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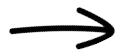
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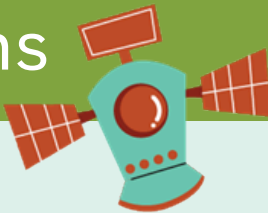
Teens' EVENTS GUIDE

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Events for Teens



Anime & Art

Ages 12-18 MONDAYS | 4-5 P.M.
TEJON ROOM

Join us every Monday to watch anime chosen by your votes, streamed through Crunchyroll. While you watch, try your hand at practicing different anime drawing styles and enjoy the fun!



Dungeons & Dragons Campaign

Ages 12-18 SATURDAY, MAY 10TH & 24TH | 1-3 P.M.

Join our tabletop role-playing game where players create characters and embark on adventures led by a Dungeon Master. Explore dungeons, interact with non-player characters, and engage in battles using dice rolls to determine the outcomes of their actions.



DIY Soap Making

Ages 12-18+ WEDNESDAY, MAY 28TH | 5-6 P.M.
TEJON ROOM

Get hands-on and create your own custom soap bars! Choose from a variety of colors, scents, and molds to design something uniquely yours. All materials are provided - just bring your creativity and join the fun while supplies last! This program is open to teens and adults.

Honoring Memorial Day

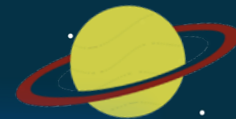


Collect your reads before we are **CLOSED**
FOR MEMORIAL DAY MONDAY MAY 26, 2025

This Memorial Day, we honor and remember those who have served. All Kern County Library branches will be closed Monday, May 26, 2025, in observance. While we're closed, explore our eLibrary - available 24/7 and FREE with your Kern County Library card.



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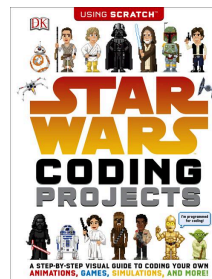


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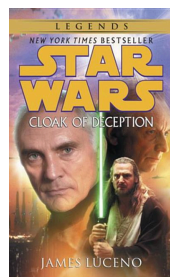
Star Wars: Chewbacca by Gerry Duggan

After the battle of Yavin, Chewbacca is on his own when he crash lands his ship on an Imperial occupied planet. Now stranded, Chewie finds himself caught in the middle of trying to return to the rebellion and helping a young and feisty girl in need.



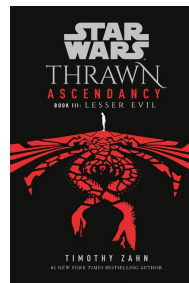
Star Wars Coding Projects by Jon Woodcock

Star Wars Coding Projects is a step-by-step visual guide to designing and coding in Scratch. The setting is as big as your imagination. Your favorite Star Wars characters will guide you through fun projects, animations, and games as you learn how to create and code. Draw your own Star Wars inspired sprites to use in the projects.



Star Wars: Cloak of Deception by James Luceno

Mired in greed and corruption, tangled in bureaucracy, the Galactic Republic is crumbling. It is a time that tests the mettle of all those who strive to hold the Republic together--none more so than the Jedi Knights, who have long been the galaxy's best hope for preserving peace and justice. Yet despite their most valiant efforts, the meeting will explode into fiery chaos beyond everyone's worst fears...



Lesser Evil by Timothy Zahn

For thousands of years the Chiss Ascendancy has been an island of calm, a center of power, and a beacon of integrity. It is led by the Nine Ruling Families, whose leadership stands as a bulwark of stability against the Chaos of the Unknown Regions. But that stability has been eroded by a cunning foe who winnows away trust and loyalty in equal measure. To secure the salvation of the Ascendancy, is Thrawn willing to sacrifice everything? Including the only home he has ever known?

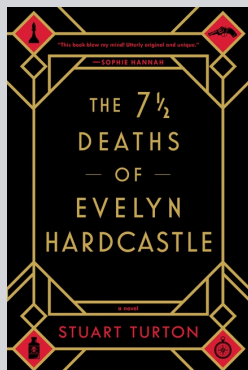
Mystery Month Book Review

Enjoy this book review from one of our staff members, Braden U.!



Stuart Turton's "The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle" is a unique and complex mystery novel that blends classic detective storytelling with a sci-fi twist. It combines elements of an Agatha Christie-style who-dun-it with a time loop and body-swapping, creating an intricate and suspenseful puzzle.

The story follows Aiden Bishop, a man who wakes up in the crumbling Blackheath Manor with no memory of who he is. He soon discovers that he is trapped in a repeating day, experiencing the same events through the eyes of different guests at a grand party. His only way out is to solve the murder of Evelyn Hardcastle. However, each new body he takes over offers different strengths and weaknesses, making his investigation even more challenging. Turton's writing is detailed while also confusing and thought-provoking, requiring close attention to pick up on all the clues scattered throughout the novel. The constant twists and shifting perspectives keep the mystery fresh and unpredictable. While the story's complexity may be overwhelming at times, it is a rewarding read for those who enjoy a deep, immersive puzzle. Overall, *The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* is an engaging and ambitious novel that keeps readers guessing until the very end. It's a great pick for anyone who enjoys intricate, unconventional mysteries that challenge the mind.



The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle by Stuart Turton

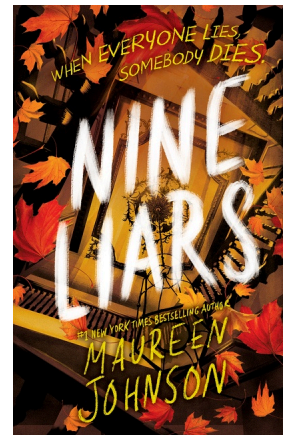
Doomed to repeat the same day over and over, Aiden Bishop must solve the murder of Evelyn Hardcastle in order to escape the curse in a world filled with enemies where nothing and no one are quite what they seem.



Mystery Month

Check out these books in honor of Mystery Month!

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Nine Liars by Maureen Johnson

In 1995, nine friends from Cambridge University went to a country house and played a drunken game of hide-and-seek. Two were found in the woodshed the next day, murdered with an ax. The case was assumed to be a burglary gone wrong, but one of the remaining seven saw something she can't explain. This was no break-in. Someone's lying about what happened in the woodshed.



The Grandest Game by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Players compete for millions in a game of riddles orchestrated by Avery and the Hawthorne brothers, but not everyone is playing by the rules.



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\$41 billion in college funding

Expert guidance for your career path

Intuitive filtering tools for your specific college funding needs

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TFS Scholarships is your free online portal to

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Spelling Bee

Letters: O P U L R A F

Guess the words from this batch of letters!

4 Letters:

F _ _ _ P
_ _ O U _
O _ _ A _
_ _ R O _

5 Letters:

L _ _ _ F _
P _ _ _ _ R
_ _ L _ _ U _

6 Letters:

_ _ L O _ _ A _
U _ _ R _ _ _ R
A U _ _ O _ _

7 Letters:

P _ _ P _ _ _ A _
_ _ A R _ _ _ U _

Answer Sheet:

flop, foul opal, prop
loofa, polar, flour
floral, uproar, aurora
popular, parlor

