

June 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.

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Events for Adults

All events happen in the Community Room unless noted

Summer Reading Challenge Kickoff

Ages 3+ TUE. JUNE 3 | 1-3 P.M.

This year's theme is "Level Up at Your Library" and features more game-related programs. Stop by during the kickoff for an in-library activity challenge, snacks, and to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge! Find more details about the Summer Reading Challenge in this brochure.

Reading Dragon Kickoff

Ages 6+ TUE. JUNE 3 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

We are introducing a fun new challenge called Reading Dragons this summer. Those who choose hours can easily participate in Reading Dragons AND Summer Reading Challenge at the same time! Stop by to learn about it, participate in dragon themed activities, and sign up for Reading Dragons. Find more details in this brochure.

Leave No Trace

Ages 4+ WED. JUNE 4 | 1:30-2 P.M.

Julie from the NAWS China Lake Environmental Management group will be visiting the library to provide information on how we can "leave no trace" to protect and preserve nature while enjoying outdoor activities! Visit Int.org for more information.

Maze & Word Search Races

Ages 5+ FRI. JUNE 6 | 1:30-3 P.M.

Do you enjoy mazes or word searches? See how quickly you can finish a maze and/or complete a word search puzzle. Will you have the fastest time? We will have a variety of levels to choose from and you can race against family members, friends, or someone you just met.

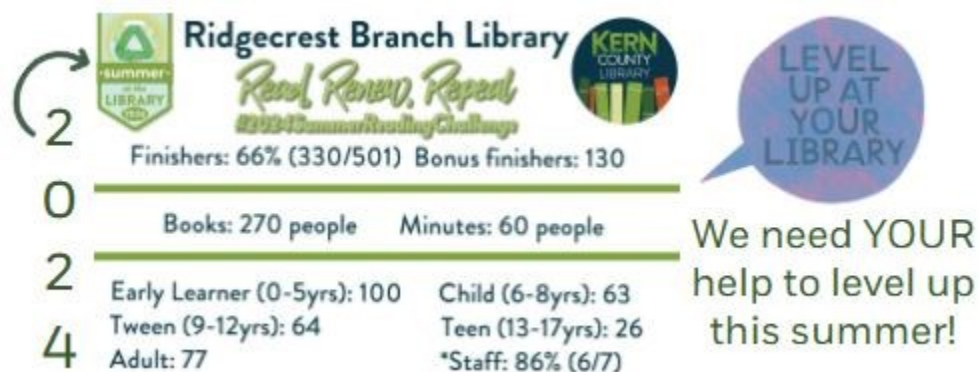
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Teen/Adult Repair Fair Session 1

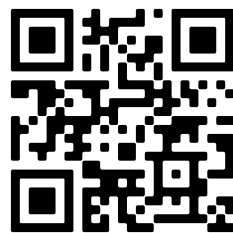
Ages 16+ SAT. JUNE 28 | 1-3:30 P.M.

Volunteers will evaluate items for repair (CLEAN clothing/fabric items, small and medium electronics **NOT** cell phones or tablets, or wood items). They will also teach people how to repair items. Replacement parts for evaluated items can be purchased and brought back during the July session for assistance in completing the repair.



Summer Reading Challenge is for ALL AGES, even adults. We have prizes for adults but you can participate to help our numbers without entering the prize drawings if you want.

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 - kclevnts.org
Library workshops, performances, and events are FREE and open to the public. We're adding more programs all the time!
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Speed Cubes (monthly)

Ages 3+ THU. JUNE 26 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Bring or borrow a speed cube and learn algorithms to solve the speed cubes using one specific method. We have handouts with video links and are looking for volunteers to help teach or demonstrate.

Fiber Art Friends (monthly)

Ages 18+ THU. JUNE 26 | 5:30-7 P.M.

Do you like to crochet, knit, macramé, embroider, cross stitch, hand sew, needlepoint, or hand quilt? Bring your fiber art project supplies and join us for some time to socialize while crafting.

Flying Fingers for Sign Language Users (monthly)

Ages 2+ FRI. JUNE 27 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Sign language users (deaf, hard of hearing, or hearing learners) can converse in sign language to socialize and/or practice. Learn signs related to the monthly theme. The theme for June will be outdoors!

Mystery Puzzle Race

Ages 11+ SAT. JUNE 28 | 10 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

When the race starts at 10:15 am, teams (of up to 4 people) will unwrap their puzzle and try to assemble it with the fastest time to win a prize! Sign up to save your spot (only 6 teams allowed) by calling 760.384.5870 when the library is open; starting 6/14.

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Read for a Donut (National Donut Day)

Ages 3+ FRI. JUNE 6 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Stop by to celebrate National Donut Day with us! Read or listen to a book and enjoy a donut. Don't forget to count your book (or minutes) for the Summer Reading Challenge! Donuts available as supply lasts.

Saturday of Service (monthly; drop in volunteer opportunity)

Ages 3+ SAT. JUNE 7 | 11 A.M.-2 P.M.

Join us as we create no sew, fleece tied cat beds for our local Ridgecrest Animal Shelter! Volunteers that need paperwork to be signed should bring it with you.

Resume Workshop (monthly)

Ages 18+ TUE. JUNE 10 | 1-2:30 P.M.

Learn some great tips on creating an effective resume for any job from someone from China Lake's Fleet & Family Support Center. This workshop will include a section on applying for federal jobs.

Maturango Museum Presents: Owl Pellets

Ages 3+ TUE. JUNE 10 | 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Maturango Museum's docents will present a fun and educational program about owls and what you can discover within owl pellets (undigested food). You might find feathers, bones, or more!

PERFORMANCE: Wild Man Dan

All Ages WED. JUNE 11 | 1-2 P.M.

Wild Man Dan returns to our CHILDREN'S ROOM with multiple reptiles! Learn some fascinating facts about venomous and nonvenomous reptiles and more. Note: Any snakes featured in the show CAN NOT be touched by the public! Sponsored by Lunch at the Library.

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Game Festival

Ages 3+ WED. JUNE 11 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

All ages are invited to stop by and play games with us! Earn points to get small prizes. Contact us to volunteer to play games/issue points.

Maturango Museum Presents: Skins & Skulls

Ages 3+ THU. JUNE 12 | 1:30-2:30 P.M.

Docents will discuss and show skins and skulls from a variety of animals found in and near our area. Note: Any live snakes at the program CAN NOT be touched by the public!

Sugar in Drinks/Infused Water with RRH

Ages 3+ THU. JUNE 12 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Sandra from Ridgecrest Regional Hospital's Community Outreach will provide info about the sugar content in some familiar drinks (you might be surprised at how much sugar is found in your favorite drink!) and some healthier alternatives. We will also make and taste some infused water.

LEGO Challenge (monthly; different challenges)

Ages 6+ FRI. JUNE 13 | 3:30-5 P.M.

Stop by to try the different LEGO Challenges we offer this month OR you can choose to build anything you want instead. 6/13: Pattern

Increase Cash Flow & Debt Management

Ages 16+ SAT. JUNE 14 | 1-2 P.M.

Discover \$100 (or more) that you didn't know you had, increase your cash flow and get tips for debt management as someone from World System Builder will be joining us via Zoom as part of WSB's Financial Literacy Program.

Events for Adults

Stop by one of these events today!

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.

Reading Dragons Party

Ages 6+ WED. JUNE 25 | 1:30-2:30 P.M.

How many dragon family cards have you earned so far? Enjoy snacks, dragon themed activities, and learn to play Reading Dragons card games!

PERFORMANCE: The Magic of Josiah

All Ages WED. JUNE 25 | 3-4 P.M.

Josiah Bunde returns to the CHILDREN'S ROOM with The Magic of Josiah. This summer's show features something new and exciting! Sponsored by Friends of the Kern County Library, Inc.

RC Booklovers (monthly)

Ages 18+ THU. JUNE 26 | 1:30-3 P.M.

For June, the group will discuss *The Unexpected Mrs. Pollifax* by Dorothy Gilman. Books are chosen ahead of time so feel free to ask staff for list of upcoming titles!

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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).

Zoomtangles

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

Participate in a fun, **GUIDED** Zentangle project via **Zoom** and our improved projector, 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
— at the —
LIBRARY
FREE for all
18 yrs and
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