

December 2024

Tween/Teen EVENTS GUIDE

Ridgecrest Branch Library



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Events for Tweens & Teens

All events happen in Community Room unless noted

Tweens = 9-12 years Teens = 13-18 years  = 12 Days of Books program (regular storytimes count for this series)

Regular Programs

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 fun activities related to the books.

12/3 Theme: Bears | 12/11 Theme: Penguin | 12/20 Theme: Snow

LEGO Challenge: Animal (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-related

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.

Pokemon Trading Card Game + Unplugged Game Time (monthly)

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

As December is shorter, we combined these two monthly programs.

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!



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



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!



What was your book goal for 2024?

If you haven't reached your goal yet, don't worry!

You still have some time before 2024 is over.

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!

FREE access with Kern County Library card

Digital Library Platforms



*Libby: eBooks and eAudiobooks; may have to wait for your turn



*hoopla: eBooks, eAudiobooks, comics, movies, TV shows, and music; NO wait



*enki: eBooks, comics, indie authors; NO wait



*Cloud Library: eBooks; may have to wait for your turn

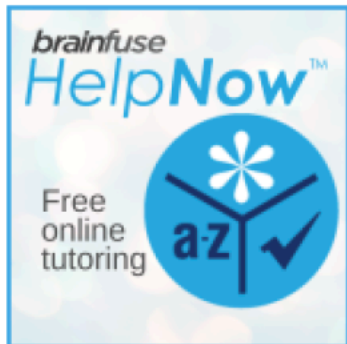


*Open Library: eBook, eAudiobooks; NO wait



*Palace Project: app for SJVLS shared digital library; includes Kern's Libby but NOT hoopla

Databases



Live online tutoring, Writing Lab, and Skill Surfer exam prep (for high school including AP, college entrance, ASVAB, and job)



Test and career prep, "One File" and "In Context" articles for high schoolers on topics like science, history, business, social issues, and more



Info and stats on states & countries, eLibrary, and research tools (including how to do research and pros/cons of issues)

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Kern Public Health Mobile 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)

Special Programs

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 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 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.

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 and available as supply lasts.

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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 (cocoa, tea, and instant coffee), coloring (for kids, teens, and adults), puzzles (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?

Please let us know!

We try to meet the needs of our community.

Events for Tweens (age 9-12)

All events happen in the Community Room unless noted

Tween Time

Ages 9-12 SAT. DECEMBER 7 | 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Tweens can enjoy snacks and a fun activity of their choice while socializing with other tweens! Feel free to bring snack and activity ideas for future consideration.

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.

Events for Teens

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TEEN Dungeons & Dragons (monthly)

Ages 13-18 TUE. DECEMBER 10 | 4-6 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. DECEMBER 14 | 2-3:30 P.M.

Join us for an end of the year party, featuring food, fun, and (hopefully) friends.

Middle/High School (6th-12th grade)

All events happen in the Community Room unless noted

Regular Programs

Note: Simultaneous event for 5th grade and younger in Children's Room (Build & Chat).

Middle/High School Art Connection (monthly)

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

Join us for a painting session that incorporates salt into your artwork.

Middle/High School STEAM Time (monthly)

6th-12th graders WED. DECEMBER 18 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Join us to create and explore some sensory items like cloud dough.

Special Program

Middle/High School Finals Break

6th-12th graders TUE. DECEMBER 17 | 12:15-2:15 P.M.
WED. DECEMBER 18 | 12:15-2:15 P.M.

Middle schoolers and high schoolers who are taking finals can stop by after school is out to relax with a warm drink, some snacks, plus some coloring pages.

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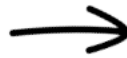
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hours

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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