

June 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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## Events for Tweens & Teens

All events happen in Community Room unless noted

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

### 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 kickoff for an in-library activities challenge, snacks, and to sign-up for SRC! Find more details 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 **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.

### 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** 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.

The NAWS China Lake Environmental Management group will be visiting the library to provide information on how we can protect and preserve nature while enjoying outdoor activities! Visit [Int.org](http://Int.org) for more information.

### Beyond the Book (monthly)

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

Listen to themed picture books and do related activities. Collect a themed button for attending (as supply lasts)! 6/4 theme: Robots

## Events for Tweens (age 9-12)

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### TWEEN Time

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

Tweens are invited to join us for snacks, games and more! Feel free to bring snack and activity ideas for consideration for future TWEEN Times.

### Venture Society RPG Session

**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.

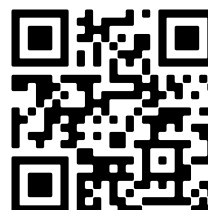
### Kids/Tweens Paint Hour

**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.



### 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!

# Events for Teens

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## Cerro Coso Express Enrollment Event

**Ages 15+** THU. JUNE 5 | 2:30-5:30 P.M.

Cerro Coso staff will help with admissions, registration, counseling, financial aid and more.

## TEEN Dungeons & Dragons (monthly)

**Ages 13-18** TUE. JUNE 10 | 4-6 P.M.

Join our adventurers to become heroes or cause mischief! Party members are at Level 4 now, so bring a Level 4 character or choose a pre-made character.

## Increase Cash Flow & Debt Management

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

Learn about debt management and increasing cash flow via Zoom.

## Speed Scattergories

**Age 13+** SAT. JUNE 14 | 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Try this speedy version with 30 seconds to name one thing in each category!

## Teens Paint

**Ages 13-18** THU. JUNE 19 | 4-5:30 P.M.

Teens can stop by to get creative while exploring paint! Mixed media items will be available upon request. One canvas per participant.

## TEEN Time (monthly)

**Ages 13-18** SAT. JUNE 21 | 2-3:30 P.M.

Stop by and socialize with other teens while enjoying games and snacks!

## Teen/Adult Repair Fair (Session 1)

**Age 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**, wood items) and teach how to repair items! Parts can be purchased and brought to the July session.

# Events for Tweens & Teens

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## 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? 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 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

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 to make no-sew fleece tied cat beds for the Ridgecrest Animal Shelter! 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.

Enjoy a fun and educational program about owls and what you can discover within owl pellets (undigested food). You might find feathers, bones or more!

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## PERFORMANCE: Wild Man Dan

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

Learn some fascinating facts about venomous/nonvenomous reptiles and more in our **CHILDREN'S ROOM!** 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 to play games and 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: Live snakes may not 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 will provide information about the sugar content in drinks and some healthier alternatives. We will also make and taste 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 game boards with basic numbers and some game boards to test math skills!

## LEGO Challenge (monthly)

**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

For more event information, visit our website - [kclevants.org](http://kclevants.org)

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## 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** FRI. 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.

## Speed Cubes (monthly)

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

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

## 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 an individual!

## 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 learners) can socialize and/or practice sign language. Learn related signs based on the monthly theme. The June theme will be outdoors!

## Mystery Puzzle Race

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

Teams of up to 4 will unwrap a puzzle at 10:15 am 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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## 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!

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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!

## Zoomtangles

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

**GUIDED** program with certified Zentangle instructor via **Zoom**. **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](http://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