

Beale Memorial Library

Kids' EVENTS GUIDE

Hours

Monday - 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.

Find Us!

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Storytimes

Time to Sign with NAMI

Ages 2-6



MONDAY, JUNE 1, 15, 29 | 10:30 - 11:30 A.M. [National Alliance on Mental Illness](#)

Come to the library and join NAMI Kern (National Alliance on Mental Illness) to learn American Sign Language in a Storytime format.

Baby Bounce

Ages 0-2

MONDAY, JUNE 8 & 22 | 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

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

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3-6

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 16, 23, 30 | 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Music, movement, visual literacy and language development in a fun Storytime that teaches social skills.

Weekly Themes: Fruits & Veggies, Sports, Dinosaurs, Kailan Carr

Toddler Time

Ages 2-4

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

Enjoy songs, stories, and movement that will build early childhood skills.

Weekly Themes: National Hug Your Cat Day, Color Yellow, Flowers, Farm Animals

Family Storytime

Ages 4-11

EVERY SATURDAY | 1:00 - 2:00 P.M.

Bring the entire family to this age-inclusive Storytime full of stories, songs, and movement.

Weekly Themes: Gardens, Ocean Animals, Summer, Color Green

Special Events



Life Succs Without Plants Workshop

Ages 6-11

MONDAY, JUNE 1
3:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Local author, Bethany Cranfill from Life Succs Without Plants, will teach us about plant life cycles and care. Bethany will read her published book, "Goldie the Ghost Plant", and we'll all get to plant a succulent that you can take home! *As a result of limited supplies, this event will be first come, first serve.*

Magic of Josiah

THURSDAY, JUNE 4
2:00 - 3:00 P.M.

Ages 2-18

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

Ages 2-18

TUESDAY, JUNE 23
1:30 - 2:30 P.M.

With the help of the audience, lovable puppets, and a bit of musical magic, Kiddle Karoo celebrates the magic of reading and the joy of discovering new stories. Perfect for children of all ages, this fun-filled musical encourages a love of books and imagination!



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.

Lunch at the Library

Summer Reading Challenge



LUNCH at the LIBRARY

Monday-Saturday
12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.

In partnership with Kern County Superintendent of Schools, the Kern County Library is offering FREE meals for ages 2-18.

Amazing Animals with Wind Wolves Preserve



MONDAY, JUNE 1
12:15 P.M. - 1:15 P.M.

Ages 2-18

Special guest Ann Wempe returns by popular demand to show & tell LIVE snakes, a Desert Tortoise, animal skulls and more.

Kids Empire Storytime with Huggy the Dragon

FRIDAY, JUNE 5
12:15 P.M. - 1:15 P.M.

Ages 4-11



There will be a special appearance by Huggy the Dragon, Kids Empire's friendly mascot! Huggy will be stopping by to say hello, take photos, and celebrate the summer with us!

KCSO K-9 Visit

Ages 2-18 TUESDAY, JUNE 9
12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Watch a demonstration from a real K-9 officer from the Kern County Sheriff's Office, followed by a Q and A.



Fun Food Experience with Charlie Cart & Brighter Bites



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10
12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Ages 2-18

We're teaming up with Charlie Cart to bring you a live cooking demonstration and Brighter Bites will be on-site distributing healthy lifestyle resources for families (while supplies last).

Juneteenth Dance Party with Dat Krew and DJ Luther



Ages 4-11 FRIDAY, JUNE 19
12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Celebrate freedom, culture, and community! Get ready to hit the dance floor as Dat Krew's CEO and talented DJ spins an exciting mix of music.



Storytime with Ms. Rachel

SATURDAY, JUNE 20
12:15 P.M. - 1:15 P.M.

Ages 0-6

Bakersfield Fairytale Friends will be bringing Ms. Rachel to the library for a storytime and sing-along!



Omnipresent Puppet Theater

THURSDAY, JUNE 25
11:45 A.M. - 12:45 P.M.

Ages 2-18

Omnipresent Puppet Theater presents "Jack and the Beanstalk"! with the professional puppeteer Donald Kruszka.



Earn prizes by reading 10 books or by reading for 10 hours!

For ALL AGES | June 1 - July 31



Beanstack



Sign up in person or scan the QR code to sign up on Beanstack!



This annual program aims to prevent "Summer Slide". Children who don't read during the Summer will lose up to 2 months of learning by the time they return to school in the Fall. Summer Reading helps close these gaps and prepare children for the new school year.

Thank you sponsors!



Urbane Cafe.



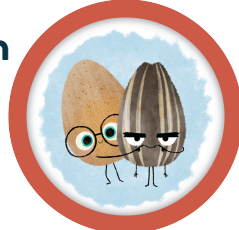
Morning Specials



Summer Reading Rush

MONDAY, JUNE 1
10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

ALL AGES



Kick off the summer at the library with a rush of fun! Explore stations hosted by library staff and community partners where you can get sneak peeks of upcoming programs, try out activities, and discover all the fun events happening at the library this summer. Sign up for the challenge and start your summer of reading with us!

KCSOS Interactive STEM Exhibit

Ages 6-12 EVERY WEDNESDAY
10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

Kern County Superintendent of Schools will be providing an interactive STEM exhibit designed for children to engage in creating, learning, and interacting with STEM projects. This summer there will be Wind Tubes, Sensing Sand, and Light & Shadow Play



Let's Grow Brain P.O.W.E.R. with Kailan Carr



TUESDAY, JUNE 2
10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
CHILDREN'S AREA

Ages 2-7

Let's grow your child's brain power with local author and co-creator Kailan Carr. Let's Grow Brain P.O.W.E.R. is a framework to help educate families of the important things kids should be doing daily to grow and thrive and a reminder to not let screen time interfere with these. To learn more, join us at the library for Storytime and activity stations about indoor and outdoor play, hard work, social skills, and literacy.



Kids Get Crafty

Ages 6-12

EVERY THURSDAY | 4 - 5 P.M.

Work on a new craft or art project every week. All materials will be provided.



Sign Language with Lisa

Ages 6-12 FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 12, & 26 | 4 - 5 P.M.

Each week brings a new off-the-wall activity. It's all about letting loose and trying something silly. This is your space to burn energy, make a mess (the fun kind), and just be chaotic in the best way possible.



Fun Fridays

Ages 6-12

FRIDAY, JUNE 19 | 4 - 5 P.M.

Lisa Hampton, our volunteer Sign Language instructor, will teach you some basic Sign Language by using books, activity sheets, and more!



Barks & Books

Ages 6-12

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24 | 4 - 5 P.M.

Get cozy at the library and read books with a furry friend from Marley's Miracle Mutts



Weekly Afternoon Programs



KCSOS STEM Exhibit

Ages 2-12

EVERY MONDAY | 3 - 4 P.M.

Join KCSOS in a STEM exhibit designed for children to engage in creating, learning, and interacting with STEM projects. This summer there will be Windtubes, Sensing Sand, and Light & Shadow Play!



LEGO Maniacs

Ages 2-12

EVERY TUESDAY | 4 - 5 P.M.

Come to the library and build your own LEGO creation and put it on display for all to see.



Crafting Literacy Club

Ages 7-12

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3 & 17 | 4 - 5 P.M.

To improve literacy and social-emotional learning, we will read a book together and create a craft based on the story.



Family Bingo

Ages 2-12

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10 | 4 - 5 P.M.

Join us at the library for a fun game of bingo! Grab a card and see if you get five across in any direction. If you do, DING! DING! DING! you're a winner and you will get to take home a small prize!



Wonder Tots Learning Lab

Ages 2-5

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3 & 17 | 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

A STEAM program for ages 2-5 that focuses on exploration, play, sensory discovery, and language development. At this stage, children learn best through hands-on experiences, movement, repetition, and guided curiosity.



Loose Parts Play

Ages 2-5

FRIDAY, JUNE 5 & 19 | 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Kids can build, sort, stack, and explore using everyday materials. There's no instructions, just imagination. This open-ended style of play supports creativity, problem-solving, and early learning in a fun, relaxed environment.



Little Letter Lessons

Ages 2-5

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10 & 24 | 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Join us for a letter lesson where we'll practice letter sounds with songs, books, and play-based learning activities. This month's letters are 'li' and 'Jj'.



Mini Makers

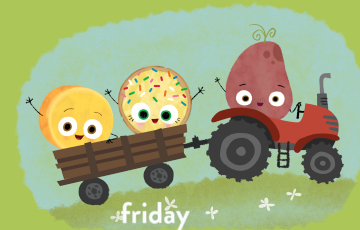
Ages 2-5

FRIDAY, JUNE 12 & 26 | 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Process art is an authentic, joyful way for toddlers to build the tools they'll later use to read and write. Join us at the library where we make early development fun!


JUNE 2026

PLANT A SEED, READ



monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
<p>1.</p> <p>10:00am - Summer Reading Rush 10:30AM - Time to Sign with NAMI 12-1pm - Lunch @ the Library: Wind Wolves 3pm - Life Succs Without Plants Workshop 3pm - KCSOS STEM</p>	<p>2.</p> <p>10:30am - Let's Grow Brain P.O.W.E.R w/Kailan Carr 12-1pm - Lunch @ the Library 4pm - LEGO Maniacs</p>	<p>3.</p> <p>10:30am - Wonder Tots 10:30am - KCSOS STEM 12-1pm - Lunch @ the Library 4pm - Crafting Literacy Club</p>	<p>4.</p> <p>10:30am - Toddler Time 12-1pm - Lunch @ the Library 2pm - Magic of Josiah 4pm - Kids Get Crafty</p>	<p>5.</p> <p>10:30am - Loose Parts Play 12-1pm - Lunch @ the Library: Kids' Empire Storytime w/Huggy the Dragon 4pm - Fun Friday</p>	<p>6.</p> <p>12-1pm - Lunch @ the Library 1pm - Family Storytime</p>
<p>8.</p> <p>10:30am - Baby Bounce 12-1pm - Lunch @ the Library: Stars of the Stacks 3pm - KCSOS STEM</p>	<p>9.</p> <p>10:30am - Preschool Storytime: Leaders are Readers w/ Jeff Farriss 12-1pm - Lunch @ the Library: KCSO K-9 Visit 4pm - LEGO Maniacs</p>	<p>10.</p> <p>10:30am - Little Letter Lessons 10:30am - KCSOS STEM 12-1pm - Lunch @ the Library: Fun Food Experience w/Charlie Cart & Brighter Bites 4pm - Family Bingo</p>	<p>11.</p> <p>10:30am - Toddler Time 12-1pm - Lunch @ the Library: Leaders Are Readers w/Alison Burrowes and BHRS Team 4pm - Kids Get Crafty</p>	<p>12.</p> <p>10:30am Mini Makers 12-1pm - Lunch @ the Library 4pm - Fun Friday</p>	<p>13.</p> <p>12-1pm - Lunch @ the Library 1pm - Family Storytime</p>
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Summer Reading Challenge
 Read 10 books or for 10 hours and receive rewards!
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