

April 2025

Kids EVENTS GUIDE

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Events for Kids | Events happen in the Community Room unless noted

Play Dough Fun (SSUSD Spring Break)

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

We have some challenge cards along with letter stamps and cookie cutters.

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. In 2025, collect a themed button for attending (as supply lasts)!

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

LEGO Challenge (monthly; different challenges)

Ages 6+ WED. APRIL 2 | 12:30-3 P.M.
SAT. APRIL 5* | 10 A.M.-1:30 P.M.
FRI. APRIL 18 | 1:30-3 P.M. (SSUSD NO SCHOOL)
TUE. APRIL 29* | 3:30-6:30 P.M.

Stop by to try the different LEGO Challenges we offer this month OR you can choose to build anything you want instead. *During "You Choose"

4/2: Vehicle | 4/5: Heart | 4/18: Animal | 4/29: Pattern

Build & Chat (twice a month)

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

5th grade and younger can build with building sets in the CHILDREN'S ROOM during Middle/High School Art Lab (4/2) and STEAM Lab (4/16).

Minute to Win It Challenges

Ages 6+ THU. APRIL 3 | 11:30 A.M.-1 P.M.

Can you complete the given challenge before the time runs out?

Let's Celebrate: El Dia de Los Ninos/Libros

Ages 6+ WED. APRIL 30 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

El Dia de los Ninos/Libros when translated means Children's Day/Book Day. Celebrate with some related activities to learn more about this special day.



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.



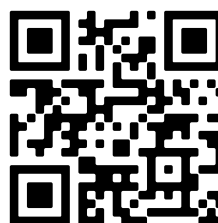
Beanstack (app or website)

Track books read or listened to!

Log books at 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 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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Saturday of Service (monthly; drop in volunteer opportunity)

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

Join us to 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 offering child and adult immunizations, TB testing, family planning services, health screenings, and more. No sick visits. Walk-ins accepted. 661.321.3000 for an appointment.

Pokémon Trading Card Game Play (monthly)

Ages 6+ TUE. APRIL 22 | 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.

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.

Speed Cubes (monthly)

Ages 6+ THU. APRIL 24 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Bring your speed cube or use a loaner speed (or Rubik's). We have handouts with video links and are looking for volunteers to help teach or demonstrate.

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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Poetry Stations

Ages 6+ THU. APRIL 3 | 1:30-3 P.M.

For National Poetry Month, bring out your inner poet with different types of poetry at stations, featuring haiku, acrostic, shape, and blackout poetry.

Piece Together Puzzles

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

Work together on one of a variety of puzzles we have available for different age groups, from toddlers to adults.

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.

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.

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

Family Storytime (twice a month)

Ages 2-8 SAT. APRIL 5 & 12 | 10:30-11 A.M.

Children of all ages can enjoy stories, a song, and action rhymes to continue building early literacy skills.

4/5 theme: Animals | 4/12 theme: Food

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Reading Buddy Adoption (National Library Week)

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

Stop by to "adopt" a reading buddy to have with you while you listen to or read books. Reading buddies available as supply lasts.

Reverse Coloring + Cookies (National Library Week)

Ages 6+ WED. APRIL 9 | 5-6:30 P.M.

Draw/doodle on pre-colored paper. Cookies available also as supply lasts.

Analog Video Synthesis

Ages 6+ THU. APRIL 10 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Hands on demo of image generation techniques. Create vibrant and dazzling patterns through patching a modular video synthesizer. Photosensitive seizure warning: flashing lights and rapidly changing colors

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 through adults.

True Nature Experience Workshop w/Kim Steinhardt

Ages 6+ SAT. APRIL 12 | 10-11:30 A.M.

RidgeWriters presents a VIRTUAL author visit to learn to write about nature and true-life experience. Creations will be temporarily displayed in the library. One family in attendance will win a copy of his book, *Sabby the Sea Otter*.

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 choice.

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.

Tween Time (monthly)

Ages 9-12 SAT. APRIL 12 | 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 consideration.

Unplugged Game Time (monthly)

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

Stop by to play some of the classics like Jenga, Candyland, Monopoly, and chess or Simply Fun games for ages 3+. Feel free to bring a game from home!

Last Chance: Easter Cards for Seniors

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

Last chance to stop by and create some Easter cards for local seniors living in Bella Sera and High Desert Haven. MAEVE Ridgecrest will deliver the cards.

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.

Participants can find 3 eggs in the Children's Room, bring them to the Circulation Desk for a goody bag, then "hide" the eggs for the next person!

Let's Celebrate: Earth Day

Ages 6+ FRI. APRIL 18 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Stop by to make Earth Day-themed crafts, including nature themed haiku in honor of National Poetry Month.

Yoyo Tricks & Tournament Practice

Ages 7+ SAT. APRIL 19 | 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.