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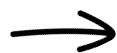
Saturday

10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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For more event information, visit our website - www.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.

JUNE 2025

Kids' EVENT GUIDE

Southwest Branch Library





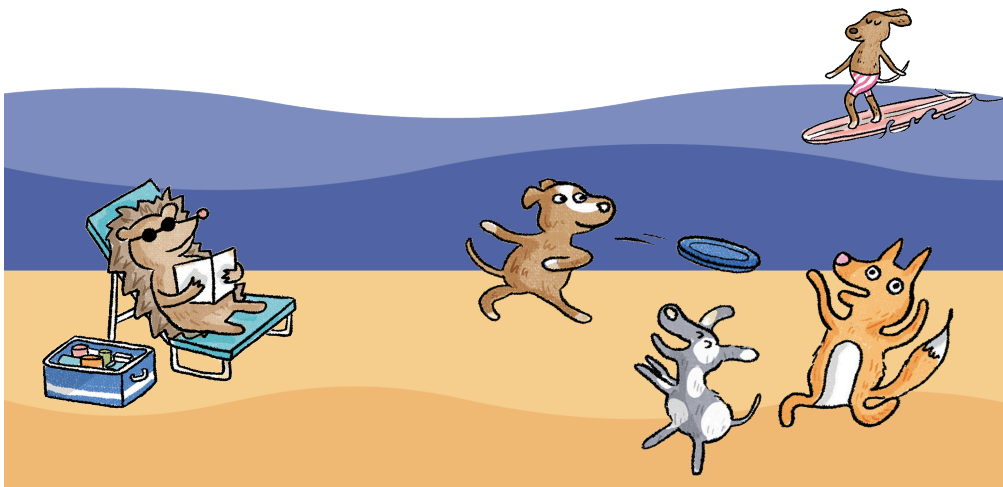
In partnership with Kern High School District, the Southwest Branch Library is offering FREE lunches for kids ages 2-18 in June and July. Join us for a free meal + fun activities!

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. The Summer Food Service Program is a program of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, administered in California by the California Department of Education. Lunch at the Library is a project of the California State Library, supported with funds from the State of California.



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Readers of all ages can sign up for the annual Summer Reading Challenge! Read 10 books or for 10 hours and get a free book plus other cool prizes. Sign up today at kernlibrary.beanstack.org.



Storytime Special Guest: United Way Central Eastern California

Ages 0-5

Tuesday, June 17 | 11:30am-12:30pm

A special Toddler Storytime featuring our friends from United Way Central Eastern California. Receive more information with United Way Central Eastern California by visiting the library!



Magic of Josiah

Ages 2-18

Thursday, June 19 | 2pm

Join magician and illusionist Josiah Bunde for a fully dynamic and interactive large-scale show that fills the stage. Through skillful storytelling, powerful magic, and hilarious interaction, this show is not only magical but also sure to create unforgettable memories.



Kiddle Karoo Puppet Show

Ages 2-11

Monday, June 23 | 10:30am

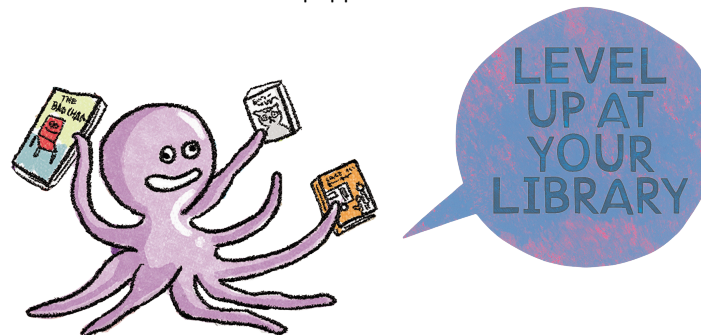
Beloved characters from classic children's books have tumbled out of their own pages and landed in the wrong stories! Join us for this interactive puppet show to see how these characters get back to their own stories.

Firelight Shadow Theater

Ages 2-18

Monday, June 30 | 1:30pm

Discover the magical world of shadow puppetry with Firelight Shadow Theater! During this interactive 45-minute show, audiences will learn about puppetry and watch shadow puppet versions of folktales from around the world, plus take home a template to make their own shadow puppet.





SPECIAL EVENTS



Heart and Soul Line Dancing All Ages

Tuesday, June 3 | 4pm-5pm

Learn how to line dance with Heart and Soul! Bring in your friends and family for a very special dance! Wear your best boots and cowboy hats to have fun!

Snakes on Sam Reptile Show Ages 2-18

Wednesday, June 4 | 11:30am-12:30pm

Join us for an exciting reptile show! Join Snakes on Sam for the most spectacular reptile show!



Summer Reading Challenge Kickoff All Ages

Wednesday, June 4 | 12:30pm-4:30pm

Sign up for our annual Summer Reading Challenge -- all you have to do is read 10 books or for 10 hours, and you can get a free book + other prizes. We'll have stations for games, crafts, and music!

Omni Present Puppet Show Ages 2-18

Saturday, June 7 | 1:00pm

Returning to Southwest Library is Omni Present Puppet Show! Gather your friends and families to create new memories by enjoying the art of puppetry.

Science Experiment Lab with Kailan Carr Ages 0-8

Tuesday, June 10 | 11:30am-12:30pm

Kailan Carr will read aloud her book "Screens Away, Time to Play!". Afterwards, kids can check out each one of her science activity stations!

Windwolves Interactive Presentation Ages 2-18

Friday, June 13 | 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Join Windwolves Preserve for a interactive presentation! Learn all about nature and different wild life animals!



Storytimes



Preschool Storytime Ages: 18 Months - 4 Years

Every Monday | 10:30am | 06/23 - 2pm

Enjoy songs, stories, finger plays, rhymes, flannel boards, and more followed by a craft. Themes: 06/02 Dragons, 06/09 Jungles, 06/16 Sea Animals, 06/23 Cats, 06/30 Emotions

Toddler Time Ages: 15 Mos. - 3 Years

Tuesday, 06/03 & 06/24 | 10:30am | Tuesday 06/10 and 06/17 11:30am

Enjoy songs, stories, and movement that will build early childhood skills. Themes: 06/03 Colors, 06/10 Friendship, 06/24 Foods

Family Storytime Ages: 0-10 Years

Every Thursday | 10:30am

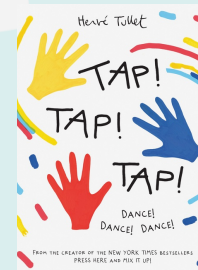
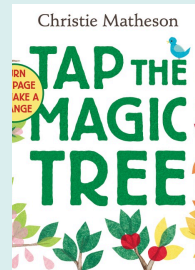
Storytime for the whole family! Themes: 06/05 Goats, 06/12 Magic, 06/19 Sports, 06/26 Flowers

Baby Bounce Ages: 6-15 Months

Friday, 6/13 and 6/27 | 10:30am

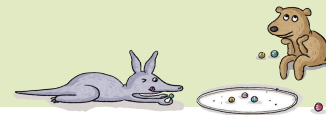
Rhymes, songs, bounces and books just right for your little one! Build a foundation for lifelong reading and learning with this engaging story time.

Great Interactive Books for Early Learners





Children's Programs



Mondays



Bingo! | Every Monday | 12pm-1pm

Lets play bingo! Gather your friends and family for multiple rounds of bingo and find out who will a prize!

Tuesdays

Mario Fly Trap | 6/3 | 11:30am-12:30pm

Create a Mario Fly Trap craft during lunch at the library .

Audiobook & Art | 6/10, 6/24 | 3pm-4pm

Listen to an audiobook while working on a creative art project. Audiobooks totally count for the Summer Reading Challenge!

LEGO Challenge | 6/17 | 4pm-5pm

Put your LEGO building skills to the test and create the best LEGO models.

Plant a Seed | 6/24, 12pm-1pm

Plant a seed so you can grow your own vegetable throughout the summer.

Wednesdays

STEAM Challenge | 6/11, 6/18, 6/25 11:30am-12:30pm

Test your STEAM skills by building a project.



Thursdays

Plant a Seed | 6/12, 11:30am-12:30pm

Plant a seed so you can grow your own vegetable throughout the summer.

**Family Silent | 6/12 | 4pm-5pm
Game Night**

Use sign language and communication boards to play fun games.

Paper Bag Pinatas | 6/19 | 11:30am

Kaleidoscope Craft | 6/26 | 11:30am

Fridays

Collaborative Craft | 6/6, 6/13, 6/27 | 11:30am-12:30pm

The whole family is invited to collaborate on building a community art display.

Cactus Pet Rocks | 6/20 | 11:30am-12:30pm

Kids will paint rocks to make them look like a cactus and place them in a planter.

Glow in the Dark Painting | 6/20 | 3pm-4pm

Paint in a dimly-lit room using glow in the dark paint.

Fairy Treasure Chest Craft | 6/27 | 2pm-3pm

Build a cute little fairy treasure chest!



Saturdays

Pool Noodle Monsters | 6/7 | 11am-12pm

Make your own monster out of pool noodles and other materials.

Water Balloon Toss | 6/14 | 10am-11am

Join us for a fun game of water balloon toss! Kids will team up in groups and do their best to not break the water balloon while they toss it from one person to another.

Picture Frames | 6/14 | 2pm-3pm

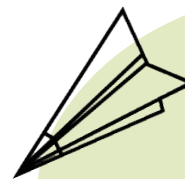
Make a picture frame to frame your favorite summer adventure.

Family Flix & Craft | 6/21 | 12pm

Make a craft while you enjoy a family-friendly movie.

Fruit Magnet Craft | 6/28 | 12pm

Create fruit magnets with polymer clay.



Don't forget to check out our

Interactive Wind Tube Exhibit

Experiment with different materials to make a flying creation, then test out your build in one of our wind tubes!

6/2, 6/5 6/9 | 2pm
6/4, 6/6 | 10am
6/17, 6/20 | 10:30am

