

# Early Learners **EVENTS** GUIDE

## Ridgecrest Branch Library

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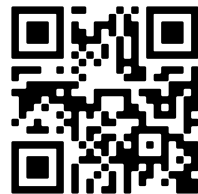
### hours

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| 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

Subscribe to our newsletter(s)

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



### Find us on social!





# Events for Early Learners

All events happen in the Community Room unless noted.

## Play Doh Fun (SSUSD Spring Break)

**Ages 1.5+** TUE. APRIL 1 | 12-1:30 P.M.

Early Learners and Children can have some fun with Play-Doh! We have some challenge cards along with letter stamps and some cookie cutters to play with.

## Paint by Sticker (SSUSD Spring Break)

**Ages 5+** TUE. APRIL 1 | 2-3 P.M.

Enjoy a fun, mess-free activity where the "painting" is done with stickers.

## Beyond the Book (twice a month)

**Ages 4+** TUE. APRIL 1 & WED. APRIL 9 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Listen to themed picture books and do related activities. Collect a themed button for attending (as supply lasts)!

4/1 theme: Butterfly | 4/9 theme: Tortoise

## Little Learners: STEAM Time (monthly)

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

Explore a variety of STEAM topics. For April, we will do some exploring with tissue paper squares.

## Build & Chat (twice a month)

**Ages 2+** WED. APRIL 2 & 16 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

During Middle/High School Art Lab (4/2) and Middle/High School STEAM Lab (4/16) 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.

## Piece Together Puzzles

**Ages 2+** THU. APRIL 3 | 3:30-6:30 P.M.

Stop by to complete a puzzle. We have puzzles for different age groups, from toddlers to adults with difficulty levels from easy to challenging.

# 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 child can earn up to 3 achievement cards. Sign up on Beanstack or in the branch.



Sign up today!



Ask library staff or go online  
[kernlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365](http://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!**

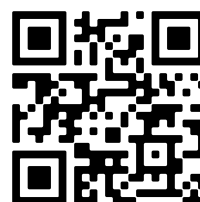
If your child wants to hear *Pete the Cat* 15 times, it counts as 15 books!

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.)



Also count objects in the pictures of the book pages as you read to strengthen your child's early math skills!



## 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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## Easter Egg Hunt & Hide

**Ages 2+** FRI. APRIL 18 | 11:30 A.M.-5:30 P.M.  
SAT. APRIL 19 | 10:30 A.M.-3:30 P.M.

Empty Easter eggs will be placed throughout the Children's Room. Participants can find 3 eggs, bring them to the Circulation Desk for a goody bag, then "hide" the eggs for the next participant to find!

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

**Ages 3+** SAT. APRIL 19 | 1:30-3:30 P.M.

Join us as we paint kindness rocks for the Ridgecrest Regional Hospital rock garden. Volunteers needing paperwork to be signed should bring it with you.

## Kern Mobile Health Clinic (monthly)

**All Ages** TUE. APRIL 22 | 10:30 A.M.-2 P.M.

The Kern Mobile Health Clinic will be in the dirt lot on the 4th Tuesday of each month 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).

## Creative Time: Collage, Draw, Color

**Ages 3+** WED. APRIL 23 | 3:30-6:30 P.M.

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

## Flying Fingers for Sign Language Users (monthly)

**Ages 2+** FRI. APRIL 25 | 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. April's theme is spring.

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## Catch Up Crafts (monthly)

**Ages 3+** FRI. APRIL 4 | 1:30-3 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.

## Make One, Take One: Easter Cards for Seniors

**Ages 2+** FRI. APRIL 4 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Stop by to make Easter cards to be delivered to local seniors by MAEVE Ridgecrest. You can also make and take an Easter card to give to someone else.

## You Choose

**Ages 3+** SAT. APRIL 5 | 11 A.M.-1:30 P.M.  
SAT. APRIL 26 | 11 A.M.-3:30 P.M.  
TUE. APRIL 29 | 3:30-6:30 P.M.

Stop by and pick which fun activity you would like to do! We will have games, a LEGO Challenge (for ages 6+), coloring and/or puzzles to choose from.

## Little Learners: Explore (twice a month)

**Ages 2+** TUE. APRIL 8 & 22 | 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Explore while building fine motor skills, which can help with learning to write. 4/8: Sorting Shapes & Colors | 4/22: Play Doh

## Reading Buddy Adoption (National Library Week)

**Ages 3+** TUE. APRIL 8 | 2:30-3:30 P.M.

It's National Library Week! To celebrate, stop by and "adopt" your own reading buddy to have with you while you listen to or read books. As supply lasts.

## Playtime (monthly): Stuffed Animal Tea Party

**Ages 1.5+** THU. APRIL 10 | 11:15 A.M.-12 P.M.

Bring a stuffed animal and join us in the Children's Room for a "tea party" after Preschool Storytime with snacks and juice.

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## Ridgecrest Lions Club Cub Club Project (monthly)

**Ages 3+** FRI. APRIL 11 | 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Join us as Ridgecrest Lions Club Cub Club members (and their adults) will collaborate to create table centerpieces for a local Senior Center.

## Book Bingo (monthly)

**Ages 3+** FRI. APRIL 11 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Win books to grow a home library. We have board books to adults books.

## Drop Everything & Read (National Library Week)

**Ages 3+** SAT. APRIL 12 | 11:30 A.M.-3:30 P.M.

During National Library Week, drop everything and read a book inside the library for a small reward.

## Unplugged Game Time (monthly)

**Ages 3+** TUE. APRIL 15 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

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

## Bilingual (Spanish) Storytime (monthly)

**Ages 2+** THU. APRIL 17 | 10-10:30 A.M.

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

## Last Chance: Easter Cards for Seniors

**Ages 2+** THU. APRIL 17 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Create Easter cards for local seniors to be delivered by MAEVE Ridgecrest.

For more event information, visit our website - [kclevents.org](http://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. APRIL 4, 18 | 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.

4/3: Weather & Seasons | 4/10: Libraries  
4/17: Guest Reader: Children's Burn Foundation  
4/24: Good Morning/Good Night  
Enjoy stories, action rhymes, and a shaker egg song to continue building early literacy skills.

## Toddler Time

**Ages: 15 Months-4 Years**

TUE. APRIL 1, 15 | 9:30\*-9:50 A.M.

4/1: Space/Moon | 4/15: Rain  
Enjoy short stories, movement songs, and action rhymes that build early literacy skills. Stay & Play happens after.

## Family Storytime

**Ages: 2- 8 Years**

SAT. APRIL 5, 12 | 10:30-11 A.M.

4/5: Animals | 4/12: Food  
Children of all ages can enjoy stories, a song, and action rhymes to continue building early literacy skills.

# Freeplay Fun (Children's Room)

\* Event happens before we open to the general public

## Baby Play

**Ages: 6 Months-3 Years**

FRI. APRIL 11, 25 | 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. APRIL 8, 22, 29+ | 9:30\*-11:30 A.M.  
TUE. APRIL 1, 15 | 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.

+RRH brings MyPlate and nutrition info

