

June 2025

Early Learners

EVENTS GUIDE

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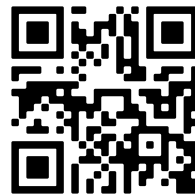
hours

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 Early Learners

All events happen in the Community Room unless noted.

Summer Reading Challenge Level Up at Your Library Kickoff

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

This year's Summer Reading Challenge theme is: "Level Up at Your Library" and will feature more game-related programs. Stop by during the kickoff for an in-library activity challenge and snacks. Don't forget to sign-up for the Summer Reading Challenge! Find more details on SRC in this brochure.

Wind Tube Exploration

Ages 3+ WED. JUNE 4 | 1-3 P.M.
THU. JUNE 12 & 26 | 1-2 P.M.

After Lunch at the Library, stop by the **MAKERSPACE AREA** where learners of all ages can join us to experiment with floating a variety of common everyday objects in a vertically moving air column to explore flight, cause and effect, wind resistance, and aerodynamics. Sponsored by Lunch at the Library.

Leave No Trace

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

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

Beyond the Book (monthly)

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

Listen to picture books (don't forget to add them to your Summer Reading Challenge log) and do related activities based on the theme. You can also collect a themed button for attending (as supply lasts)! June's theme: Robots

Domino Run Challenge

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

Create a run of dominos in the **CHILDREN'S ROOM**. When you are ready, tap the first one and watch the rest of the dominos hopefully fall in a line.

Summer Reading Challenge

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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 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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Oreo Tasting for Kids

Ages 3-8 TUE. JUNE 24 | 3-3:45 P.M.

Kids can stop by and taste test different flavors of Oreo cookies (cookies will be cut into pieces) before voting for their favorite flavor. Which flavor will be voted the best? You may be surprised and find a new favorite flavor!

PERFORMANCE: The Magic of Josiah

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

Everyone is invited to watch an entertaining performance as magician Josiah Bunde returns to the **CHILDREN'S ROOM** this summer with his award-winning magic show, The Magic of Josiah. This summer's show has a special new trick featuring something that may have long ears! **Sponsored by Friends of the Kern County Library, Inc.**

Escape Room in a Bag

Ages 5+ FRI. JUNE 27 | 1:30-3 P.M.

See if you can "escape" by finding the correct number code by solving the puzzles in the bags. You can work as a family, team, or individual. We will have puzzles for a variety of levels in the bags.

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) are invited to converse in sign language to socialize and/or practice sign language on our last open Friday of the month. We will also learn ASL signs related to the monthly theme. The theme for June will be the outdoors!

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D.I.Y. Fidget Sticks (in the Makerspace)

Ages 3+ THU. JUNE 5 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Stop by and create your own fidget stick in the **MAKERSPACE AREA** due to Cerro Coso Community College's Express Enrollment Event. We will have a pony bead and perler bead option.

Maze and 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 family members, friends, or someone you just met.

Read for a Donut (National Donut Day)

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

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.

Stop by and help us with this month's community service project. We will be making no-sew, fleece cat beds for our local Ridgecrest Animal Shelter! Any volunteers that need paperwork to be signed should bring it with you.

Maturango Museum Presents: Owl Pellets

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

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

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PERFORMANCE: Wild Man Dan

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

Wild Man Dan returns with his fun and educational show in the **CHILDREN'S ROOM!** Learn fascinating facts about venomous and nonvenomous reptiles and other creatures while getting to see some of them up close. Note: Any snakes featured in the show CAN NOT be touched by the public! Sponsored by Lunch at the Library.

Game Festival

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

Stop by and "level up" by playing some games to earn points that can be redeemed for a variety of small prizes.

Maturango Museum Presents: Skins & Skulls

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

The docents will discuss and show skins and skulls from a variety of animals found in and near our area. Note: Though live snakes may be featured, they are not to be touched by the public!

Sugar in Drinks/Infused Water with Ridgecrest Regional Hospital

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

Sandra from the Ridgecrest Regional Hospital will provide info about sugar in drinks and healthier alternatives. We will make and taste some infused water.

Build a LEGO Block Tower Game

Ages 4+ FRI. JUNE 13 | 1-3 P.M.

Who can build the tallest LEGO block tower with the game board? We have boards with basic numbers or to test math skills (add, subtract, multiply, divide).

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!
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Radio Kids Day with Sierra Amateur Radio Club

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

The Sierra Club Amateur Radio Club will have a variety of 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 puzzle and/or board game and swap it for a new-to-you puzzle or board game (or just pass them on to others)! Please make sure that puzzles and board games are complete. Starting 1 pm, anyone is welcome to take a puzzle or board game, even if they did not bring one to swap. This will be held 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** on the 4th Tuesday of each month offering child and adult immunizations, tuberculosis testing, family planning services including birth control, sexual health services, health screenings, free Narcan with training, and child health exams for 12-18 year olds. No sick visits available. For an appointment, call 661-321-3000 (NOT required; walk-ins accepted).

PERFORMANCE: High Desert Falconry

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

High Desert Falconry brings their fun and educational presentation to the **CHILDREN'S ROOM** for the first time about birds and conservation! Their presentation features the following bird species: Eurasian eagle owl, Harris hawk, and Peregrine falcon and will include a flight demo with the Harris hawk. Sponsored by Lunch at the Library.

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Kids/Tweens Paint Hour

Ages 3-12 THU. JUNE 19 | 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Kids and tweens can stop by and enjoy an hour of painting. Supplies will be provided, except for painting smocks, so be sure to wear clothing that can get paint on it. One canvas per participant, please.

Lions Club Cub Club Project (monthly)

Ages 3+ FRI. JUNE 20 | 9:30-10:30 A.M.

Join us as Ridgecrest Lions Club Cub Club members (and their adults) collaborate on making "Have a Nice Day" cards led by a member of the Ridgecrest Lions Club. Note the new time for June and July only due to Lunch at the Library. Also, Lions Club Cub Club will move to an afternoon starting in August.

Rethink Your Drink with Kern Family Health

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

After Lunch at the Library is over, Kern Family Health will be here to give families the opportunity to understand the impact of sugary drinks on their health, learn more about making healthier beverage choices, and discover some great alternatives to the sugary drinks.

Book Bingo (monthly)

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

Join us for a few rounds of Book Bingo! Winners get to choose a book to build a home library for themselves or someone else. We have a variety of levels of book choices, including board books through books for adults. We also have some small prizes that can be selected instead.

Summer Reading Challenge



Be a
finisher!



Read OR Listen to
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 games, 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

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Catch Up Crafts

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 a specific craft, in case we still have supplies available for it.

PERFORMANCE: Cara-C Electric Pop Violinist

Ages 3+ 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.**

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 that are inspired by video games and video game characters!

Bilingual (Spanish) Storytime (monthly)

Ages 2-5 THU. JUNE 19 | 10-10:30 A.M.

Join us in the **CHILDREN'S ROOM** on the third Thursday of the month for some bilingual (Spanish) books, a song, and action rhymes before Family Storytime, made possible by Katy!

Creepy Carrots Collaborative Mural + Carrots & Dip

Ages 3+ THU. JUNE 19 | 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Stop by to help make a collaborative mural based on the book *Creepy Carrots* by Aaron Reynolds. Listen to the story and enjoy carrots and dip, as supply lasts. We will add to the collaborative mural after our Family Storytime on Thu 6/26.

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Storytimes (Children's Room)

* Event happens before we open to the general public

Baby Bounce Then Play

Ages: 6 Months-3 Years

FRI. JUNE 13, 27 | 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.

Family Storytime + Activity

Ages: 2- 8 Years

EVERY THURSDAY | 10:30-11:30 A.M.

6/5: Fruit + Sorting Activity | 6/12: Garden + Bean Seed in a Bag | 6/19: Farm +Freeplay | 6/26: Vegetables + Creepy Carrot making

Enjoy stories, action rhymes, and a shaker egg song to continue building early literacy skills, followed by a short activity before Lunch at the Library. **Note: No Lunch at the Library on 6/19.**

Toddler Time

Ages: 15 Months-4 Years

TUE. JUNE 3, 17 | 9:30*-9:50 A.M.

6/3: | 6/17:

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

Freeplay Fun (Children's Room)

* Event happens before we open to the general public

Baby Play

Ages: 6 Months-3 Years

FRI. JUNE 6, 20 | 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. JUNE 10, 24 | 9:30*-11:30 A.M.

TUE. JUNE 3, 17 | 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.

