

June 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.

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Events for Kids | 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 theme is: "Level Up at Your Library" and features more game-related programs. Stop by during the SRC kickoff for an in-library activities challenge, snacks, and to sign-up! Find more details on SRC in this brochure.

Reading Dragon Kickoff

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

We are introducing Reading Dragons this summer (those who choose hours can easily do this and SRC)! Stop by to learn about it, participate in dragon themed activities, and sign up for Reading Dragons. Find more details 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

Speed Cubes (monthly)

Ages 6+ THU. JUNE 26 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Bring or borrow a speed cube and learn algorithms. We have handouts with video links and are looking for volunteers to help teach or demonstrate.

Escape Room in a Bag

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

Try to "escape" by solving the puzzles to get the exit code 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)

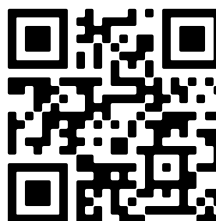
Ages 2+ FRI. JUNE 27 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Sign language users (deaf, hard of hearing, or hearing learners) are invited to converse in sign language to socialize and/or practice sign language. 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.

Teams of up to 4 people will select a table with a wrapped puzzle on it. When the race starts, teams 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.



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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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 Kids

Ages 3-8 TUE. JUNE 24 | 3-3:45 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!

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 the 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.**

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Family Storytime (weekly)

Ages 2-8 THU. JUNE 5, 12, 19 & 26 | 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Enjoy stories, a song, and action rhymes followed by an activity until Lunch (no Lunch on 6/19). Don't forget to add the books to your SRC logs!

6/5: Fruit | 6/12: Garden | 6/19: Farm | 6/26: Vegetables

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.

D.I.Y. Fidget Stick

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

Stop by and create your own fidget stick in the **MAKERSPACE AREA**. 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? Race family members, friends, or someone you just met. We will have a variety of levels of both to choose from.

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.

We will make no-sew, fleece cat beds for our local Ridgecrest Animal Shelter! Any volunteers that need paperwork to be signed should bring it with you.

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TWEEN Time

Ages 9-12 SAT. JUNE 7 | 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Join us for fun activities (chosen by attendees) and snacks. Feel free to bring ideas for activities and snacks for consideration for future TWEEN Times.

Maturango Museum Presents: Owl Pellets

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

Maturango Museum docents will be returning to the library to 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! Learn some fascinating facts about venomous/nonvenomous reptiles and more. 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.

All ages are invited to stop by and play some games with us! Earn points that can be redeemed for small prizes.

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!

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.

Creepy Carrots Collaborative Mural

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

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.

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!

Kids/Tweens Paint Hour

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

Kids and tweens can stop by to paint. Supplies are provided, except for painting smocks, so wear clothing that can get paint on it. One canvas per participant.

Rethink Your Drink with Kern Family Health

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

After Lunch at the Library, 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.

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 through 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.

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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 library! 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.**

Venture Society Role Playing Game Sessions

Ages 6-12 TUE. JUNE 17 | 2:45-4 P.M. (SESSION 1)
4:15-5:30 P.M. (SESSION 2)

This non-violent role playing game encourages cooperation and harmony between animal characters with adventures that run for 30-45 minutes.

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!

Zoomtangles

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

This GUIDED Zentangle project is led by a certified Zentangle instructor via Zoom. **Please show up on time!** We will not be able to have you catch up to the group. Late arrivals will be offered a Zentangle coloring page.

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!

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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'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.

Build a LEGO Block Tower Game

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

Who can build the tallest LEGO block tower by playing the game? We have different levels of game boards including basic numbers and some of the game boards will test basic math skills (add, subtract, multiply, divide).

LEGO Challenge (monthly)

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

Stop by to try completing the LEGO Challenge this month OR you can choose to build anything you want instead with our LEGO. 6/13: Pattern

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.



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Read. Renew. Repeat.
#2024SummerReadingChallenge

2024

Finishers: 66% (330/501) Bonus finishers: 130

Books: 270 people Minutes: 60 people

Early Learner (0-5yrs): 100	Child (6-8yrs): 63
Tween (9-12yrs): 64	Teen (13-17yrs): 26
Adult: 77	*Staff: 86% (6/7)

We need YOUR help to level up this summer!

Summer Reading Challenge

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Introducing...
Reading Dragons!



- * For ages 6 to adult (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: NAWA 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