

December 2024

Beale Memorial Library  
**Kids'** EVENTS  
GUIDE

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**KERN**  
COUNTY  
LIBRARY

# Storytimes

## Baby Bounce

**Ages 0-2** MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH & 23RD | 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Rhymes, songs, bounces and books just right for your little one! Build a foundation for lifelong reading and learning with this engaging storytime.

*Weekly Themes: 12 Days of Christmas Storytime*

## Preschool Storytime

**Ages 3-6** EVERY TUESDAY | 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Music, movement, visual literacy and language development in a fun storytime that teaches social skills.

*Weekly Themes: Kailan Carr, 12 Days of Christmas Storytime*

## Toddler Time

**Ages 2-4** EVERY THURSDAY | 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Enjoy songs, stories, and movement that will build early childhood skills.

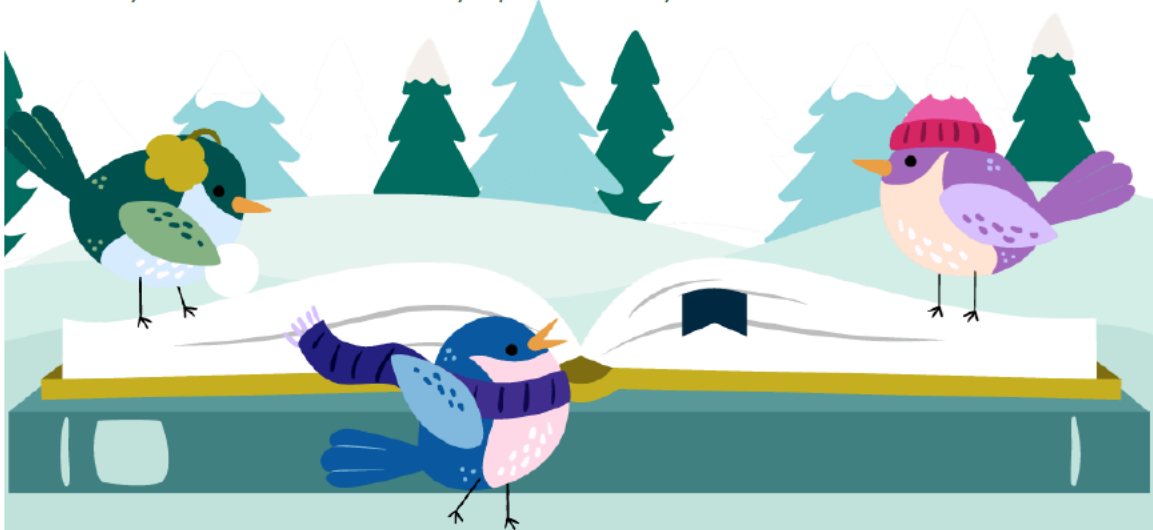
*Weekly Themes: Winter, 12 Days of Christmas Storytime*

## Family Storytime

**Ages 6-11** EVERY SATURDAY | 12:00 - 1:00 P.M.

Bring the entire family to this age-inclusive Storytime full of stories, songs, and movement.

*Weekly Themes: Arctic Animals, 12 Days of Christmas Storytime*



# Library Closures



## Staff In-Service Day

Kern County Library branches will be CLOSED on Friday, December 6, 2024 for Staff In-Service Day.

Libraries will continue to operate normal business hours on Saturday, December 7, 2024

Be sure to pick up your holds before we close!



## Happy Holi-reads!

Kern County Library branches are CLOSED in observance of Winter Recess on Tuesday, December 24, 2024, through Wednesday, January 1, 2025.

Branches will resume standard operating hours on Thursday, January 2, 2025.

Our eLibrary is open 24/7! Get your reads ANY time when you access them online; all you need is your FREE Kern Library Card.



For more event information, visit our website - [www.kclevents.org](http://www.kclevents.org)  
Library workshops, performances, and events are FREE and open to the public. We're adding more programs all the time!  
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## Special Event

# Storytime Guest Readers

### Jim Cogan Storytelling

Ages 6-12

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH  
4:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Jim Cogan is a Professional Storyteller that will be visiting us at the library for an interactive performance of holiday themed stories that empower families with the wondrous possibilities of literacy and communication.



### Time to Sign

Ages 3-6



MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 16 | 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Learn to use Sign Language in a fun way that enhances literacy with educators from the Kern County National Alliance on Mental Illness.



### Preschool Storytime Kailan Carr

Prioritizing play!

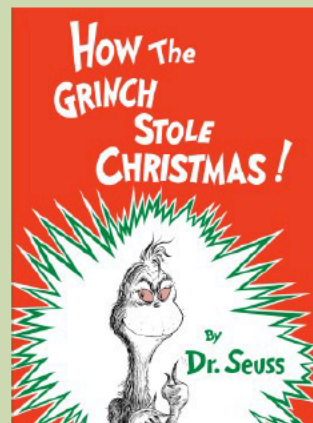
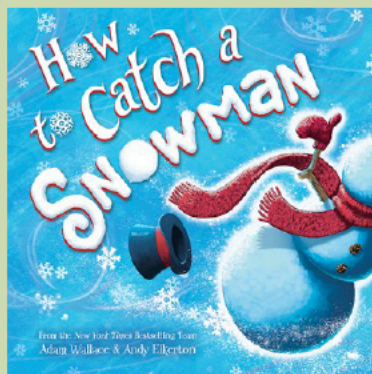
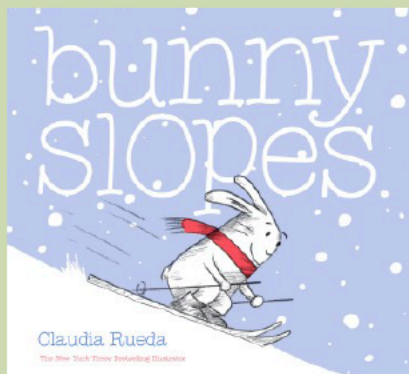
Ages 3-6

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 | 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

You can meet Kailan Carr once a month at the library during Preschool Storytime. She will read a book with us and bring her screen-free play resources.



## Winter Reads just for you!



## 12 Storytimes Before Christmas

Enjoy a Christmas Storytime everyday for the 12 days before Christmas!

### December 10 - 23



We will be hosting 12 days of Christmas Storytimes! Come to our regularly scheduled Storytimes, afternoon Audiobooks + Art, read with a furry friend for Barks & Books, and there's an additional Storytime on Wednesday, December 11 @ 3:30pm!

# After School Programs



## Mondays

### Family Flix



Ages 6-12

DECEMBER 2, 9, 16, 23  
4 - 6 P.M.  
CHILDREN'S STORYPIT

Come to the Children's Area Storypit for a family movie everyone will love and interactive movie bingo!

### Simple Handsewn Craft



Ages 6-12

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!

## Thursdays

### Christmas Ornaments



Ages 6-12

DECEMBER 5  
4 - 5 P.M.  
CHILDREN'S AREA

Come to the library to create and paint your very own Christmas Tree ornament to put up at home.

### Holiday House Building



Ages 5+

DECEMBER 19  
4 - 5 P.M.  
AUDITORIUM

Join us in building a Holiday House in the Auditorium! Use candies and frosting to decorate your dream house. All materials will be provided.

## Tuesdays

### LEGO Maniacs



Ages 6-12

DECEMBER 3, 10, 17  
4 - 6 P.M.  
CHILDREN'S AREA

Join us at the Children's Area tables for LEGO creations and challenges. New creations will be displayed for all to see!



## Fridays

### Audiobooks + Art



Ages 6-12

DECEMBER 13  
4 - 5 P.M.  
CHILDREN'S AREA

During this program we will listen to an audiobook that you can access with a library card and we'll work on a project at the same time.

### Sign Language Santa with Lisa



Ages 6-12

DECEMBER 20  
4 - 5 P.M.  
CHILDREN'S AREA

Lisa, our volunteer Sign Language instructor, will teach you some basic Sign Language signs by using books, activity sheets, and more! While you're here, you'll get the chance to see Santa!

## Wednesdays

### Crafting Literacy Club



Ages 6-12

DECEMBER 4  
4 - 5 P.M.  
AUDITORIUM

To improve literacy and social-emotional learning, we will read a book together and create a craft based on the story.

### Barks and Books



Ages 6-12

DECEMBER 18  
4 - 6 P.M.  
CHILDREN'S STORYPIT

Get cozy at the library and read books with a furry friend from Marley's Miracle Mutts.

## FREE Meals!

AGES 2-18

Monday - Friday  
SUPPER 3-5pm  
SNACK 5-6pm

In partnership with the Kern County Superintendent of Schools, the Kern County Library is offering FREE meals and a place to do homework for ages 2-18.



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## hours

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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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