

# Kids EVENTS GUIDE

## Ridgecrest Branch Library

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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.

### newsletter

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Stay updated on the branch, programs, and/or receive book recommendations!



### Find us on social!





# Events for Kids

All events happen in the Community Room unless noted

## Regular Programs

### Saturday of Service (monthly; drop in volunteer opportunity)

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

Join us in making Easter cards for local seniors delivered by MAEVE Ridgecrest. Supplies will be provided. You do not have to stay the whole time. Please bring your paperwork to be signed, if needed.

### LEGO Challenge (monthly; different challenges)

**Ages 6+** SAT. MARCH 1 | 2:30-3:30 P.M.  
SAT. MARCH 29 | 2-3:30 P.M.

Stop by to try the different LEGO Challenges we are offering this month OR you can choose to build anything you want instead.  
3/1: Marble Maze | 3/29: Flower

### 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. 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 (sometimes we have a snack). In 2025, collect a themed button for attending (as supply lasts)!  
3/4 theme: music/rhymes (Read Across America week) | 3/12 theme: flowers

### Build & Chat (twice a month)

**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 5 books or for 300 minutes and get a FREE In-n-Out hamburger or cheeseburger. Each participant can earn up to 3 achievement cards.



## 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):

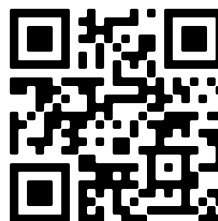
- \* Color of the Month (book cover)
- \* Desert Empire Fair
- \* Disney on Ice admission tickets
- \* Paw Patrol admission tickets



Log books on website [kernlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365](http://kernlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365) OR download Beanstack app (to scan ISBN barcodes).

We sometimes (but not always) have paper logs and you can always bring in your own paper list of books read or listened to.

Sign up for a family account today or ask branch staff to sign you up.



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

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## 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.

## Speed Cubes (monthly)

**Ages 6+** THU. MARCH 27 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Are you good at speed cubes? Do you want to learn? Bring your speed cube or use one of our loaner speed cubes (or Rubik's cube) to show us your skills. If you are interested in learning how to solve a cube, we will have video links and possibly printouts. We are also looking for volunteers to help with instruction and tips.

## Paint the Greats

**Ages 8+** WED. MARCH 26 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Join us for a fun painting activity where we will be creating artwork inspired by masterpieces from famous artists.

## 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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## Regular Programs

### Landscape Art Project

**Ages 6+** THU. MARCH 6 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Create a work of landscape art with some minimal guidance. All supplies will be provided. Participants who are 6-10 years old will need an adult helper.

### 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.

### Yoyo Tricks & Tournament Practice

**Ages 7+** SAT. MARCH 8 & 22 | 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Nationally ranked Jose Madrigal will be here to teach some yoyo tricks to ages 7 and up. Bring your yoyo or use a loaner yoyo. Practice sessions run through April, with a final practice session right before the spring tournament in May. Spintop lessons are sometimes available.

### TWEEN Time (monthly)

**Ages 9-12** SAT. MARCH 8 | 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.

### Let's Build

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

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 during the Kern Regional Center public meeting.

# SPRING BREAK

SSUSD Spring Break is coming in early April, so look for additional daytime programs from April 1-4!

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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, where you can taste a few different pie flavors, 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 on canvas panels. The finished panels will be hung in the Children's Room.

## Family Storytime (twice a month)

**Ages 2-8** SAT. MARCH 15 & 29 | 10:30-11 A.M.

Younger and older children can enjoy stories, a song, and action rhymes to continue building early literacy skills.

3/15: Reader's Choice | 3/29: Flowers

## Unplugged Game Time (monthly)

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

Stop by to play some of our games for 3 year olds to adults! We have some classics like Candyland, Jenga, Monopoly, and chess plus a variety of Simply Fun games and others like Exploding Kittens, Sushi Go, Clue, Spot It, and Skip-Bo. You can bring a game from home!

## 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 Public 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, 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).

## Pokémon Trading Card Game Play (monthly)

**Ages 6+** TUE. MARCH 25 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Stop by to play Pokémon 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.