

Kids EVENTS GUIDE

Ridgecrest Branch Library

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hours

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| 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 Kids

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 Game with Fistful of Cards

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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Family Storytime

Ages 2-8 SAT. JUNE 27 | 10:30-11:00 A.M.

Children of all ages can enjoy some fun stories along with a shaker egg song and an action rhyme to continue building early literacy skills. The books listened to can be added to your Summer Reading Challenge log.

Build it Up

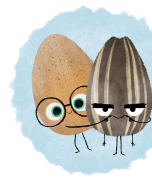
Ages 3+ SAT. JUNE 27 | 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

Stop by to build a tall tower (or anything else you want) with our building sets, including magnet cubes, magnet shapes, rods and balls, wood castle blocks, and more!

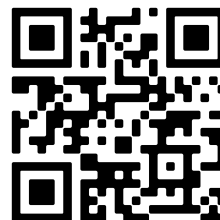
PERFORMANCE: Hula From the Heart

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.



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PLANT A SEED, READ



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 then delivered to our branch in our weekly shipments. We appreciate our generous donors who have already purchased items for us!

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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 ancient 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.

Sun Safety with Ridgecrest Regional Hospital

Ages 3+ THU. JUNE 25 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Learn about the sun along with some tips on things that you can do to stay safe in the summer sun with Sandra from Ridgecrest Regional Hospital Community Outreach. There will also be a related activity.

Seed Bomb Making

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

Stop by to make some wildflower seed bombs to take home. Wildflower seed bombs are a fun and easy way to plant wildflowers in your yard, garden, or in other areas. Please get permission before planting it in an area that does not belong to you.



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 6+ 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.

Family Storytime

Ages 2-8 THURSDAYS | 10:30-11:00 A.M.

Enjoy some fun stories, a shaker egg song, and action rhyme to continue building early literacy skills. Add the books to your summer reading log!

Maturango Museum Docents Present: Desert Alive

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

Learn about local plants and animals and emphasizes the adaptations that allow them to survive in the unique Upper Mojave Desert environment. Sponsored by Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library.

Farm Animal Puppets

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

Stop by to create farm animal puppets using paper bags to have a farm themed puppet show. (We will have this again in July with some different farm animals available.)

Live Action Animal Crossing

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

Stop by to do some live action tasks inspired by the Animal Crossing game, including 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.

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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.

Crafternoon: Flowers

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

Stop by to create a mini bouquet of some different flowers that you don't have to keep watered and will never die. You will be able to create unique and colorful flowers out of paper, pipe cleaners, and other fun supplies.

Farm to Fable: Bees

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

Join us to listen to some books about bees and then participate in some related, bee-themed activities! The books listened to can be added to your Summer Reading Challenge log.

DIY Farm

Ages 3+ WED. JUNE 24 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

What would your dream farm look like? Even though you may not have a farm in real life, you have a chance to design your own farm using a variety of fun, farm-related stickers.

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.

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Quick STEM Challenge: Tangrams

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

Try to create the tangrams using the basic shapes. Different levels will be available and people 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 your own mini zen garden to enjoy making meditative patterns in the sand at home. Note that this program involves sand.

Bring a Lunch & Listen to Books

Ages 6+ FRI. JUNE 19 | 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

Bring a lunch to enjoy while listening to books that can be added to your Summer Reading Challenge log. We will have Vox Books and will play Read Along video books available on Kanopy Kids if there is interest.

Sensory Bin Fun

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

Explore some different tactile experiences with a variety of sensory bins. Our sensory bins have small items as fillers, so we request that an adult stay with the children they bring to monitor so the sensory bin contents are not dumped out, mixed up, or eaten.

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 available.

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Lorcana Open Play Time

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

Disney Illumineers should bring a favorite Lorcana deck to play with other Illumineers. There will be no designated instructors to teach.

Chess Play & Learn

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

Chess players or learners can stop by to play chess with others or learn how the chess pieces move 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.

PERFORMANCE: The Magic of Josiah

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

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. IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM.
Sponsored by Friends of the Kern County Library.

All About Ravens w/NAWS China Lake Environmental Management

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

Explore and learn about ravens! You will learn how humans live with ravens and how ravens interact with other animals and our environment. Attendees will get an opportunity to work together to construct a life size raven nest using provided materials.

Summer Reading Challenge

Sponsors:



finisher books, performance



program supplies, performances



FRIENDS OF THE RIDGECREST BRANCH LIBRARY
program supplies, performances



PIZZA FACTORY RIDGECREST
free mini 1 topping pizza for all child and teen finishers



ROADRUNNER RIDGE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
funds for bonus finisher gift cards



RIDGE WRITERS
program supplies, performance

CONVEYING AWARENESS WITH JESSICA DAVID
bonus finisher gift cards



Reading Dragons Returns! (New cards!)



- * 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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Homeschool Hangout

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

Current or prospective homeschool families (using ANY program or curriculum) can stop by to network with other homeschool families, learn about the different homeschool options available, and/or discuss specific learning related topics. We offer a few different activities for the kids to do while socializing.

Mini Live Action Animal Crossing

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

If you missed the bigger Live Action Animal Crossing program earlier this month, stop by to work on an Animal Crossing inspired craft and do a couple of live action tasks inspired by the Animal Crossing game.

VISITOR: 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 (15 minute break to switch groups). Please do not stay for both. Some audience members will be able to feed some of the reptiles. 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

Families who arrive late for Snakes on Sam Session 1 can build with our magnet cubes, magnet shapes, rods and balls, wood castle blocks, and more while waiting for Snakes on Sam Session 2!

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PERFORMANCE: David Cousin, Juggler

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

A family-friendly juggling show that delights audiences of all ages with a mix of juggling techniques. 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 as David Cousin brings a dynamic, fun-filled juggling experience. IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM. Sponsored by Lunch at the Library.

Games for Kids

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

Kids will play Giant Connect 4, magnetic fishing, and other games without small pieces due to a teen/adult program happening in the Community Room. IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM.

Book Bingo (monthly)

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

Play bingo to win a book! Bingo winners can choose a book to build a home library or a small prize. (Limit 3 books per person.) We have a variety of levels of book choices available, from board books for little ones to books for adults. NOTE: We use magnetic bingo chips, which can be a choking hazard.

LEGO Challenge

Ages 6+ SAT. JUNE 13 | 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.
TUE. JUNE 23 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Lego lovers can stop by to try to complete the LEGO Challenge for the day or create anything else they want instead. 6/13: Fruit 6/23: Flower

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Quick STEM Challenge: Tower Building

Ages 3+ TUE. JUNE 9 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Try to build the tallest tower. We will keep track of heights to reveal the tallest tower using each building set available! IN THE MAKERSPACE

Rock Painting

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

Express yourself using rocks as your "canvas"! We will provide the rocks and paint while you provide the creativity! Rocks can be kept for yourself, given to someone specific, or left in a public place for someone else to find.

Coffee Filter Flowers

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

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

Fingerprint Art: Farm

Ages 3+ THU. JUNE 11 | 1:30-2:30 P.M.

Use fingerprints to create fruits, vegetables, flowers, farm animals, and more! We will have guides to follow or you can make your own fingerprint creations.

Farm to Fable: Chicken

Ages 3+ THU. JUNE 11 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Listen to some books about chickens then participate in related activities! The books listened to can be added to your Summer Reading Challenge log.

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JUNE 2026

Kids (6-12 yrs)



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**Sunday
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**Tuesday-
Thursday
10 am to 7 pm**

**Friday
10 am to 6 pm**

**Saturday
10 am to 4 pm**

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

| tuesday | wednesday | thursday | friday | saturday |
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| 30. 1:30-2:30pm Hula From the Heart 3:30-4:30pm Catch Up Crafts | <p>SUGGESTED AGES</p> <p>4+ yrs 6+ yrs 8+ yrs 2-8 yrs</p> | | | <p>Performance</p> <p>3+ yrs</p> |



LUNCH
— at the —
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**TUE to
FRI**

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

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