

March 2025

Adults' EVENTS GUIDE

Beale Memorial Library



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Events for Adults



Pick Up Your Name and Write: The Life Of Wilma Elizabeth McDaniel

SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST | 11 A.M.
AUDITORIUM

Wilma Elizabeth McDaniel was Poet Laureate of the town of Tulare in 1975 and her work chronicled the life of the Dust Bowl refugees throughout the San Joaquin Valley. Please join MC and 2019-2023 Poet Laureate, Matthew Woodman, and Guest Author, Betty Blanks, who will read from her recently published book, *Pick Up Your Name and Write: The Life of Wilma Elizabeth McDaniel*, and discuss her life and work. Don Thompson, Kern County's first Poet Laureate (2016-2018) will also read his tribute written for Wilma when she died in 2007. The program will also feature short film screening about Wilma, live music by Zane Adamo of the Soda Crackers, and selected readings of Wilma's poetry!



Dungeons and Dragons

SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH & 22ND | 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!

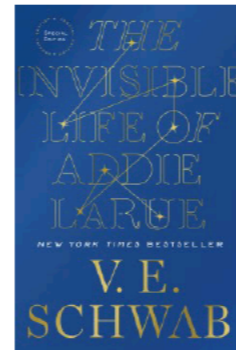
I Can't Believe It's Not Cake! Picture Frames

THURSDAY, MARCH 13TH | 4:30-5:30 P.M.
TEJON ROOM

Join us for a fun and creative experience where you'll design and decorate your very own cake-inspired picture frame! This hands-on activity is perfect for those who love crafts and enjoy a sweet, artistic challenge!



March into Literacy



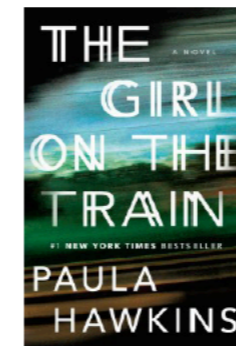
The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue by Victoria Schwab

The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue by V.E. Schwab is a fantasy novel about a young woman who makes a deal with the Dark to live forever, but is cursed to be forgotten by everyone she meets. The story follows Addie LaRue as she navigates her life across centuries and continents, learning to leave her mark on the world



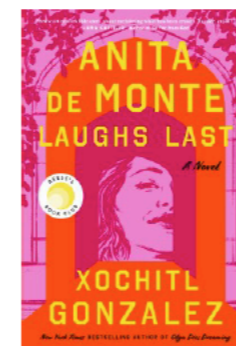
All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr follows two characters during World War II: Marie-Laure, a blind French girl, and Werner, a German soldier. Marie-Laure flees Paris with her father to Saint-Malo, where they hide from the Nazis. Werner, a German orphan, is recruited into the army and ends up in Saint-Malo as well. Their lives intersect as the war unfolds, exploring themes of survival, humanity, and the impact of war on ordinary people. The novel highlights small moments of resistance and connection in dark times.



The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins

The Girl on the Train is a psychological thriller centered on Rachel, an alcoholic woman who, during her daily train commute, observes a couple, Megan and Scott. After Megan goes missing, Rachel becomes entangled in the investigation. As she tries to piece together the truth, her unreliable memory and troubled past blur the lines between reality and illusion, revealing secrets, lies, and the devastating consequences of deception.



Anita de Monte Laughs Last: A Novel by Zochitl Gonzalez

Anita de Monte Laughs Last by Zochitl Núñez follows Anita, a Mexican-American girl who uses humor to navigate personal challenges and societal pressures. The novel explores themes of identity, resilience, and empowerment as Anita learns to embrace her true self and cultural heritage.





Spring Into Reading

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 Y A V H Y Y C R A T N



- Moral Parable Story
- Allegory Exposition Flashback
- Folklore Improv Legend
- Storycraft Tradition



Creative Writing Workshop

FRIDAY, MARCH 14TH & 28TH | 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.



Using DNA to Solve Family Mysteries

TUESDAY, MARCH 18TH | 1-2:30 P.M.
AUDITORIUM

Learn about DNA inheritance and how it works using the DNA tools in ancestry.

DIY Soap Making

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26TH | 5-6 P.M.
TEJON ROOM

Join us to make your own soap design while supplies last! This program is open to teens and adult.

Paint Night

THURSDAY, MARCH 27TH | 4:30-5:30 P.M.
TEJON ROOM

Join us for a lively Paint Night where creativity takes center stage! You'll switch paints every 10 minutes with your neighbor, blending styles to create a vibrant, collaborative masterpiece. Perfect for all skill levels, this fun and interactive event guarantees unexpected results and a unique work of art to take home. Grab your brushes and let your imagination soar!

Seniors' Guide to Gadgets

FRIDAYS | 11:30-1:30 P.M.
REFERENCE AREA

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

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





Events for Adults



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 | 11:30-12:30 P.M.
TEJON ROOM

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



Citizenship Study Group

WEDNESDAYS | 5:30-6:30 P.M.
TEJON ROOM

Join us to study for the Citizenship Test in a fun and stress-free environment! Drop in to practice civics questions as well as practice English-language conversation!



Volunteer Orientation

ALL AGES

MONDAY, MARCH 10TH | 11:30-12:30 P.M.
THURSDAY, MARCH 20TH | 5:30-6:30 P.M.
TEJON ROOM

Orientation for people seeking to volunteer at Beale Memorial Library.



Yoga with Claudia

ALL AGES

MONDAY, MARCH 10TH | 5:30-6:30 P.M.
AUDITORIUM

Enjoy an hour of yoga with a certified yoga instructor!

Special Events

Literacy on the RISE

ALL AGES

WEDNESDAY MARCH 5TH | 5-7 P.M.
AUDITORIUM

Community members of all ages are welcome to join us for this interactive workshop developed by students of Kern High School District. Come participate in fun activities and learn how students are engaging with reading and making a difference in their own lives.

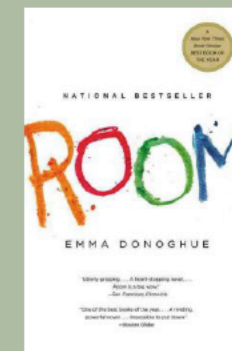
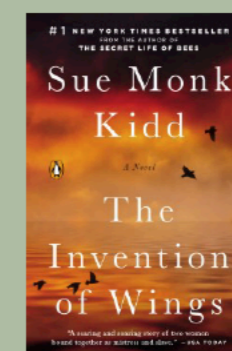
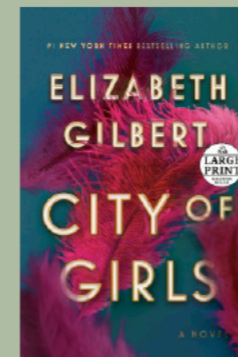


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Woman's

History Month

Celebrate with these notable Authors



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