

Early Learners 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 Early Learners

All events happen in the Community Room unless noted

Beyond the Book (monthly)

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

Listen to a few picture books and work on related activities. Collect a themed button for attending (as supply lasts)!

Book Bingo (monthly)

Ages 3+ FRI. MAR 6 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Bingo winners choose a free book to build a home library. We have books for babies through adults and small prizes. NOTE: We use magnetic bingo chips (potential choking hazard).

Build It Up

Ages 3+ SAT. MAR 7 | 1:30-3:30 P.M.

Stop by to build a tall tower (or something else) with our magnet cubes, magnet shapes, rods and balls, wood castle blocks, and more!

Quick STEM: Tower Challenge

Ages 3+ TUE. MAR 10 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Can you build the tallest tower? Stop by to build a tower. We will measure it and see who can build the tallest tower! In MAKERSPACE.

Ridgecrest Lions Club - Cub Club Service Project

Ages 3+ THU. MAR 12 | 4:00-5:00 P.M.

Cub Club members and their adults work together to make simple projects, usually to be given to local seniors at the Ridgecrest Senior Center. This month, we work on Easter projects.

Crafternoon: Summer Reading Challenge Decoration Making

Ages 4+ FRI. MAR 13 | 3:30-4:40 P.M.
TUE. MAR 31 | 12:00-3:00 P.M. (SSUSD SPRING BREAK)

Stop by to help us make decorations for our Summer Reading Challenge! This summer's theme is "Plant a Seed, Read" so we will be making a variety of flowers and plants over the next few months to be used as decorations for our branch.



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Unplugged Game Time

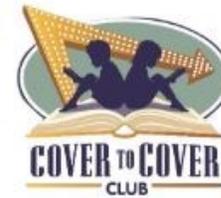
Ages 3+ TUE. MAR 31 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Stop by to play games! We have classics like Candyland, Jenga, Monopoly, and chess plus others like Exploding Kittens, Sushi Go, Clue, Spot It, and Skip-Bo. You can bring a game from home!



The In-N-Out Cover-to-Cover Challenge is back!

Ages 4-12 MARCH 7-APRIL 18



Children ages 4-12 can read OR listen to 5 books OR for 300 minutes and get a FREE In-n-Out hamburger, cheeseburger, or grilled cheese. Each child can earn up to 3 achievement cards. Sign up on Beanstack or in the branch.



1000 Books Before Kindergarten

To sign up, ask library staff or go online to 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 listens to *Pete the Cat* 15 times, it counts as 15 books!

Older children can help (and practice reading aloud) by reading to participants. Reading and listening count, so books read during library programs (Toddler Time and Preschool Storytime) count!



Ridgecrest Branch Library Amazon Wish List

Scan the QR code to see our upcoming programs or branch needs. Items are shipped to Bakersfield then delivered to our branch in our weekly shipments. We truly appreciate the generous donors who have already purchased items for us!

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Pi Day Fun

Ages 3+ SAT. MAR 14 | 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

Stop by for fun pi and circle themed activities along with pie tasting and voting.

Homeschool Hangout (monthly)

Ages 3+ TUE. MAR 17 | 12:30-2:00 P.M.

Families using any curriculum can network with other homeschool families and discuss learning. Stop by to learn more about homeschool options. Basic activities offered for kids.

St. Patrick's Day Fun

Ages 3+ TUE. MAR 17 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Stop by for some fun green and rainbow themed activities for St. Patrick's Day.

Quick STEM Challenge: Fairy Tale

Ages 3+ WED. MAR 18 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Try to complete the challenge involving fairy tale characters. In MAKERSPACE.

Birds & Birdhouses with Ridgecrest Regional Hospital

Ages 3+ TUE. MAR 24 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Sandra reads books about birds and birdhouses. Afterwards, make your own birdhouse.

You Choose: Coloring, Dot to Dot, or Tabletop Tetris

Ages 3+ WED. MAR 25 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Stop by and choose which fun activity you would like to do!

Jenga Challenge

Ages 3+ THU. MAR 26 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Like playing Jenga? Show us your Jenga skills! Different challenges will be available.

Catch Up Crafts (monthly)

Ages 3+ SAT. MAR 28 | 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Stop by to work on a previous craft that you might have missed. We offer a few choices, but feel free to ask about a specific craft, in case we still have supplies for that craft.

Storytimes (Children's Room)

Baby Bounce

Ages 6 mos- 3 yrs

FRI. MAR 6 & 20 | 10:00-10:20 A.M.

Interactive LAPSIT with rhymes, songs, and board books. Siblings can bring a stuffed animal "baby". Baby Play follows.

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3-5 yrs

THURSDAYS | 10:30-11:00 A.M.

Enjoy stories, action rhymes, and a shaker egg song to continue building early literacy skills. Stay & Play follows.

Toddler Time

Ages 1.5-4 yrs

TUE. MAR 3 & 17 | 10:00-10:20 A.M.

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

Family Storytime

Ages 2-8 yrs

SAT. MAR 14 | 10:30-11:00 A.M.

Children of all ages can enjoy some stories and fun action rhymes to continue building early literacy skills.

Freeplay Fun (Children's Room)

*starts before we open to the public (library staff will let you in)

Baby Play

Ages 6 mos-3 yrs

FRI. MAR 6 & 20 | 10:20-11:30 A.M.
FRI. MAR 13 & 27 | 10:00-11:30 A.M.

Babies build social skills with baby-friendly items while caregivers socialize with each other.

Stay & Play

Ages 1-7 yrs

TUE. MAR 3 & 17 | 10:20-11:30 A.M.
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THURSDAYS | 11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
SATURDAYS | 9:30*-10:30 A.M.

Kids build social skills and caregivers can socialize with each other.

Little Learners (Community Room)

Little Learners: Explore

Ages 1.5-5

TUE. MAR 10 & 24 | 10:30-11:00 A.M.

Little learners do activities twice a month to strengthen fine motor skills which can be helpful when learning to write.

Little Learners: STEAM Time

Ages 1.5-5

WED. MAR 11 | 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Little learners will explore basic activities monthly that are related to science, technology, engineering, art, or math.

MARCH 2026 Early Learners (0-5 yrs)



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