus pulls away, Laurie feels strongly that their paths will cross again - only to later discover he's dating her best friend. A heartwarming story with unexpected depth, this is the perfect Christmas-time read that isn't your typical holiday story.



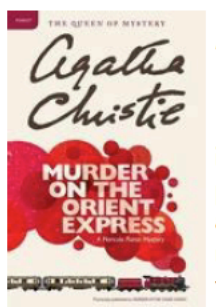
All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

A captivating story, well-told. The characters in this war novel are fascinating and altogether unexpected, and the book's setting couldn't be lovelier: much of the action takes place in Saint-Malo, France, a unique walled port city on the English Channel. It doesn't feel overlong: its 500+ pages give Doerr plenty of room to build a believable world, and give his characters depth and feeling. An intelligent, detailed, literary novel that will stay with you long after you turn the last page.



In the Midst of Winter by Isabel Allende

In Allende's latest novel, a traffic accident caused by a horrible Brooklyn snowstorm gets the ball rolling, bringing three very different people together to carry out a common mission. As they travel together through the frozen landscape, each character's story is revealed, as Allende takes us from present day New York City to recent events in Guatemala to forty years ago in Chile and Brazil. Not my favorite Allende, but she sure makes you want to know what happens next.



Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie

It was supposed to be the perfect crime. But an avalanche stops the Orient Express in its tracks just before a passenger is found murdered in his berth, foiling the perpetrator's getaway, and trapping 13 potential suspects—each with an airtight alibi—in the train car with Inspector Hercule Poirot. If you've seen the movie, take note: Branagh changes Christie's ending. Hot tip: Dan Stevens's audio narration is fantastic.



Winter Closures



Staff In-Service Day

DECEMBER 6

Awesomeness happens when we all come together! The Kern County Library will be closed for In-Staff Service Day Friday, December 6, 2024. Libraries will resume standard operating hours on Saturday, December 7, 2024.



Happy Holi-reads!

DECEMBER 24- JANUARY 1

Chill out with a good book this winter recess and collect your reads before we are CLOSED for winter recess. Kern County Library branches will observe Winter Recess from Tuesday, December 24, 2024, to Wednesday, January 1, 2025.

Our eLibrary is open 24/7! Get your reads ANYtime when you get them online

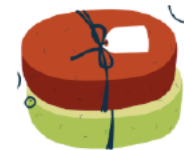
Monthly Events



Yoga with Claudia

ALL AGES DECEMBER 9 | 5:30-6:30 P.M.
AUDITORIUM

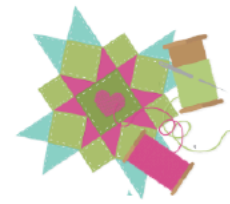
Enjoy an hour of yoga with a certified yoga instructor!



DIY Soap Making

ALL AGES DECEMBER 11 | 5:15-6:15 P.M.
TEJON ROOM

Join us and make your own soap bars! All materials will be provided while supplies last. Make winter or Christmas inspired soap designs too!



Simple Handsewn Crafts

ALL AGES DECEMBER 16 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.
LAKE ROOM

Join us to learn basic handsewing techniques and create a small felt craft to take home! Experienced handsewers are also welcome!



Ukulele Club

ALL AGES DECEMBER 16 | 5-6:30 P.M.
TEJON ROOM

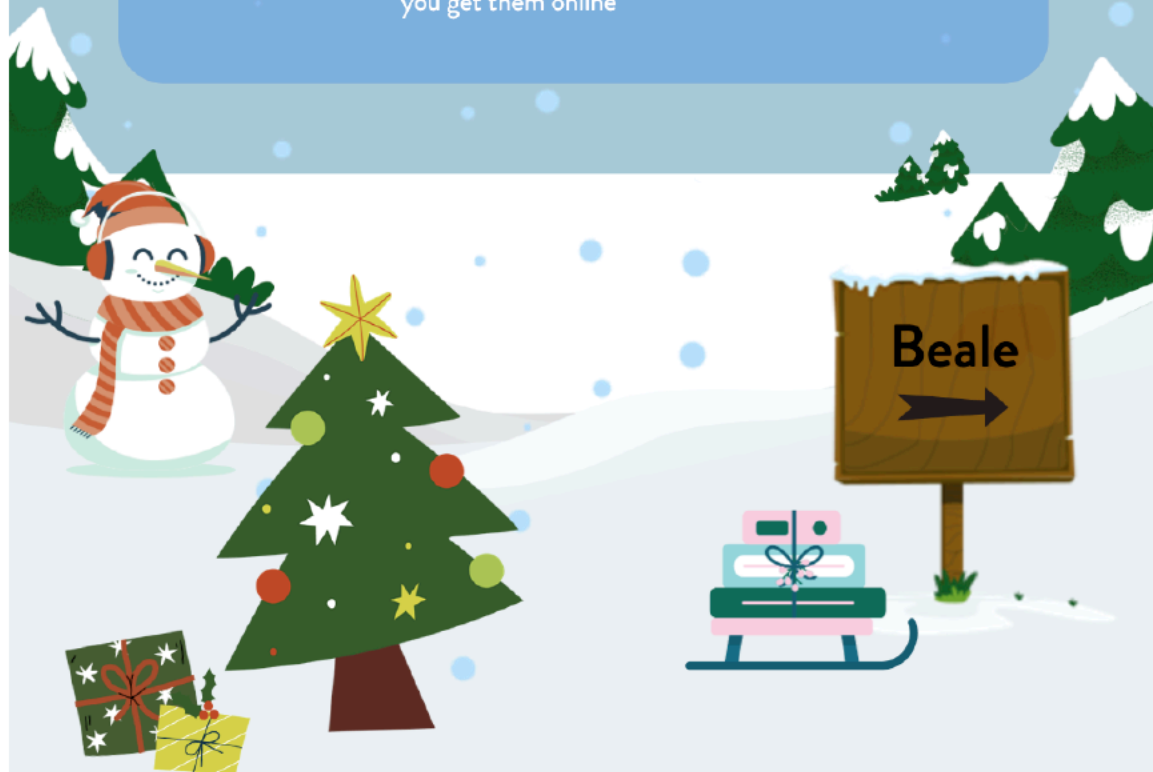
Join members of the community while we share and learn how to play the ukulele! The event will happen the third Monday of every month.



Learn to Code

ALL AGES DECEMBER 20 | 4:30-5:30 P.M.
LAKE ROOM

Learn the basics of coding. Using the program, Scratch, attendees will be coding fundamentals with our Lego Mindstorms!



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Dungeons and Dragons

DECEMBER 14 | 1-3 P.M.
TEJON ROOM

Join us for Dungeons and Dragons, a collaborative tabletop RPG where you create characters and embark on epic adventures guided by a Dungeon Master. Engage in storytelling, strategy, and dice-based combat - your choices shape the narrative! Get ready to roll!

Merry Paint N' Sip

DECEMBER 18 | 5-7 P.M.
TEJON ROOM

Paint a holiday-themed canvas while sipping some hot cocoa! Watch a movie based on the painting and keep warm.

Integrative Sound Baths with Heart and Space Collective

DECEMBER 19 | 5:30-6:30 P.M.
AUDITORIUM

Integrative Soundbaths is a meditative practice with resonate music used to help relax and relieve stress. The program will also do breathing exercises and meditation.

Creative Writing Workshop

DECEMBER 20 | 4:30-5:30 P.M.
TEJON ROOM

An opportunity for writers of all backgrounds to generate ideas and stimulate creativity. The setting will be informal and may have a theme. There will typically be a writing prompt and discussion.

Celebri- Tea

DECEMBER 21 | 11-12:30 P.M.
LAKE ROOM

Drink tea while we spill the tea on the latest celebrity gossip in our memoir book club featuring "The Meaning of Mariah Carey" by Mariah Carey.



Cozy Winter



Knit with Us!

DECEMBER 20 | 4:30-5:30 P.M.
TEJON ROOM

Exchange crafty ideas and receive informal help from others in our social knitting community! We aim to create a fun and safe environment that champions knitters of all levels of experience. Bring your yarn, knitting needles, and imagination! No reservations are required!



Seniors' Guide to Gadgets

TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS | 11:30-1:00 P.M.
TEJON ROOM

A personalized program that empowers seniors to confidently navigate the digital world. Our 30-minute one-on-one sessions offer tailored support to enhance technology skills in a friendly environment. Bring your questions or concerns about any devices!



Baby Cafe

TUESDAYS | 11-1:30 P.M.
TEJON ROOM

Receive free, professional help with breastfeeding, pumping, and bottle feeding.



Clase de Inglés Para Principiantes

TUESDAYS | 5-6 P.M.
TEJON ROOM

Learn the basics of the English language (for Spanish speakers).



Free Legal Help

TUESDAYS | 5:30-6:30 P.M.
INFO AREA & LOBBY

One-on-one free legal help with Victor Vevea and the Law offices of Roger Lampkin.



Downtown Toastmasters

WEDNESDAYS | 11-1 P.M.
TEJON ROOM

Toastmaster experts will help you learn how to speak in public. Helpful for meetings, presentations, speeches, toasts, eulogies or preachers!



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Hours

Monday - Thursday

10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

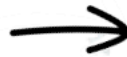
Friday

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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