

July 2026

Kids' EVENTS GUIDE

Baker Branch Library

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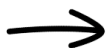
hours

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 KIDS

PLANT A SEED, READ
COLORING PAGE

TUESDAYS

YARN ART | JULY 7TH | 10AM - 11AM

Children are invited to a yarn-painting day! Kids will pour paint and pull yarn to create their own unique, colorful artwork.

BERRY BOOKMARKS | JULY 7TH | 12:30PM - 1:30PM

Use colorful fingerprints and thumbprints to create strawberries, blueberries, grapes, or other fruits.

PLANT PRINTS | JULY 14TH | 10AM - 11AM

Immortalize nature's beautiful and unique shapes and patterns in this craft. Children will use different leaves dipped in paint as stamps to create a unique piece of art.

MAKE A MUSHROOM CRAFT | JULY 21ST | 10AM - 11AM

Use all sorts of colors to make your very own mushroom! Look to real mushrooms for inspiration or be extra creative and make it all your own!

ROCK-O PAINTING | JULY 21ST | 12:30PM - 1:30PM

Ever wanted your own pet rock? Well, you can paint one! Anything can be a canvas, even a rock!

BIRD WATCH IN THE LIBRARY! | JULY 28TH | 10AM - 11AM

Tweet-Tweet. Learn about some of the birds that can be found in Kern County, then walk around on a bird-watching tour to look for their picture in the Library! Can you remember their names and calls?

SENSORY BOTTLES | JULY 28TH | 12:30PM - 1:30PM

Get hands-on with science at our Weird Science event! We'll be making Sensory bottles! You'll design your own colorful, calming bottles using water, oil, glitter, and other fun materials—then watch the magic happen as the contents swirl, float, and separate. Learn how density makes it all happen!





SPECIAL EVENTS

Summer Reading Challenge Finale!

Thursday, July 30th, 2026

Help us close out this year's Summer Reading Challenge by attending our Summer Reading Challenge Finale! Visit the Baker Branch Library to log your books and receive the prizes you have earned, donated by local businesses, organizations, and community members.

Thank you to everyone who participated and visited the library this summer! We also thank the donors and sponsors whose donations made this all possible. We have a fun-filled day planned for our Finale. Remember, come dressed in your favorite plant-inspired outfit, costume, or cosplay!

SCHEDULE:

Family Storytime + Craft
10AM - 11AM

Lunch at the Library
12PM - 1PM

Plant Spelling Bee
12PM - 1PM

Resource Fair/Face Painting and Balloon Animals
1:30PM-4PM

BC Jazz Ensemble
4:30PM - 6:30PM



EVENTS FOR KIDS

WEDNESDAYS

LITTLE SEEDLINGS | EVERY WED. | 12:30PM - 1:30PM

Every week learn about a new plant and plant your very own! Take it home and watch it grow. Be sure to let us know how it's doing! Materials will be provided.

ANIMAL SOUNDS GAME | JULY 1ST | 10AM - 11AM

Every week learn about a new plant and plant your very own! Take it home and watch it grow. Be sure to let us know how it's doing! Materials will be provided.

CHIRPS & PAINT | JULY 8TH | 10AM - 11AM

Children are encouraged to turn their handprints into vibrant, feathered birds. This delightful keepsake project sparks creativity while helping little hands grow stronger and more skillful.

PLANT TRIVIA | JULY 15TH | 10AM - 11AM

Think you're smart? Just how well did you pay attention to your science lesson? Compete in our Plant Trivia Game to find out!

PERLER BEAD INSECTS | JULY 22 | 10AM - 11AM

Children will explore a fun Perler Bead craft by designing insects. This activity encourages creativity, patterning, and fine motor skills as kids bring their fruity designs to life.

PAINTED WINGS | JULY 29 | 10AM - 11AM

Customize a wooden butterfly with paint and other aesthetic craft supplies.



HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

All Kern County branches will be closed Friday July 3rd & Saturday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

We will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, July 7th. We wish everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July!



EVENTS FOR KIDS

THURSDAYS

FAMILY STORYTIME + CRAFT | JULY 2ND, 9TH, 16TH, & 23RD @ 12:30PM - 1:30PM | JULY 30TH @ 10AM - 11AM

Join us for a storytime for the whole family and reach your SRC goal! Following the story we will make crafts based on the books we have read!

LEGO CHALLENGE | JULY 2ND | 10AM - 11AM

Flex your building skills and challenge yourself to make a plant-themed LEGO creation in this program!

BOOKWORM CRAFT | JULY 9TH | 10AM - 11AM

Create a funky little Bookworm who is reading in an apple. We'll have printed out pictures of book covers so it can read your favorite book!

MAGIC THE GATHERING 101 | JULY 9TH | 3PM - 4PM

We invite you to come join us and learn the basics of how to play 'Magic the Gathering'. Learn to sort your own cards, build your own deck, and, most importantly, play the game. First timers will get to keep the decks they build, while supplies last. Thank you to MagiKids for providing these resources!

MAKE YOUR OWN MENU | JULY 16TH | 10AM - 11AM

Kids will cut out pictures of foods and use their creativity to put together a delicious menu fit for any Michelin Star restaurant!

POPSICLE GARDENING | JULY 23RD | 10AM - 11AM

Using colorful popsicle sticks and egg cartons, children will go through the motions of tending to their own garden! They will harvest their crop while practicing their colors.

BINGO | JULY 23RD | 3PM - 4PM

Join us for Bingo at the library! Enjoy a fun-filled evening of interactive games and friendly competition.

PLANT SPELLING BEE | JULY 30TH | 12PM - 1PM

P-L-A-N-T spells...PLANT! Let's see how much your spelling has improved over the course of the Summer Reading Challenge. Test your skills in our plant-themed spelling bee!



SPECIAL EVENTS

**BAKERSFIELD FAIRYTALE FRIENDS |
FRIDAY, JULY 17TH @ 12PM-1PM**

Come meet and take pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Mouse during the Baker Branch' Library's "Lunch at the Library!"

**JUGGLER DAVID COUSIN |
SATURDAY, JULY 18TH
@ 1PM - 1:45PM**

A juggling show for all ages! Come join us for 45 minutes of juggling fun. This show will incorporate our Summer Reading Challenge theme "Plant A Seed: Read!"



**BC JAZZ ENSEMBLE |
THURSDAY, JULY 30TH
@ 4:30PM - 6:30PM**

The Bakersfield College Jazz Ensemble comes to the Baker Branch Library! Get ready to listen to 2 hours of jazz music played by a 4 piece group from our local college.



SPECIAL EVENTS

THE BAKER BRANCH LIBRARY TALENT SHOW THURSDAY, JULY 2ND @ 3PM-5PM

Show off your special talent to the community or simply enjoy local performances! To participate, please sign-up in-person or send us a Facebook message @BakerLibrary with your name and your act by July 1st. Drop-in acts may perform after the sign-up acts. We hope to see you there!

ASM AFFILIATES ARCHAEOLOGY ACTIVITY TABLE WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH @ 2PM - 6PM

Experience ASM Affiliates' Archaeology Activity Table! With different activities that give you a chance to see what archaeologists do, you even get to try some skills out for yourself!

GOLDEN MEADOW GOATS SATURDAY, JULY 11TH @ 1PM - 2PM

Join us at the library where Golden Meadow Goats will provide the opportunity for patrons to pet and hang out with dressed-up baby goats!



EVENTS FOR KIDS

FRIDAYS

PETALS OF ENCOURAGEMENT | JULY 10TH | 10AM - 11AM

Join us for a flower craft that will help children bloom with encouragement. During this craft, children will create flower petals with positive affirmations.

PLANT & FOLD | JULY 17TH | 10AM - 11AM

Children will create tiny paper seed boxes using traditional origami techniques. This nature-inspired craft invites children to explore critical thinking and encourages patience, focus, and creativity through the fun of hands-on folding and design.

BRUSHES & APRONS | JULY 17TH | 12:30PM - 1:30PM

In this program, children have the opportunity to design their own unique apron to take home, ready to wear for creative adventures at the library and at home.

COFFEE FILTER RAINBOW | JULY 24TH | 10AM - 11AM

Children will discover the magic of rainbows and bring their own vibrant creations to life with coffee filters.

CANVAS CREATIONS | JULY 24TH | 12:30PM - 1:30PM

Children can unleash their creativity by designing their own tote bags to take home, turning art into a fun way to inspire a love of reading.

LEGO CHALLENGE | JULY 31ST | 10AM - 11AM

Flex your building skills and challenge yourself to make a plant-themed LEGO creation in this program!

ZEN GARDEN | JULY 31ST | 12:30PM - 1:30PM

Zen Garden have a long history of helping people appreciate nature and meditate. Experience the calm that making one creates!

MOVIE NIGHT | JULY 31ST | 3:30PM - 6PM

Join us for a cozy movie night in the library!



SATURDAYS

PLANT FINGER PAINTING | JULY 11TH | 10:30AM - 11:30AM

Help your child create a beautiful finger-painted work of art inspired by plants.

LITTLE RAYS OF SUNSHINE | JULY 18TH | 10:30AM - 11:30AM

Children will transform simple materials into bright, cheerful masterpiece. As they paint, cut, and decorate, kids will strengthen their creativity and fine motor skills while having fun.

RECYCLING ART | JULY 25TH | 12PM - 1PM

Learn about the importance of recycling by making a one-of-a-kind work of art out of paper scraps, cardboard, and other material.

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tuesday



7. Yarn Art
10AM-11AM
Lunch at the Library
12PM-1PM
Berry Bookmarks
12:30PM-1:30PM
Books in Motion: I Got the School Spirit 2PM

14.
Plant Prints
10AM-11AM
Books in Motion: The Little Mermaid 11AM
Lunch at the Library
12PM-1PM

21.
Make a Mushroom Craft
10AM-11AM
Lunch at the Library
12PM-1PM
Rock-O Painting
12:30PM-1:30PM

28.
Bird Watch at the Library!
10AM-11AM
Lunch at the Library
12PM-1PM
Weird Science: Sensory Bottles
12:30PM-1:30PM

wednesday

1.
Animal Sounds Game
10AM-11AM
Lunch at the Library
12PM-1PM
Little Seedlings
12:30PM-1:30PM

8. Chirps & Prints
10AM-11AM
Lunch at the Library
12PM-1PM
Little Seedlings
12:30PM-1:30PM
ASM Affiliates Archaeology Table 2PM-6PM

15.
Plant Trivia
10AM-11AM
Lunch at the Library
12PM-1PM
Little Seedlings
12:30PM-1:30PM

22.
Perler Bead Insects
10AM-11AM
Lunch at the Library
12PM-1PM
Little Seedlings
12:30PM-1:30PM

29.
Painted Wings
10AM-11AM
Lunch at the Library
12PM-1PM
Little Seedlings
12:30PM-1:30PM

thursday

2. LEGO Challenge
10AM-11AM
Lunch at the Library
12PM-1PM
Family Storytime + Craft
12:30PM-1:30PM
Talent Show
3PM-5PM

9. Bookworm Craft
10AM-11AM
Lunch at the Library
12PM-1PM
Family Storytime + Craft
12:30PM-1:30PM
Magic the Gathering 101
3PM-4PM

16.
Make Your Own Menu!
10AM-11AM
Lunch at the Library
12PM-1PM
Family Storytime + Craft
12:30PM-1:30PM

23. Popsicle Gardening
10AM-11AM
Lunch at the Library
12PM-1PM
Family Storytime + Craft
12:30PM-1:30PM
Bingo
3PM-4PM

30. Family Storytime + Craft
10AM-11AM
Lunch at the Library
12PM-1PM
Plant Spelling Bee
12PM-1PM
Resource Fair 1:30PM-4PM
BC Jazz 4:30PM-6:30PM

friday



LIBRARY IS CLOSED

10.
Petals of Encouragement
10AM-11AM
Lunch at the Library
12PM-1PM
Books in Motion: Sleeping Beauty 12PM

17. Plant & Fold
10AM-11AM
Lunch at the Library
12PM-1PM
Brushes & Aprons
12:30PM-1:30PM
Bakersfield Fairytale Friends
12PM-1PM

24.
Coffee Filter Rainbows
10AM-11AM
Lunch at the Library
12PM-1PM
Canvas Creations
12:30PM-1:30PM

31. LEGO Challenge
10AM-11AM
Lunch at the Library
12PM-1PM
Zen Garden
12:30PM-1:30PM
Movie Night
3:30PM-6PM

saturday



INDEPENDENCE DAY-
LIBRARY IS CLOSED

11.
Plant Finger Painting
10:30AM-11:30AM
Lunch at the Library
12PM-1PM
Golden Meadow Goats
1PM-2PM

18.
Little Rays of Sunshine
10:30AM-11:30AM
Lunch at the Library
12PM-1PM
Juggler David Cousin
1PM-1:45PM

25.
Books in Motion: I Am Enough 10:30AM
Lunch at the Library
12PM-1PM
Recycling Art
12PM-1PM

Branch Hours:

Tue.-Thurs. 10am-7pm

Fri. 10am-6pm

Sat. 10am-4pm

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