

May 2025

Adults 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!



Closed for Memorial Day

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.

Find us on social!



KERN COUNTY LIBRARY



Events for Adults

All events happen in the Community Room unless noted

Paint by Sticker

Ages 13+ THU. MAY 1 & 15 | 10:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

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

Card Making with Robyn

Ages 10+ THU. MAY 1 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Robyn returns with paper card kits themed for Mother's Day, graduation, and more! Limit 2 cards per person.

Community Hangout (monthly)

Ages 18+ FRI. MAY 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 | 12-1 P.M.

Adults of all abilities can color, do dot-to-dot, word search, or play games.

Last Chance: Yoyo Tricks & Tournament Practice

Ages 7+ SAT. MAY 3 | 11:30 A.M.-12 P.M.

This is the last opportunity to get in some practice and learn some tricks from Jose Madrigal before the upcoming yoyo tournament! Bring in your own, or use one of our loaner yoyos.

Yoyo Tournament

Ages 7+ SAT. MAY 3 | 12-1 P.M.

The May Yoyo Tournament is here! Kids (7+) to adults will compete in their age division to show off your yoyo tricks! Call during our open hours to save your spot!

Star Wars Fun

Ages 6+ SAT. MAY 3 | 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Just in time for May the Fourth, stop by for some fun with Star Wars-themed activities.

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Flying Fingers for Sign Language Users (monthly)

Ages 2+ FRI. MAY 30 | 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. May's theme will be animals.

Summer Reading Challenge is coming!

It's NOT just for kids and teens...

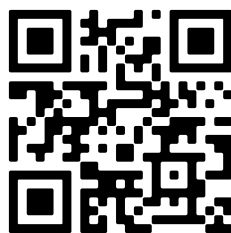
In 2024, we had 77 adult finishers.

Let's level up in 2025!



- * Read or listen to 10 books or for 10 hours (free finisher bag and book choice)
- * Continue reading or listening to be a bonus finisher and possibly win a prize
- * Lunch at the Library 11:30 am-12:30 pm Tue-Fri 6/3-7/11 EXCEPT 6/19, 7/4; Free for 18 yr olds and under
- * Fun performances and some adult only programs

Ridgecrest Branch Library Amazon Wish List



Scan the QR code to see our needs for upcoming programs or branch items. Items are shipped to Bakersfield first before being delivered to our branch in our shipment. We appreciate the generous donors who have already purchased items from our Wish List!

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.

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Spoons Tournament

Ages 6+ THU. JUNE 19 | 1-2 P.M.

Make 4-of-kind in your hand by drawing and discarding cards, then grab a spoon! Other players grab a spoon and the player without a spoon gets a letter. If you get all of the letters to spell "SPOON", you're out!

Rethink Your Drink with Kern Family Health

Ages 3+ FRI. JUNE 20 | 1:15-3 P.M.

Kern Family Health will discuss the impact of sugary drinks on our health, how to make healthier beverage choices, and alternatives to sugary drinks.

Book Bingo (monthly)

Ages 3+ FRI. JUNE 20 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Bingo winners choose a book to build a home library or a small prize. We have a variety of book choices, including board books to books for adults.

Radio Kids Day with Sierra Amateur Radio Club

Ages 3+ SAT. JUNE 21 | 10 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

Participate in activities inside and outside to offer people on-air amateur radio experiences and related activities to foster interest in amateur radio.

Puzzle/Board Game Swap

Ages 3+ SAT. JUNE 21 | 11:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

Bring a **complete** puzzle or board game and swap for a new-to-you puzzle or board game (or just pass them on) in the **MAKERSPACE AREA**. Starting at 1 pm, anyone is welcome to take a puzzle or board game, even if they did not bring one to swap.

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Speed Scattergories

Ages 13+ SAT. JUNE 14 | 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Do you enjoy the game Scattergories? Then try this version where you have 30 seconds to name one thing in each category with a given letter. Earn points by uniquely naming things within the category that no one else has guessed (duplicate answers get zero points). The player with the highest score at the end of the game wins!

PERFORMANCE: Cara-C Electric Pop Violinist

All Ages TUE. JUNE 17 | 1-2 P.M.

Julliard graduate and Grammy-balloted electric violinist, Cara-C brings her pop violin show to our **CHILDREN'S ROOM**! Cara has performed on American Idol, America's Got Talent, Dancing with the Stars, and other stages around the world. **Sponsored by Lunch at the Library.**

N.Y.M. (Not Your Mama's) Book Club (monthly)

Ages 18+ WED. JUNE 18 | 11 A.M.-12 P.M.
SAT. JUNE 21 | 10-11 A.M.

Join us to discuss a book chosen via Facebook group (search for "Not Your Mama's Book Club" to provide input for future books). The group will be discussing *First Lie Wins* by Ashley Elston in the **MAKERSPACE AREA**. We currently have a weekday meet up on the third Wednesday and a weekend meet up on a Saturday (usually after the Wednesday meet up).

Zentangles

Ages 7+ WED. JUNE 18 | 3:30-5 P.M.

Participate in a fun, GUIDED Zentangle project, led by a certified Zentangle instructor. **Please show up on time** because we are unable to have late arrivals catch up to the group. Late arrivals will be given a Zentangle coloring page or bookmark.

Summer Reading Challenge

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Introducing...
Reading Dragons!



- * For ages 6 through adults (1000 Books Before Kindergarten is for the 5 and under crowd)
- * Get starter card pack and tracker at sign up
- * Reading Dragons is NOT on Beanstack; you MUST show your tracker to get cards
- * Read or listen for 30 minutes and track your sessions to earn a dragon family of cards featuring an egg, baby, teen, and adult dragon (8 available; adult Spring card is seen in this section)
- * Use the same books for Summer Reading Challenge AND Reading Dragons
- * Learn to play games with the cards at monthly dragon parties



Summer Reading Challenge



Be a
finisher!



Read OR Listen
10 books OR 10 hours



Be a bonus
finisher!



Continue reading or listening
to enter into prize drawings
(items or gift cards)

Ask library staff or go to Beanstack to sign up or add the challenge
kernlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365

FREE
performances

Check brochures for dates and times:

- *Wild Man Dan *Cara-C electric violinist
- * High Desert Falconry * Magic of Josiah
- * Firelight Shadow Puppet Theater
- * Omnipresent Puppet Theater
- * Golden Meadow Goats * Magic Napoleon



LUNCH FREE for all
at the 18 yrs and
LIBRARY under

Tuesdays through Fridays

11:30 am to 12:30 pm

6/3/25-7/11/25 (except 6/19, 7/4)

Books to Build Home Libraries, daily outdoor game, prize drawings
Indoor and outdoor seating; lunches MUST be eaten on-site

Lunch at the Library Visitors

6/3: Waste Management
6/4: Aguabonita Flyfishers
6/5: Sierra Amateur Radio Club
6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 7/11: Princess
from Sierra Academy of Dance
6/10: NAWS China Lake
Environmental Management
6/11, 7/9: Children's Burn Center
6/12: Oasis Family Resource Center

6/17, 7/1: Cerro Coso Community
College
6/18: Kern Family Health Care
6/24, 6/25: Navy Federal Credit
Union
6/26: Anderson Dental Hygiene
7/2: United Way Central Eastern CA
7/3: Liberty Ambulance
7/8: Ridgecrest Police Department
7/10: Kern County Fire Station #84