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April 2025



Adults' EVENTS GUIDE

Beale Memorial Library



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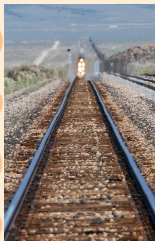
Events for Adults



Photography on the Go

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 11, 18, 25 | 5-6 P.M.
TEJON ROOM

Learn and experiment with photographic elements through a 4-week series of photography exercises using only your cellphone! (While you are welcome to bring your own digital camera, this is a complete beginner course, and questions relating to digital cameras may not be able to be answered.)



Santa Fe Railroad and Development of Shafter

SATURDAY, APRIL 5 | 11- 12 P.M.
LOCAL HISTORY ROOM

The story of the railroad coming to Shafter can be duplicated in hundreds of small towns across our country, as the presence of a railroad leads to a town's growth and development. Shafter Depot Museum Curator Stan Wilson will review the early history of railroads in the San Joaquin Valley, and show photos from the Shafter Historical Society archives how one railroad interfaced with a Kern County community leading to a town's growth. Wilson will also discuss the preservation of the Shafter Depot as a remnant of the undeniable impact of the railroad on the town and its inhabitants.



Dungeons and Dragons

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 19 | 1-3 P.M.
TEJON ROOM

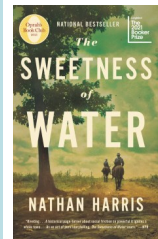
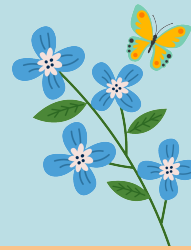
Join us for Dungeons and Dragons, a collaborative tabletop RPG where you create characters and embark on epic adventures guided by a Dungeon Master. Engage in storytelling, strategy, and dice-based combat - your choices shape the narrative! Get ready to roll!



In the Garden of Books,

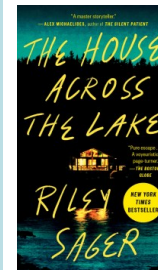
Every Story is a

New Beginning



The Sweetness of Water by Nathan Harris

The Sweetness of Water is a historical fiction novel set in the aftermath of the Civil War in the fictional Georgia town of Old Ox, following the story of two formerly enslaved brothers, Prentiss and Landry, as they navigate their newfound freedom while seeking to reunite with their mother, and intertwining with the narrative of a forbidden romance between two Confederate soldiers, all amidst the complex social tensions of the Reconstruction era



The House Across the Lake by Riley Sager

The House Across the Lake tells the story of Casey Fletcher, a recently widowed actress who retreats to her family's lake house in Vermont, where she becomes obsessed with her glamorous new neighbors, Tom and Katherine Royce, living across the lake; when Katherine mysteriously disappears, Casey suspects foul play and becomes consumed with uncovering the truth behind her vanishing, uncovering dark secrets about the seemingly perfect couple and her own past in the process.



The Paradise Problem by Christina Lauren

In Christina Lauren's *The Paradise Problem*, Anna, a struggling artist, and Liam, a Stanford professor, agree to a fake marriage five years prior to secure cheap housing, but their lives diverge after graduation. Years later, Liam needs Anna's help to appear married for his inheritance, leading to a trip to a family wedding on a private island where their feelings complicate their facade.

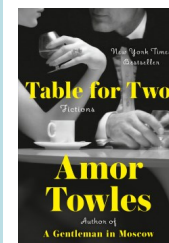


Table for Two by Amor Towles

Table for Two by Amor Towles is a collection of six short stories and a novella, with the short stories set in New York City and the novella, "Eve in Hollywood," following a character from "Rules of Civility" in 1930s Los Angeles, exploring themes of chance encounters and the power of conversations.



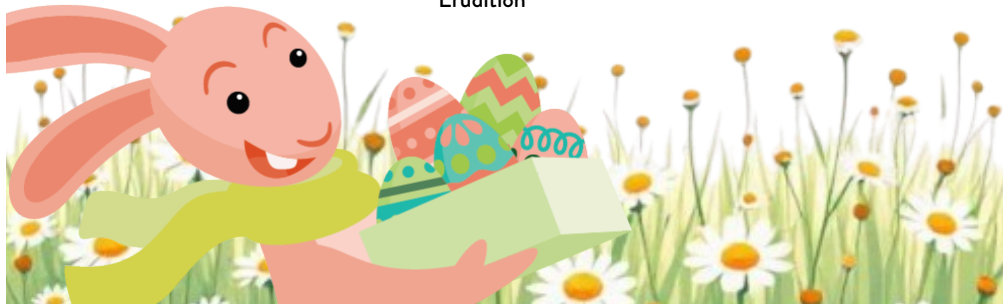
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Efflorescence
Invigoration
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Exploratory



DIY Clay Flower Mirror

THURSDAY, APRIL 10TH | 3:30-5:00 P.M.
TEJON ROOM

Create your own unique mirror with beautiful foam clay flowers.



Creative Writing Workshop

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 25TH | 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 be typically be a writing prompt and discussion.



Tracing the Past to See the Future

TUESDAY, APRIL 15 | 1-2:30 P.M.
AUDITORIUM

Come join us as presenter Kathy Walker gives a brief History of Genealogy and of Kern County Genealogical Society in particular First Families of Kern County update.



Paint Night

THURSDAY, APRIL 24 | 3:30-5:00 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. 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 | 11:30-12:30P.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 stree-free environment! Drop in to practice civics questions as well as practice English- language conversation!



Volunteer Orientation

MONDAY APRIL 14 | 11:30-12:30 P.M.
THURSDAY APRIL 17 | 5:30-6:30 P.M.
TEJON ROOM

Orientation for people seeking to volunteer at Beale Memorial Library.



Yoga with Claudia

ALL AGES MONDAY APRIL 14 | 5:30-6:30 P.M.
AUDITORIUM

Enjoy an hour of yoga with a certified yoga instructor!

Library Programming in *Action*

