

May 2025

# Kids 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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branch, programs, and/  
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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!



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

### Card Making with Robyn

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

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

### Peeps Tasting

**Ages 6+** FRI. MAY 2 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Stop by and taste different flavors of Peeps marshmallows!

### 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 for your yoyo tricks from Jose Madrigal before the yoyo tournament! Bring your own yoyo 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 the yoyo tricks they can do! Sign up during library 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 some Star Wars-themed activities.

### 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

### TWEEN Time (monthly)

**Ages 9-12** SAT. MAY 31 | 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Tweens can join us for snacks and a fun activity of their choice while socializing with other tweens! Bring snack and activity ideas for future consideration.



### Summer Reading Challenge is coming! June & July 2025



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



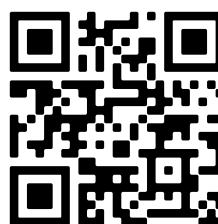
### Beanstack (app or website)

Track books read or listened to!

Log books at [kernlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365](https://kernlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365) OR download the 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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## Creative Time: Collage, Draw, Sculpt (SSUSD minimum day)

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

Get creative by making a collage, drawing (step-by-step 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 about specific crafts, in case we still have supplies available for it.

## Speed Cubes (monthly)

**Ages 6+** THU. MAY 29 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Bring your speed cube or use a loaner cube. Learn algorithms to solve it. We have handouts with video links and are looking for volunteers to help.

## D.I.Y. Edible LEGO Snack

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

Make an 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 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.

## End of School Snacks + Mini Stuffed 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 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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## Basic Internet Manners

**Ages 10+** TUE. MAY 6 & WED. MAY 7 | 5-6 P.M.

A local teen will educate tweens, teens, and adults on basic internet manners, including how to treat people online, how to use certain apps, and what information should not be shared online.

## Build & Chat (twice a month)

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

We will have some of our building sets available in the CHILDREN'S ROOM for kids in 5th grade and younger to create with.

## 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 bookend then take it with you and use it for your own home library or as a decoration!

## Stories + Mini Stuffed 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 stuffed reading buddy, as supply lasts.

## Family Storytime (twice a month)

**Ages 2-8** SAT. MAY 10 & 31 | 10:30-11 A.M.

Younger and older children alike can enjoy stories, a song, and action rhymes to continue building early literacy skills.  
5/10: Reader's Choice | 5/31: Dragons

## 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.

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## LEGO Challenge (monthly; different challenges)

**Ages 6+** SAT. MAY 10 | 2-3:30 P.M.  
WED. MAY 28 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Stop by to try the different LEGO Challenges we are offering this month  
OR you can choose to build anything you want instead.

5/10: Spring related | 5/28: Tall Tower

## Food Bingo with RRH

**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!

## Children's Oral Health Activity

**Ages 6+** FRI. MAY 16 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Anderson Dental Hygiene will provide information along with a hands on activity for children about their oral health.

## 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.

Unplug and play some games! We have some classics like Candyland, Jenga, Monopoly, and chess plus a variety of Simply Fun games and others like Exploding Kittens, Sushi Go and more. You can also bring a game from home!

## Domino Run

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

Arrange dominos in different patterns and sequences, then stand back and 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 to play with.

## 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, tuberculosis testing, family planning services, health screenings and more. For an appointment, call 661-321-3000; walk-ins accepted.

## STEAM Time: Salt Circuits (SSUSD minimum day)

**Ages 6+** TUE. MAY 27 | 1-3 P.M.

Make a colorful watercolor circuit using salt as an electrical current to light up an LED bulb!

## Pokemon Trading Card Game

**Ages 6+** TUE. MAY 27 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Stop by to play Pokémon Trading Card Game and/or trade cards at your risk. We have loaner decks to use and are looking for people who might be interested to teach the game to those who want to learn.