

May 2025

Tween/Teen 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.

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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 Tweens & Teens

All events happen in Community Room unless noted

Tweens = 9-12 years Teens = 13-18 years

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!

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.

Kids (7+) to adults will compete in their age division to show off their yoyo tricks! 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 6+ 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

Increase Cash Flow & Debt Management

Ages 16+ SAT. MAY 24 | 1-2 P.M.

Learn about how to increase cash flow along with tips for debt management.

Middle/High School (6th-12th grade)

All events happen in Community Room unless noted
5th grade and younger can attend Build & Chat in Children's Room

Middle/High School Art Lab (monthly through May)

6th-12th graders WED. MAY 7 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Participate in activities exploring various art concepts, styles and/or techniques.

Middle/High School STEAM Lab (monthly through May)

6th-12th graders WED. MAY 21 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Join us for S.T.E.A.M. related experiments and activities.

Events for Tweens (age 9-12)

All events happen in Community Room unless noted

Tween Time (monthly)

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

Join us for snacks and fun! Bring snack and activity ideas for future consideration.



Summer Reading Challenge is coming!

June-July 2025

- * Read or listen to 10 books or 10 hours to be a finisher.
- * Continue reading or listening to enter bonus finisher drawings.
- * Lunch at the Library (11:30 am-12:30 pm Tue-Fri 6/3-7/11; EXCEPT on 6/19 and 7/4) Free for 18 yrs and under.
- * Join us for programs and exciting performances



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 delivered to our branch in our weekly shipments.
We appreciate the generous donors who have already purchased items from our Wish List!

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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 levels 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 set up 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**.

Kern Mobile Health Clinic (monthly)

All Ages TUE. JUNE 24 | 10:30 A.M.-2 P.M.

The Kern Mobile Health Clinic will be in the **DIRT LOT** and you can walk-in for immunizations, TB testing, family planning, health screenings, free Narcan and more. No sick visits. Call 661-321-3000 for an appointment.

PERFORMANCE: High Desert Falconry

All Ages TUE. JUNE 24 | 1-2:30 P.M.

This fun and educational presentation in the **CHILDREN'S ROOM** features the Eurasian eagle owl, Harris hawk, and Peregrine falcon plus a flight demo with the Harris hawk. **Sponsored by Lunch at the Library.**

Oreo Tasting for Tweens/Teens

Ages 9-18 TUE. JUNE 24 | 4-4:45 P.M.

Taste different flavors of Oreo cookies (pieces) before voting on your favorite flavor. Which flavor will be voted the best? You may find a new favorite flavor!

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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Catch Up Crafts (monthly)

Ages 3+ SAT. JUNE 14 | 11 A.M.-12:30 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.

PERFORMANCE: Cara-C Electric Pop Violinist

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

Julliard graduate and Grammy-balloted electric violinist, Cara-C is bringing her pop violin show to our **CHILDREN'S ROOM**! Cara has performed at American Idol and America's Got Talent. **Sponsored by Lunch at the Library.**

Crafternoon: Video Game Characters

Ages 5+ WED. JUNE 18 | 1:30-3 P.M.

Join us for a "crafternoon" featuring a variety of crafts to choose from, inspired by video games and video game characters!

Zentangles

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

This **GUIDED** program is led by a certified Zentangle instructor. **Please show up on time** as you cannot be caught up. Late arrivals get a Zentangles coloring page.

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 give families the opportunity to understand the impact of sugary drinks on their health, learn about making healthier beverage choices, and discover some great alternatives to sugary drinks.

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