

Adults 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.

newsletter

subscribe to our newsletter(s)

Stay updated on the branch, programs, and/or receive book recommendations!



Find us on social!





Events for Adults

All events happen in the Community Room unless noted

Summer Reading Challenge Kickoff

Ages 3+ TUE. JUNE 2 | 1:30-3:00 P.M.

Join us after the first Lunch at the Library for the kickoff of our Summer Reading Challenge! Enjoy a cookie, make a bookmark, get a (temporary) tattoo, sign up or register for the Summer Reading Challenge on Beanstack, make a bean mosaic, and find out about all of the fun we will be offering this summer for FREE at the library!

Pokémon Trading Card Game

Ages 6+ TUE. JUNE 2 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Bring your 60-card deck or use a loaner deck. A volunteer from Fistful of Cards will be available to teach people how to play. Trade at your risk, as we will not monitor trading.



Little Seedlings

Ages 3+ WEDNESDAYS | 10:30-11:30 A.M.



Join us to learn about and plant a different seed every week and then watch it grow at home. Seeds used in Little Seedlings will be added to our Seed Library. IN CHILDREN'S RM

Maturango Museum Docents Present: Wildflowers

Ages 3+ WED. JUNE 3 | 1:30-2:30 P.M.

See colorful slides of the many different wildflowers that can be found in the Indian Wells Valley. Learn about the different parts of a flower. Sponsored by Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library.

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Hula From the Heart

All Ages TUE. JUNE 30 | 1:30-2:30 P.M.

Join us for an interactive hula performance focused on storytelling through dance and sharing the Hawaiian culture. Learn a simple dance and chant along with basic Hawaiian words. IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM.

Sponsored by Lunch at the Library.

Summer Reading Challenge

Sponsors:



finisher books, performance



program supplies, performances



FRIENDS OF THE RIDGECREST BRANCH LIBRARY
program supplies, performances



RIDGE WRITERS
program supplies,
performance



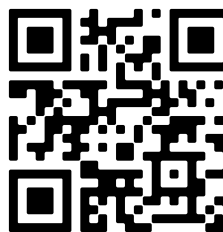
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free mini 1 topping pizza for all child
and teen finishers

CONVEYING AWARENESS
WITH JESSICA DAVID
bonus finisher gift cards



ROADRUNNER RIDGE
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
funds for bonus finisher gift cards

Ridgecrest Branch Library Amazon Wish List



Scan the QR code to see our needs for upcoming programs or branch items. Items are shipped to Bakersfield first before being delivered to our branch in our shipment.

We appreciate the generous donors who have already purchased items from our Wish List!

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!
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Fiber Art Friends (monthly)

Ages 16+ THU. JUNE 25 | 5:30-7:00 P.M.

Do you crochet, knit, macramé, embroider, cross stitch, needlepoint, hand sew, or hand quilt? Bring your fiber art project supplies and join us for some time to socialize while crafting.

Seed Bomb Making

Ages 3+ FRI. JUNE 26 | 1:30-3:00 P.M.

Make wildflower seed bombs to plant in your yard, garden, or in other areas. Please get permission before planting in an area that does not belong to you.

Junk Journal Decorating

Ages 16+ SAT. JUNE 27 | 1:30-3:00 P.M.

Decorate your junk journal with our supplies (newspapers, stickers, magazines, scrap paper, etc.). We have donated books to use as a journal.



Check Out Our Seed Library! If you are looking to start or add to a home garden, come and see what we have to offer. The seed envelopes are FREE!



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Summer Reading Challenge



Be a finisher



Read OR listen
10 books OR for 10 hours



Be a bonus finisher



Continue reading
OR listening to enter into
prize drawings

Ask library staff OR go to Beanstack to sign up or add the challenge
kernlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365 (There is a mobile app too!)



LUNCH FREE for 18 yrs
and under
— at the —
LIBRARY Adult lunch \$6 (exact change please)

Tuesdays through Fridays 11:30 am to 12:30 pm
6/2-7/10 except 6/19, 7/3

Books to Build Home Libraries, daily activities, prize drawings.
Indoor and outdoor seating. Lunches **MUST** be eaten on site.

Lunch Visitors

6/2: Waste Management
6/3, 6/10: Navy Federal
6/4: United Way Central Eastern CA
6/5, 6/12, 6/26, 7/3: Princesses from Sierra Academy of Dance
6/9: NAWS China Lake Environmental Management
6/11: Kern County Fire Station 84
6/16: Just Serve
6/17, 6/30: Cerro Coso Comm. College
6/18: TBD
6/23: Ridgecrest Police Department

6/24: TBD
6/25: Kern Family Health Care
Guest Readers/Leaders are Readers
6/3, 6/10: Navy Federal
6/4: United Way Central Eastern CA
6/5, 6/12, 6/26, 7/3: Princesses from Sierra Academy of Dance
6/9: Solomon Rajaratnam, vice mayor
6/11: Kern County Fire Station 84
6/16: Mario Ysit, Chief of Police
6/24: Sarah Dastrup, SSUSD
6/25: Rebecca McCourt, Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce

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Reading Dragons Kickoff

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

Reading Dragons returns with a NEW set of family cards to earn! If you choose hours you can do this and Summer Reading Challenge AT THE SAME TIME! Stop by to learn more. Details found in this brochure.

Life After Loss: Grief Support Group with River Sage Revival

Ages 13+ WEDNESDAYS | 5:30-6:30 P.M.

Weekly space for experiencing all forms of loss: death, relationships, identity, health, and major transitions (such as end of life or raising grandchildren) with clinicians from River Sage Revival.



Maturango Museum Docents Present: Desert Alive

Ages 3+ THU. JUNE 4 | 1:30-2:30 P.M.

Desert Alive presentation highlights local plants and animals and emphasize the adaptations that allow them to survive in the unique Upper Mojave Desert environment. Sponsored by Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library.



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Stop by one of these events today!

Crafternoon: Flowers

Ages 3+ TUE. JUNE 23 | 1:30-3:00 P.M.

Create a mini bouquet of flowers that will never die using paper, pipe cleaners, and other fun supplies.

Farm to Fable: Bee

Ages 3+ WED. JUNE 24 | 1:30-2:30 P.M.

Listen to some books about bees before doing some bee-related activities! One activity will be making a backyard bee water station (as supply lasts).

H.E.A.R.T.S. Connection Support Group (via ZOOM)

Ages 19+ WED. JUNE 24 | 3:00-4:00 P.M.

Caregivers of children with special needs learn about a topic of interest via Zoom. Contact us for the Zoom link.

VISITOR: High Desert Falconry

All Ages THU. JUNE 25 | 1:30-3:00 P.M.

Join us for an educational presentation to learn about the sport of falconry with a three bird presentation (featuring a peregrine falcon, Eurasian eagle owl, and Harris hawk) and a flight demo. IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM. Sponsored by Lunch at the Library.

RC Book Lovers (monthly)

Ages 19+ THU. JUNE 25 | 1:30-3:00 P.M.

We will be discussing Curiosity Killed the Cat Sitter by Blaze Clement. Ask library staff for a list of upcoming titles.

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Paper Game Races

Ages 6+ FRI. JUNE 19 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Who can find all the words or finish the paper maze first? We will offer a variety of mazes and word searches of different levels.

N.Y.M. (Not Your Mama's) Book Club

Ages 19+ SAT. JUNE 20 | 10:00-11:00 A.M.

Discuss a book chosen via Facebook poll (search "Not Your Mama's Book Club"). June's title is Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

Catch Up Crafts

Ages 3+ SAT. JUNE 20 | 12:00-1:00 P.M.
TUE. JUNE 30 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Did you miss one of the crafts we offered lately? Here's your chance to stop by to work on a craft that you may have missed! We usually offer a few choices, but feel free to ask about a specific craft that you are interested in, in case we still have supplies available for that craft.

Beaded Plant Project

Ages 13+ SAT. JUNE 20 | 1:30-3:30 P.M.

Bring your creativity to use beads and wires to make a small, beaded plant project that will fit in small spaces and best of all, never needs to be watered!

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Bubble Qigong

Ages 16+ THU. JUNE 4, 11, & 18 | 5:15-6:00 P.M.

Breathe, move, and center yourself with small, repetitive movements. Note: instructor is not certified to work with pregnant women.

Live Action Animal Crossing

Ages 3+ FRI. JUNE 5 | 1:30-3:00 P.M. & 3:00-4:30 P.M.

Complete some live action tasks inspired by Animal Crossing, such as fishing, digging for fossils, decorating a room, selling turnips to earn coins to "spend" in the store. Complete all activities on your passport to enter a prize drawing.

Lorcana Open Play Time

Ages 8+ SAT. JUNE 6 | 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Disney Illumineers should bring a Lorcana deck to play with other Illumineers. No official instruction to play or loaner decks available.

Chess Play & Learn

Ages 8+ SAT. JUNE 6 | 12:00-1:00 P.M.
SAT. JUNE 27 | 12:00-1:00 P.M.

Chess players or learners can stop by to play chess with others or learn how to play with volunteer Leland. Ideal for beginners.

Coloring & Cookies

Ages 3+ SAT. JUNE 6 | 1:00-2:30 P.M.

Stop by to enjoy a cookie while working on a variety of our coloring pages, with designs appropriate for toddlers through adults.

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PERFORMANCE: The Magic of Josiah

All Ages SAT. JUNE 6 | 3:00-3:45 P.M.

Join magician and illusionist Josiah Bunde as he returns this summer with another interactive show that fills the stage. Through skillful storytelling, powerful magic, and hilarious interactions with the audience, this magic show is sure to create unforgettable memories. IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM. Sponsored by Friends of the Kern County Library.



- * For ages 6 through adults (we have 1000 Books Before Kindergarten is for the 5 and under crowd)
- * New starter card pack available for summer 2026
- * 8 NEW family sets available
- * Reading Dragons is NOT on Beanstack for our branch
- * MUST show your tracker sheet to get cards
- * Read or listen for 30 minutes to earn a dragon family of cards featuring an egg, baby, teen, and adult dragon
- * Use the same books for Summer Reading Challenge AND Reading Dragons AT THE SAME TIME
- * Play games with the cards you earn



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Mini Live Action Animal Crossing

Ages 3+ TUE. JUNE 16 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Make a themed craft and complete some live action tasks inspired by the Animal Crossing game.

PERFORMANCE: Snakes on Sam

All Ages WED. JUNE 17 | 1:30-2:15 P.M. Session 1
WED. JUNE 17 | 2:30-3:15 P.M. Session 2

Sam presents two IDENTICAL 45 minute shows with 8 reptiles. Please do not attend both. Late arrivals for Session 1 can go to the Community Room for Build It Up while waiting. IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM. Sponsored by Lunch at the Library.

Build It Up

Ages 3+ WED. JUNE 17 | 1:30-2:15 P.M. Session 1
WED. JUNE 17 | 2:30-3:15 P.M. Session 2

Build with some of our building sets. We have magnet blocks, wood castle pieces, rods and balls, magnet cubes, and more!

Quick STEM Challenge: Tangrams

Ages 4+ WED. JUNE 17 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Try to create tangrams using the basic shapes. Different levels will be available. You can race to see who can complete the tangram first!

Zen Garden Making

Ages 3+ THU. JUNE 18 | 1:30-3:00 P.M.

Create a mini zen garden to enjoy making meditative patterns in the sand at home.

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Mason Jar Terrarium

Ages 13+ FRI. JUNE 12 | 1:30-3:00 P.M.

Teens and adults use fake materials (including plants and small figurines) to create a decorative mini terrarium in a mason jar.

Book Bingo (monthly)

Ages 3+ FRI. JUNE 12 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Bingo winners choose a book to build a home library or a small prize. We have book choices for babies through adults.

LEGO Challenge

Ages 3+ SAT. JUNE 13 | 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.
TUE. JUNE 23 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Stop by to try the day's LEGO Challenge or build anything you want instead. 6/13 Fruit 6/23 Flower

Teen/Adult Coloring Time

Ages 13+ SAT. JUNE 13 | 1:30-3:30 P.M.

Choose a coloring page and color your stress away.

Homeschool Hangout (monthly)

Ages 3+ TUE. JUNE 16 | 1:00-2:30 P.M.

Current or prospective homeschool families (using ANY program or curriculum) can network and/or discuss learning. There will be basic activities for kids to do while caregivers chat.

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All About Ravens (NAWS China Lake Environmental Mgmt)

Ages 3+ TUE. JUNE 9 | 1:30-2:30 P.M.

Explore and learn about ravens! Learn how humans live with ravens and how ravens interact with other animals and our environment. Attendees will work together to construct a life size raven nest.

Rock Painting

Ages 3+ WED. JUNE 10 | 1:30-3:00 P.M.
FRI. JUNE 26 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Express your creativity using rocks as your "canvas"! Rocks can be kept, given to someone, or left in a public place to be found.

Coffee Filter Flowers

Ages 3+ WED. JUNE 10 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Make some flowers that won't die or need water! The coffee filters need to dry before the flower can be made, so you may need to take home the pipe cleaner to finish up this project.

PERFORMANCE: David Cousin, Juggler

All Ages FRI. JUNE 12 | 10:30-11:15 A.M.

A family-friendly juggling show for audiences of all ages. Featuring impressive skill, creativity, playful humor, and science concepts, the performance is visually exciting from start to finish. Families will enjoy the precision, timing, and artistry that David Cousin brings. **IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM. Sponsored by Lunch at the Library.**

JUNE 2026

Adults (19+ yrs)



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Thursday
10 am to 7 pm**

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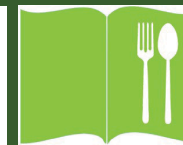
**Saturday
10 am to 4 pm**

* before we open to public; staff will let you in

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LUNCH
— at the —
LIBRARY

**TUE to
FRI**

Served 11:30 am-12:30 pm
Free to 18 and under
Adult \$6 (exact change please)