

May 2025

Early Learners

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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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!



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Events for Early Learners

All events happen in the Community Room unless noted.

Little Learners: Explore (twice a month)

Ages 2+ TUE. MAY 6 & 20 | 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Explore while building fine motor skills, which can help with learning to write.
5/6: Stickers | 5/20: Puzzles

Beyond the Book (twice a month)

Ages 4+ TUE. MAY 6 & WED. MAY 14 | 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)!
5/6 theme: Mermaids | 5/14 theme: Dragons

Little Learners: STEAM Time (monthly)

Ages 2-5 WED. MAY 7 | 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Explore a variety of STEAM topics with fun, toddler-safe activities. For May, we will explore rainbows and have some stories for Children's Book Week!

Build & Chat (twice a month)

Ages 2+ WED. MAY 7 & 21 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

During Middle/High School Art Lab (5/7) and Middle/High School STEAM Lab (5/21) 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.

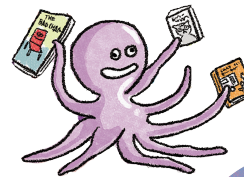
Bookend Decorating

Ages 4+ THU. MAY 8 | 3:30-6:30 P.M.
SAT. MAY 24 | 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Decorate a set of bookends with stickers then take it to use it for your own home library or as a gift to someone else!

Summer Reading Challenge is coming!

June & July 2025



LEVEL
UP AT
YOUR
LIBRARY

- * Read or listen to 10 books or for 10 hours for finisher bag & book
- * Lunch at the Library 11:30 am-12:30 pm from 6/3-7/11 (except 6/19, 7/4). Free for 18 yrs. old and under
- * Daily kids programs Tue-Fri and some Sat
- * Fun performances



Sign up today!

Ask library staff or go online
kernlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365



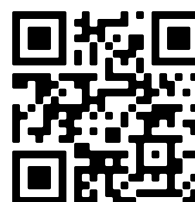
Get a lanyard at sign up and pins for each 100 books read or listened to.

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.)



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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Creative Time: Collage, Draw, Sculpt (SSUSD minimum day)

Ages 3+ WED. MAY 28 | 1-3 P.M.

Get creative by making a collage, learning how to draw (using step-by-step guides from Easy Peasy and Fun), or sculpting something!

Catch Up Crafts (monthly; SSUSD minimum day)

Ages 3+ THU. MAY 29 | 1-3 P.M.

Stop by to work on a previous craft that you might have missed before. Feel free to ask library staff about specific crafts, in case we still have supplies available for it.

D.I.Y. Edible LEGO Snack

Ages 3+ FRI. MAY 30 | 1-3 P.M.

Stop by for a fun and tasty activity: Create your own edible LEGO snack with rice krispies treats, frosting, and M&M candies! Snacks available as supply lasts.

Flying Fingers for Sign Language Users (monthly)

Ages 3+ 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. The theme for May will be animals.

End of School Snacks + Reading Buddy Adoption

Ages 3+ SAT. MAY 31 | 12-1:30 P.M.

It's the end of the school year and time for Summer Break! Celebrate at the library with some snacks and the opportunity to adopt a reading buddy (just in time for Summer Reading Challenge), as supply lasts.

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Ridgecrest Lions Club - Cub Club Project (monthly)

Ages 3+ FRI. MAY 9 | 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Join us as some Ridgecrest Lions Club Cub Club members (and their adults) will paint rocks that will be collected and placed in the Ridgecrest Regional Hospital's rock garden.

Stories + Mini Stuffie Reading Buddy Adoption

Ages 3+ FRI. MAY 9 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Join us as we listen to some stories for Children's Book Week! Before or between stories, you can adopt a mini stuffie reading buddy, as supply lasts.

Let's Make: Flowers and Cards

Ages 3+ SAT. MAY 10 | 11:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

Stop by the Community Room to make flowers and/or cards! You can make one for Mother's Day or to give to a friend or someone else.

Bilingual (Spanish) Storytime (monthly)

Ages 2-5 THU. MAY 15 | 10-10:30 A.M.

Join us for some bilingual (Spanish) books, song, and action rhymes on the third Thursday of each month before Preschool Storytime. Participants receive a book with a few vocabulary words as well as the song and action rhymes. Bilingual (Spanish) Storytime is made possible by Katy!

Food Bingo with Ridgecrest Regional Hospital

Ages 3+ THU. MAY 15 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Stop by for a few rounds of picture-based Food Bingo, hosted by Sandra from Ridgecrest Regional Hospital!

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Saturday of Service (monthly; drop in volunteer opportunity)

Ages 3+ SAT. MAY 17 | 10 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

Stop by as we create flowers to give to friends, including local seniors! Volunteers needing paperwork to be signed should bring it with you.

Unplugged Game Time (monthly)

Ages 3+ TUE. MAY 20 | 3:30-6:30 P.M.

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

Domino Run

Ages 3+ THU. MAY 22 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Arrange dominos in different patterns, then watch them topple!

Play Doh Fun (SSUSD elementary minimum day)

Ages 1.5+ FRI. MAY 23 | 1:30-3 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.

Book Bingo (monthly)

Ages 3+ FRI. MAY 23 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Win books for a home library! We have board books through books for adults.

Kern Mobile Health Clinic (monthly)

All Ages TUE. MAY 27 | 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. For an appointment, call 661-321-3000 (walk-ins accepted).

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.

Storytimes (Children's Room)

* Event happens before we open to the general public

Baby Bounce Then Play

Ages: 6 Months-3 Years

FRI. MAY 9, 23 | 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.

5/1: Bees | 5/8: Moms | 5/15: Dragons

5/22: Animals | 5/29: Trees

Enjoy stories, action rhymes, and a shaker egg song to continue building early literacy skills.

Toddler Time

Ages: 15 Months-4 Years

TUE. MAY 13, 27 | 9:30*-9:50 A.M.

5/13: Bees | 5/27: Animals

Enjoy short stories, movement songs, and action rhymes that build early literacy skills. Stay & Play happens after.

Family Storytime

Ages: 2- 8 Years

SAT. MAY 10, 31 | 10:30-11 A.M.

5/10: Reader's Choice | 5/31: Dragons

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. MAY 2, 16, 30 | 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. MAY 6, 20 | 9:30*-11:30 A.M.

TUE. MAY 13, 27 | 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.

