

Early Learners EVENTS GUIDE

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Events for Early Learners

All events happen in the Community Room unless noted.

Saturday of Service (monthly; drop in volunteer opportunity)

Ages 3+ SAT. MARCH 1 | 10 A.M.-12 P.M.

Stop by to make Easter cards for local seniors at High Desert Haven and Bella Sera delivered by MAEVE Ridgecrest. All supplies provided. This is a great community service opportunity for teens (bring any paperwork to be signed).

Catch Up Crafts (monthly)

Ages 3+ SAT. MARCH 1 | 12:30-2 P.M.

Stop by to work on a previous craft that you might have missed before. Feel free to ask about specific crafts, in case we still have supplies available for it.

Beyond the Book (twice a month)

Ages 4+ TUE. MARCH 4 & WED. MARCH 12 | 3:30 - 4:30 P.M.

Listen to themed picture books and do related activities. In 2025, collect a themed button for attending (as supply lasts)!
3/4 theme: music/rhymes (Read Across America week) | 3/12 theme: flowers

Little Learners: STEAM Time (monthly)

Ages 2-5 WED. MARCH 5 | 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Explore a variety of STEAM topics. For March, we will explore making shadows and feature some picture books for Read Across America week.

Build & Chat (monthly)

Ages 2+ WED. MARCH 5 & 19 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

During Middle/High School Art Lab (3/5) and Middle/High School STEAM Lab (3/19) in the Community Room, we will have some of our building sets available in the CHILDREN'S ROOM for kids in 5th grade and younger to create with.

The In-N-Out Cover-to-Cover Challenge is back!



Ages 4-12 MARCH 1 - APRIL 12

Children ages 4-12 can read or listen to 5 books or for 300 minutes and get a FREE In-n-Out hamburger, cheeseburger, or grilled cheese. Each participant can earn up to 3 achievement cards.



Sign up today!

Ask library staff or go online
kernlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365



Get a lanyard at sign up and pins for each 100 books read or listened to.

You don't have to use library books!

If your child wants to hear *Pete the Cat* 15 times, it counts as 15 books!

Older children can help (and practice reading aloud) by reading to younger participants.

Books read during library programs counts too! (We usually read 3 books at Preschool Storytime, 2 books at Toddler Time and Family Storytime, 1 book at Baby Bounce, and 1-3 books at Beyond the Book.)

1000 BOOKS IS...		
1 book per day for 3 years = 1095 books!	10 books per week for 2 years = 1040 books!	3 books per day for 1 year = 1095 books!



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 first and then delivered to our branch in our weekly shipments. We truly appreciate those generous donors who have already purchased items for us!

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Bilingual (Spanish) Storytime (monthly)

Ages 2+ THU. MARCH 20 | 10-10:30 A.M.

Join us for a bilingual (Spanish) storytime with bilingual books, songs, and action rhymes before Preschool Storytime, made possible by Katy.

Plant a Flower + Bee Craft with RRH

Ages 3+ FRI. MARCH 21 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Sandra Brown with Ridgecrest Regional Hospital's Community Outreach returns with a flower planting and bee craft program.

Kern Mobile Health Clinic (monthly)

All Ages TUE. MARCH 25 | 10:30 A.M.-2 P.M.

On the fourth Tuesday of each month, the Kern Mobile Health Clinic will be in the dirt lot with child & 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. For an appointment, call 661-321-3000 (NOT required; walk-ins accepted).

Flying Fingers for Sign Language Users (monthly)

Ages 2+ FRI. MARCH 28 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Sign language users (deaf, hard of hearing, or hearing learners) are invited to converse in sign language to socialize and/or practice sign language on our last open Friday of the month. This month's theme is food.

Creative Time: Collage, Draw, Paint

Ages 3+ SAT MARCH 29 | 11:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

Get creative by making a collage, drawing (step by step from Easy Peasy and Fun), or painting.

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Book Bingo (monthly)

Ages 3+ FRI. MARCH 7 | 3:30 - 4:30 P.M.

Join the bingo fun and play to win free books to grow your home library during Read Across America week. We have prize books to choose from for all ages, from babies (board books) to adults.

Little Learners: Explore (twice a month)

Ages 3+ TUE. MARCH 11 & 25 | 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Explore while building fine motor skills, which can help with learning to write. 3/11: Marshmallows & toothpicks | 3/25: Eyedroppers & syringes + water

Playtime (monthly): Pretend Circus

Ages 1.5+ THU. MARCH 13 | 11:15 A.M.-12:15 P.M.

Join us in our pretend circus, where little ones can participate in some circus themed activities, such as tightrope walking and lifting heavy weights.

Let's Build

Ages 1.5+ THU. MARCH 13 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Children can stop by to build with a variety of items. We will have building sets available in the Children's Room along with an I Can Build It! Architecture Set (aimed at ages 4 and up) in the Makerspace.

Ridgecrest Lions Club Cub Club Project (monthly)

Ages 3+ FRI. MARCH 14 | 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Join us as Ridgecrest Lions Club Cub Club members (and their adults) collaborate to create some Easter cards for local seniors in High Desert Haven and Bella Sera by MAEVE Ridgecrest.

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Pi Day Fun

Ages 3+ FRI. MARCH 14 | 3:30-5 P.M.

Join us on Pi Day (3.14) for some fun, pi-themed activities including bracelet making (featuring a 3D printed pi charm to add to your bracelet) and a pie tasting with a few different pie flavors to vote for your favorite. Pie tasting will be available as supply lasts.

Shamrock Hunt

Ages 2+ SAT. MARCH 15 | 10 A.M.-4 P.M.

Stop by to search for a number of shamrocks in our Children's Room with St. Patrick's Day coming up (on March 17). Children who find the number of shamrocks on their search list can get a prize.

Giant Resist Collaborative Art Project

Ages 3+ SAT. MARCH 15 | 1-3:30 P.M.
THU. MARCH 20 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Join us to create a large resist painted art project, where each participant will have a section (or two) to paint. This is similar to the resist collaborative art project from October for International Day of Older Persons, except on canvas panels. The finished panels will be hung in the Children's Room.

Unplugged Game Time (monthly)

Ages 3+ TUE. MARCH 18 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Stop by to play our games for 3 year olds to adults! We have classics like Jenga, Candyland, Monopoly, and chess plus Simply Fun games for ages 3+. You can even bring a game from home!

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.

Storytimes (Children's Room)

* Event happens before we open to the general public

Baby Bounce Then Play

Ages: 6 Months-3 Years

FRI. MARCH 7, 21 | 9:30* - 11:30 A.M.

Interactive rhymes, songs, and board books in a short LAPSIT program. Siblings can bring a stuffed animal "baby". Baby Play happens after.

Preschool Storytime

Ages: 2- 5 Years

EVERY THURSDAY | 10:30 - 11:00 A.M.

3/6: Silly, Rhymes+ | 3/13: Feelings |
3/20: Flowers | 3/27: Pets

Enjoy stories, action rhymes, and a shaker egg song to continue building early childhood skills.
+ for Read Across America week

Toddler Time

Ages: 15 Months-4 Years

TUE. MARCH 4, 18 | 9:30* - 9:50 A.M.

3/4: Vehicles+ | 3/18: Reader's Choice
Enjoy short stories, movement songs, and action rhymes that build early childhood skills. Stay & Play happens after.

Family Storytime

Ages: 2- 8 Years

SAT. MARCH 15, 29 | 10:30 - 11 A.M.

3/15: Reader's Choice | 3/29: Flowers
Children of all ages can enjoy stories, a song, and action rhymes to continue building early childhood skills.

Freeplay Fun (Children's Room)

* Event happens before we open to the general public

Baby Play

Ages: 6 Months-3 Years

FRI. MARCH 14, 28 | 9:30* - 11:30 A.M.

Freeplay time for our littlest ones to socialize with their caregivers (and each other) by exploring a variety of baby-friendly items. Caregivers can also socialize with each other.

Stay & Play

Ages: 12 Months-7 Years

TUE. MARCH 11, 25 | 9:30* - 11:30 A.M.
TUE. MARCH 4, 18 | 9:50* - 11:30 A.M.
EVERY WEDNESDAY | 9:30* - 11:30 A.M.
EVERY SATURDAY | 9:30* - 10:30 A.M.

Freeplay time for kids to build social skills and interact with caregivers, while caregivers can also socialize with each other.

