

Adults' EVENTS GUIDE

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Hours

Monday - Thursday
Friday
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10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Events for Adults



Chair Exercises with the Independent Living Center of Kern County

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 | 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Join the us for chair exercises. Chair exercises are a safe and effective way for people of all ages and fitness levels, especially seniors or those with mobility limitations, to improve strength, flexibility, and balance.



Clase de Inglés Para Principiantes

MONDAYS | 5-6 P.M.

Learn the basics of the English language (for Spanish speakers).

Seniors' Guide to Gadgets



MONDAYS & TUESDAYS | 2:00-4:00 P.M.

A personalized program that empowers senior citizens to confidently navigate the digital world. One-on-one, 30-minute sessions offer tailored support to enhance technical skills in a friendly environment.



Baby Cafe

TUESDAYS | 11:30-1:30 P.M.

Free, professional help with breastfeeding, pumping, and bottle feeding.



Free Legal Help

TUESDAYS | 5:30-6:30 P.M.

One-on-one free legal help with Victor Vevea and the Law offices of Roger Lampkin.



Junk Journaling

MONDAY, JULY 27 | 4-5 P.M.

Using stickers, glue, magazines, markers, pens, and other scrap book items to create unique pages in a journal.

Fourth of July



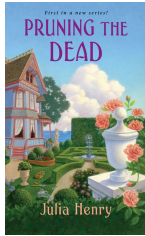
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Read w/ Us Staff Picks

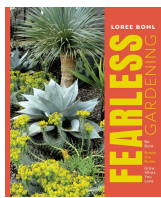
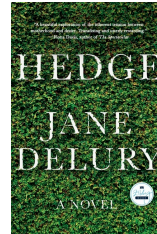


Pruning the Dead by Julia Henry

A gardener must clear the names of her friends after they are accused of murdering a woman everyone disliked.

Hedge : A Novel by Jane Delury

Maud, a garden historian and devoted mother, takes a summer job restoring a nineteenth-century Hudson Valley estate. When she befriends fellow historian and archaeologist Gabriel Crews, their connection sets off a chain of events that will forever change her life and those around her.

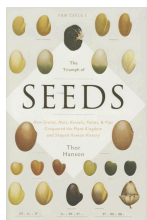


Fearless Gardening : Be Bold, Break the Rules, and Grow What You Love by Loree Bohl

There is no right way to garden. Create a garden you love. Explore the possibilities. Expand your options with containers. Grow the unexpected. Hardy plant choices & fool-the-eye alternatives. Inspiring garden profiles.

Gardening for Everyone : Growing Vegetables, Herbs, and More at Home by Julia Watkins

A guide to creating and growing a backyard garden simply and sustainably--from planning to planting to harvest, with profiles of essential vegetables and herbs, ecological tips, and fun and creative projects.



The Triumph of Seeds by Thor Hanson

As seen on PBS's American Spring LIVE, the award-winning author of Buzz and Feathers presents a natural and human history of seeds, the marvels of the plant kingdom.

Events for Adults



WHERE LEADERS ARE MADE

Toastmasters Public Speaking Workshop

WEDNESDAYS | 11:30-12:30 P.M.

Toastmasters representatives provide a fun, safe, supportive environment for library patrons to practice public speaking skills.

Craft & Chat

WEDNESDAYS | 5:00-6:00 P.M.

Join us for a fun crafts and good convo here at the library!

July 1: Painting w/ Paper

July 8: Color Your Garden: Watercolor Season for Planting

July 15: Watercolor Bouquet

July 22: Color Your Garden: Watercolor Season for Gardening

July 29: Painted Acorns



Citizenship Study Group

WEDNESDAYS (MIERCOLES) | 5:30-6:30 P.M.

En este programa para hispanohablantes practicamos materia relevante al examen de naturalización, incluyendo conversación básica en inglés y las 100 preguntas de educación cívica.



Volunteer Orientation

THURSDAY, JULY 2 | 3:30 - 4:30 P.M.

Join us for an orientation if you are interested in volunteering at Beale !



Game Knight Guild

THURSDAY, JULY 9 | 5:30-7:00 P.M.

Come learn a new board/card game each month with Drake. We will be getting together to experience new and exciting games as well as great classics such as Munchkin, Killer Bunnies and more!



KCL Digital Resource Spotlight: Gardening Tips

THURSDAY, JULY 23 | 5:30-7:00 P.M.

Learn about how our digital database can help you improve or start you own at home garden. Bring your laptop or tablet and we'll handle the rest. Free seeds to attendees while supplies last!



Events for Adults



Overeaters Anonymous

FRIDAYS | 10:00-11:00 A.M.

A supportive, non-judgmental community for individuals who struggle with compulsive eating behaviors, including overeating, binge eating, anorexia, and bulimia.



Cherokee Community of Central California Meeting

SATURDAY, JULY 11 | 10:30-1:00 P.M.

The Cherokee Community of Central California (CCCC) is a community of Cherokees and of other people who are interested in Cherokee culture, heritage, tradition and fellowship.

Dungeons & Dragons

SATURDAY, JULY 11 & 25 | 1:00-3:00 P.M.

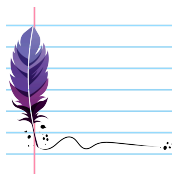
Join us for Dungeons and Dragons! A collaborative tabletop RPG where you create characters and embark on epic adventures guided by a Dungeon Master. Let's roll!



Creative Writing

FRIDAY, JULY 17 & 31 | 4:30-5:30 P.M.

An opportunity for writers of all backgrounds to generate ideas creativity in an informal setting. There will be time to write and discuss ideas.



Drop-Pin Sewing Studio

THURSDAY, JULY 23 | 5:00-6:00 P.M.

Socialize and exchange ideas with others in the sewing community. We'll have sewing machines available but you will need to bring their own materials. We hope to see you there!



Grow Your Own Garden: Master Gardener Program

SATURDAY, JULY 25 | 10:00-12:00 P.M.

We're helping you turn a little bit of soil into something amazing! Be it fresh food, beautiful plants, and a space you're proud of, with simple, hands-on guidance, you'll gain the confidence to grow your own garden and actually enjoy the process.



Read w/ Us Staff Picks



The Wings That Bind by Briar Boleyn

In the third installment of the Bloodwing Academy series, the academy faces growing turmoil following the tragic events of the previous year. As tensions rise within Bloodwing Academy and a new headmaster takes control, the characters must navigate loyalty, betrayal, and the consequences of powerful magical bonds.

The Lost Flowers of Alice Hart by Holly Ringland

After her family suffers a tragedy, nine-year-old Alice Hart is forced to leave her seaside home. She is taken in by her grandmother, June, a flower farmer who raises Alice on the language of Australian native flowers. In her twenties, Alice's life is thrown into upheaval again, forcing her to flee to the Australian desert. Alice thinks she has found solace, until she meets a charismatic and ultimately dangerous man.

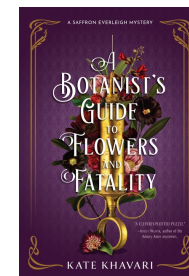


Make Believe: On Telling Stories to Children by Mac Barnett

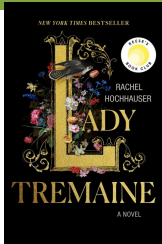
In *Make Believe*, bestselling children's author Mac Barnett explores the power of children's literature, arguing that books for young readers are a meaningful art form that deserve serious attention. With humor and insight, he celebrates storytelling, imagination, and the importance of reading for pleasure, especially during a time of declining literacy.

A Botanist's Guide to Flowers and Fatality by Kate Khavari

Saffron embarks on her first research study alongside the insufferably charming Dr. Michael Lee, traveling the countryside with him in response to reports of poisonings. But when Detective Inspector Green is given a case with a set of unusual clues, he asks for Saffron's assistance. The victims, all women, received bouquets filled with poisonous flowers.



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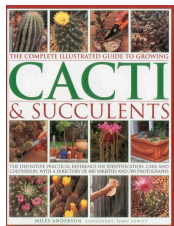
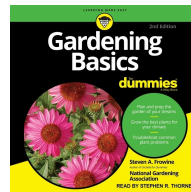


Lady Tremaine by Rachel Hochhauser

Meet Lady Tremaine in this spellbinding reimagining of Cinderella, as told by its iconic "evil" stepmother, revealing a propulsive love story about the lengths a mother will go for her children.

Gardening Basics by Steven A. Frowine

Gardening can help you relax, spark your imagination, and even provide a source of home-grown food. This new edition of Gardening Basics For Dummies is your guide as you discover your green thumb, no matter where you live or how much space you have! From growing the picture-perfect lawn to landscaping masterpieces fit for a palace, this book explains it all.

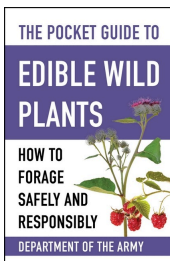


The Complete Guide to Growing Cacti & Succulents by Miles Anderson

The purpose of this book is to help you enjoy and care for your plants, whether you are growing them for their flowers or just to delight in their bizarre forms.

Kin by Tayari Jones

An unforgettable novel about two lifelong friends whose worlds converge after many years apart in the face of a devastating tragedy. The novel explores themes of motherhood, friendship, identity, and the social complexities of womanhood in the American South.



The Pocket Guide to Edible Wild Plants : How to Forage Safely and Responsibly by The United States Department of the Army

When survival is the chief objective, often plants are one's best (and only) source of nutrition and medicine. The proper identification of these plants can mean the difference between survival and death.

Local History presents



Spies, Allies & Everyday Patriots: Hidden Heroes of the American Revolution

SATURDAY, JULY 25 | 11:00 A.M.

Discover the hidden heroes who helped shape America's fight for independence through courage, sacrifice, and service in this engaging presentation with Kristen Blackburn-Kaufman of the Bakersfield Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.

Revolutionary Skits, Songs & Short Plays

SATURDAY, JULY 25 | 12:00P.M.

Celebrate the 250th anniversary of America with family-friendly skits, songs, and short plays inspired by the people, events, and ideals of the American Revolution. Presented by the Betsy Ross Society of the Children of the American Revolution.



Kern County Library's 250th Celebration Concert

FRIDAY, JULY 31 | 2:00 P.M.-3:30 P.M.

Celebrate America's 250th anniversary with patriotic music performed by the Bakersfield Symphony Quartet and Bakersfield College Chamber Singers. The concert also features a historic flag ceremony and a reading of the Declaration of Independence by the Kern Chapter Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard.

Program Highlight

Game Knight Guild



"I created Game Knight Guild to offer a space for those who wanted to play casual games and meet new friends in the process. I enjoy DnD, but not everyone is into something as complex, so every other week I bring a new game to teach the group, and we spend the rest of the time playing the game and having a blast. The best part is learning about new games from attendees. My "to be played" list is growing pretty long. Newbies are encouraged to attend. If you love card games, board games, or even video games, then you should definitely join the Guild!"

-Drake, Librarian

JULY 2026

wednesday

thursday

friday

saturday

1. 10:30 Chair Exercises
11:30 Toastmasters
12:00 Vet Connect
5:00 Craft and Chat: Painting w/ Paper
5:30 Citizenship Study Group

2. 3:30 Volunteer Orientation



3. Closed




4. HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!



monday


tuesday

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5:00 Clase de Inglés Para Principiantes

7. 11:30 Baby Cafe
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5:30 Free Legal Help

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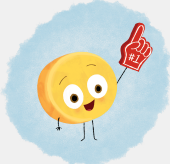
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17. 10:00 Overeaters Anonymous
4:30 Creative Writing



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