

Tween/Teen 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

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



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Events for Tweens & Teens

All events happen in Community Room unless noted

Tweens = 9-12 years Teens = 13-18 years

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.

Special Needs Teens & Caregivers Meet Up

Ages 13-18 TUE. JUNE 2 & 16 | 5:30-6:30 P.M.

Special needs teens and their caregivers (does not have to be a parent) can hang out and make new friends. We will have some different individual and group activity options available and open to suggestions.



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

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Seed Bomb Making

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

Make some wildflower seed bombs, 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.

Build It Up

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

Junk Journal Decorating

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

Join us to decorate your junk journal with our supplies (newspapers, stickers, magazines, scrap paper, etc.). We have some donated books to use as a journal. Feel free to bring your own "junk" and scraps for yourself or to share.

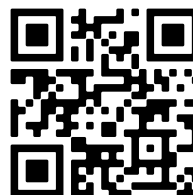
PERFORMANCE: Hula From the Heart

Ages 3+ 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.



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 and delivered to our branch in our weekly shipments. We appreciate the generous donors who have already purchased items from our Wish List!

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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! One activity will be making a backyard bee water station (as supply lasts). 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.

VISITOR: High Desert Falconry

Ages 3+ 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 some tips to stay safe in the summer sun with Sandra from Ridgecrest Regional Hospital Community Outreach.

Fiber Art Friends

Age 16+ THU. JUNE 25 | 5:00-7:00 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.

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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
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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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.

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.

Life After Loss: Grief Support Group with River Sage Revival

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

Weekly space for all forms of loss: death, relationships, identity, health, and major transitions. A clinician from River Sage Revival will help guide teens and adults using a weekly curriculum.



Maturango Museum Docents Present: Desert Alive

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

The Desert Alive presentation highlights local plants and animals with an emphasis on 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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Bring a Lunch & Listen to Books

Ages 3+ FRI. JUNE 19 | 11:30 A.M.-1 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.

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.

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!

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.

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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 (with a 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 building sets while waiting for Snakes on Sam Session 2!

Quick STEM Challenge: Tangrams

Ages 4+

WED. JUNE 17 | 3:30-4:30P.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.

Felt Succulent Making for Teens

Ages 13-18

THU. JUNE 18 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Teens will create a succulent plant that lives forever and never needs water.

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Farm Animal Puppets

Ages 3+

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

Make farm animal paper bag puppets to have a farm themed puppet show. (We will have this in July with some different farm animals available.)

Bubble Qigong

Ages 16+

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

Breathe, move, and center yourself with simple, repetitive motions. Note that the 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. There will be no official instruction on how to play or loaner decks available.

Chess Play & Learn

Ages 8+

SAT. JUNE 6 & 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.

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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 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 sure to create unforgettable memories. IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM. Sponsored by Friends of the Kern County Library.

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 using provided materials.

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

Teen Dungeons & Dragons

Ages 13-18 TUE. JUNE 9 | 4:00-6:00 P.M.

Teens can join our adventuring party to overcome challenges, make mischief, and complete quests using pre-made character sheets.

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.

Summer Reading Challenge

Sponsors:



finisher books, performance



program supplies, performances



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BRANCH LIBRARY
program supplies, performances



RIDGE WRITERS
program supplies,
performance



PIZZA FACTORY RIDGECREST
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



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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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 a variety of books, from board books for toddlers to books for adults.

LEGO Challenge (monthly)

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

Teen/Adult Coloring Time (monthly)

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

Teens and adults can color their stress away with a variety of coloring pages. Supplies are provided but you can bring your own.

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 with homeschool families, learn about options, and/or discuss learning. Activities for kids to do are provided.

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 do an Animal Crossing inspired craft and a couple of live action tasks inspired by the Animal Crossing game.

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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.

Fingerprint Art: Farm

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

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

Farm to Fable: Chicken

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

Join us to listen to books about chickens before participating in related activities! The books can be added to your Summer Reading Challenge log.

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.

Mason Jar Terrarium

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

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

JUNE 2026

Tweens (9-12 yrs) Teens (13-18 yrs)



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

tuesday

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1:30-3:00pm Sensory Bin Fun
3:30-4:30pm Paper Game Races

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saturday

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SUGGESTED AGES **Performance**

4+ yrs	6+ yrs	3+ yrs
8+ yrs	13+ yrs	16+ yrs
13-18 yrs		



LUNCH
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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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