

December 2024

Kids EVENTS GUIDE

Ridgecrest Branch Library



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Events for Kids

All events happen in the Community Room unless noted

Regular Programs

= 12 Days of Books Program (regular storytimes count for this series)

Build & Chat (twice a month)

2yrs-5th grade WED. DECEMBER 4, 18 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Kids in 5th grade and younger can free-build with some of our building sets in our CHILDREN'S ROOM while middle/high school students have Art Exploration in our Community Room (Wed 12/4) and STEAM Time in the Community Room (Wed 12/18).

Beyond the Book (twice a month; 3 in December)

Ages 4+ TUE. DECEMBER 3, WED. DECEMBER 11, | 3:30 - 4:30 P.M.
FRI. DECEMBER 20

Listen to picture books and work on some fun activities related to the books.
12/3 Theme: Bears | 12/11 Theme: Penguins | 12/20 Theme: Snow

LEGO Challenge (monthly; different challenges)

Ages 6+ SAT. DECEMBER 7 | 11:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M.
THU. DECEMBER 12 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.
FRI. DECEMBER 20 | 1:30-3 P.M.

Stop by to try the different LEGO Challenges we have this month or you can choose to build anything you want instead.

12/7: Use one color | 12/12: Make a tic-tac-toe game | 12/20: Winter theme

Book Bingo (monthly)

Ages 3+ FRI. DECEMBER 13 | 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 (usually twice a month)

Ages 2-8 SAT. DECEMBER 14 | 10:30-11 A.M.

Younger and older children can enjoy stories, a song, and action rhymes to continue building early literacy skills. 12/14 Reader's Choice.



Winter Recess Carryout Activity Bags

Stop by for Carryout Activity Bags, as supply lasts, starting Sat 12/14. We have limited quantities of bags for kids (with activities for multiple ages), teens/adults, and family bags with collaborative projects (age 4+). First come, first served with no holds/reservations.



Staff In-Service Day

The Kern County Library will be closed on Friday, December 6, 2024, for our annual In-Staff Service Day and will reopen Saturday, December 7th, 2024. This gives our team the chance to collaborate, learn, and plan for even better services and programs!



Happy Holi-reads!

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; all you need is your FREE Kern County Library card!

Beanstack (app or website)

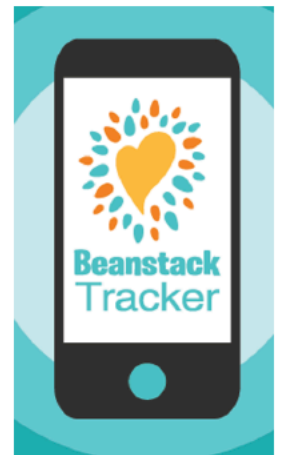
Track books read or listened to!

Yearly challenges:

- * In-N-Out Cover to Cover Reading Club
- * Summer Reading
- * One Book Project

Past challenges (may not happen again):

- * Color of the Month (book cover)
- * Desert Empire Fair
- * Disney on Ice admission tickets
- * Paw Patrol admission tickets



Log books on website kernlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365 or download app (to scan ISBN barcodes). We sometimes (but not always) have paper logs.

Sign up for a family account today!



Ridgecrest Branch Library Amazon Wish List

Scan the QR code to see what is on our Amazon Wish List for upcoming programs or branch needs. Items are shipped to Bakersfield and delivered to our branch in our weekly shipments. We appreciate those who have already purchased items for us!

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Digital Resources for Kids

FREE with a Kern County Library card

Start at this website: kernlibrary.org/a-z-list-of-resources

Digital Books and Audiobooks



Library Databases and Website Links



Ask library staff for assistance accessing these digital resources!



What was your book goal for 2024?

Are you close to meeting your book goal? You still have some time left!

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Pokemon Trading Card Game + Unplugged Game Time (monthly)

Ages 6+ + **Ages 3+** TUE. DECEMBER 17 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

With December being a shorter month, we are combining Pokemon Trading Card Game with Unplugged Game Time.

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.

Join us for games everyone can enjoy, from 3-year-olds to adults! We have classics like Jenga, Monopoly, and chess plus lots of Simply Fun educational games and others like Exploding Kittens, Sushi Go, Clue, Spot It, and Skip-Bo. You can also bring a game from home!

Mobile Health Clinic (monthly)

All Ages WED. DECEMBER 18 | 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. DECEMBER 7 | 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.



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Winter Stories + Catch Up Crafts

Ages 3+ THU. DECEMBER 5 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

If you have missed one of our craft sessions, stop by to listen to winter stories and work on some of our previous craft projects, as supply lasts. You can also request something that you might have missed and see if we still have the supplies available.

Life Size Candyland

Ages 1.5+ SAT. DECEMBER 14 | 11:15 A.M.-3:45 P.M.

Stop by to play a game of Life Size Candyland in our Children's Room! Families will receive a set of cards and baggies for holding their candy. They will use the cards to move across the "board" and can collect a piece of candy at each of the Candyland stops, until they reach the end. Older kids may choose a donated Easy Reader book when reaching the Candy Castle instead of candy or a small prize.

Afternoon Family Storytime

Ages 3-9 WED. DECEMBER 18 | 4-4:30 P.M.

Join us for a mid-week, afternoon family storytime as part of our "12 Days of Books" series, featuring some fun books!



What is your favorite thing to do when it is cold outside?



Kids Crafternoon: Winter + Christmas Craft and Giveaway Sponsored by Ridgecrest Toys for Tots Foundation

Ages 3+ THU. DECEMBER 19 | 2:30-4:30 P.M. (SSUSD MINIMUM DAY)

Stop by to work on a few winter-themed crafts and/or Christmas crafts, featuring a Christmas giveaway. Christmas themed crafts and giveaways are sponsored by Ridgecrest Toys for Tots Foundation, available as **supply lasts**.

Stress Less Saturday

Ages 6+ SAT. DECEMBER 21 | 10 A.M.-3:45 P.M.

Stop by to relieve some stress and relax a little bit with a warm drink (we will have hot cocoa, tea, and instant coffee), coloring (we will have pages for kids, teens, and adults), puzzles (we will have jigsaw and a variety of paper based puzzles), and a stress ball giveaway, as **supply lasts**.



Share YOUR Thoughts!

What was your favorite program?

What program would you like to see us offer?

What would your dream library have in it?

Please let us know!

We try to meet the needs of our community.

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 rescheduled or canceled without advance notice.

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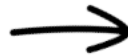
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hours

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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