

July 2026

Kids' EVENTS GUIDE

Kern River Valley Branch Library

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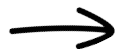
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hours

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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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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STORYTIMES



BRIGHT START

TUESDAYS | 10:30AM

This fun and engaging early learning program begins with storytime and continues with hands-on activities that build fine motor skills and support early literacy, math, and social development through play-based learning. Geared toward ages 0-5.

FAMILY STORYTIME

FRIDAYS | 4:30 PM (EXCEPT JULY 3RD)

Family Storytime is a welcoming program where children and their families come together to enjoy stories, songs, and shared moments. Designed for all ages, it features engaging read-alouds and interactive activities that spark imagination and encourage a love of reading. This special time helps build early literacy skills while creating meaningful opportunities for families to connect, learn, and have fun together in a relaxed, cozy setting.

BOOK CLUBS

TWEEN BOOK CLUB

TUESDAY | JULY 28TH | 4:00PM

Love reading? Come hang out with fellow book lovers at our tween book club! We'll dive into awesome stories, talk about favorite characters, share what we think, and maybe even play a few book-themed games along the way. It's a great place to make new friends, discover new books, and have fun expressing your ideas. Perfect for readers ages 10-12.



1000 BOOKS before kindergarten



A Literacy Program for Pre-Readers

The Kern County Library is excited to offer a fun, easy, and FREE program that promotes reading to newborns, infants, and toddlers. We encourage parents to bond with their children through reading. Our goal is to help parents understand the importance of literacy even before children can read. Reading to young children gives them the confidence necessary to become strong readers in the future.

Join our reading challenge by registering for the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten early literacy program online at Beanstack.com, or visit any branch for a paper log and start tracking the books you read together!

Any time your child reads a book – or you read a book to them – log it online or on the paper log. We encourage re-reading your child's favorite book because each reading of the book counts. If you read "I Love Trucks!" four times, log that as four books.





Research shows that spending time in the outdoors is associated with better mental and physical health, and that many Californians face barriers to accessing their parks. California has a wealth of state parks, and many public libraries are likely within driving distance of one. By reducing barriers to park access and partnering with entities such as public libraries, the state can help more Californians explore the outdoors and generate positive impacts in the area of health, natural resource stewardship, and historical and cultural connections.

The First Partner's Office, CA State Parks, and the California State Library are partnering to provide free vehicle day-use entry passes to over 200 participating California parks operated by State Parks available for library card holders to checkout from their local library.

The California State Library Parks Pass is valid for entry of:

- One passenger vehicle with capacity of nine people or less (or one highway licensed motorcycle.)
- Covers Day Use fees and Parking fees ONLY
- Valid any day of the week, including holidays, if space is available. Pass does not guarantee parking space.
- Does NOT cover other fees such as Camping, Tour Fees, Boat Launch, etc.

Account must be in good standing for checkout to occur. Only one pass per library card. Checkout period is up to TWO (2) weeks and there are NO renewals. This pass is not valid at units operated by federal or local government, private agencies or concessionaires.

For more information, please visit CheckOutCAStateParks.com.

SPRINKLE CREATIVITY

CRAFTERNOON

WEDNESDAYS | 2:00PM

A fun, hands-on program where kids can unleash their creativity through painting, drawing, and crafting. Each session encourages self-expression and imagination, helping young artists explore and develop their artistic skills in a supportive environment.

July 1st - 4th of July Flag
July 8th - Wooden Sailboats
July 15th - Glow in the Dark Art
July 22nd - Make a Puzzle
July 29th - Sand Art



GARDEN THEMED PUPPETS

TUESDAY | JULY 14TH | 4:30PM

Bring the garden to life with creativity! Children will make puppets inspired by flowers, vegetables, and garden creatures using paper, sticks, and craft materials. Afterward, they can put on their own mini puppet show, combining imagination, storytelling, and hands-on fun!

SEED ART PRINTS

TUESDAY | JULY 21ST | 4:30PM

Get creative with nature! Children will use seeds to make textured prints and patterns on paper or clay. This hands-on activity combines art, science, and sensory exploration, letting kids explore shapes, textures, and colors while celebrating the beauty of seeds.



LUNCH AT THE LIBRARY

FREE Summer Lunch for children Ages 2–18
12PM–1PM Tuesday to Saturday in partnership with Kern High School District

In addition to FREE nutritious meals, join us for fun lunch activities:

CELEBRATE AMERICA: 250TH BIRTHDAY

WEDNESDAY | JULY 1ST | 1:00PM

Join us for a fun, hands-on celebration of America's 250th birthday! Kids will enjoy patriotic crafts, games, and activities while learning about the nation's history and symbols.

LITTLE SEEDLING

THURSDAY | JULY 2ND | 12:30PM

WEDNESDAY | JULY 15TH | 12:30PM

FRIDAY | JULY 31ST | 12:30PM

TUESDAY | JULY 7TH | 12:30PM

SATURDAY | JULY 25TH | 12:30PM

Little Seedlings is a fun and interactive library program where children explore nature, gardening, and the world around them through stories and hands-on activities. Children will plant their own seeds, learn how plants grow, and discover how to care for them.

CRAFT CLUB

SATURDAY | JULY 11TH | 11:30AM

A fun and creative club where kids explore art through hands-on activities like painting, drawing, and crafts.

REPTILE RON

SATURDAY | JULY 18TH | 1:00PM

Get up close with amazing reptiles as Reptile Ron brings his scaly friends to the library! Learn fascinating facts, see incredible creatures, and enjoy a hands-on experience you won't forget.

READERS ARE LEADERS

Join us at 12:30 on the dates below for Readers are Leaders, featuring a special guest reader from our community. Local leaders will share their inspiring stories and read a meaningful book, connecting reading to leadership and personal growth.

Wednesday, July 22nd - Amanda Raymond, Pregnancy Resource Center

Thursday, July 23rd - Larry McCurtain, Kern County Undersheriff

Friday, July 24th - Supervisor Phillip Peters

Wednesday, July 29th - Ada Harpster, Kern Family Health Care

WINDWOLVES

TUESDAY | JULY 28TH | 1:00PM

Our friends from The Wildlands Conservancy will share information and resources for families. Come learn about the preserve and the animals/plants found there.

LEARN AND EXPLORE

SLIME LAB

THURSDAY | JULY 2ND | 4:30PM

Get ready for a gooey good time at our slime-making program! Kids will explore simple science while creating their own colorful, stretchy slime to take home. Let them get messy here and keep your home furniture nice and clean!

FUTURE ENGINEERS

THURSDAY | JULY 9TH | 4:30PM

Calling all young inventors! Children will explore engineering through hands-on building activities, using blocks, gears, and other materials to design, construct, and problem-solve. This program encourages creativity, critical thinking, and teamwork while inspiring the engineers of tomorrow.

STEM: AIR PRESSURE

THURSDAY | JULY 16TH | 4:30PM

Explore the science of air! Kids will conduct hands-on experiments to see how air pressure works, from lifting objects to crushing cans with air. This interactive STEM program encourages curiosity, observation, and problem-solving while making science fun and memorable.

FAMILY TABLETOP GAMING

THURSDAY | JULY 23RD | 4:30PM

Bring the whole family for an afternoon of fun, games, and building memories! Enjoy tabletop board games and cooperative challenges suitable for all ages. Connect, laugh, and create lasting family memories together in a friendly, welcoming environment.

MOBILE HEALTH UNIT

TUESDAY | JULY 14TH | 11:00AM-3:00PM

FRIDAY | JULY 17TH | 11:00AM-3:00PM

The Clinica Sierra Vista Mobile Health Unit will be here to provide families with the opportunity to receive health screenings and/or immunizations in a convenient, community-based setting. This effort supports improved access to care and promotes overall health and wellness.

PAINTED ROCK GARDEN

WEDNESDAY | JULY 8TH | 12:30PM

Get creative and colorful! Children will paint rocks as flowers, garden creatures, or fun designs and arrange them into a mini garden display to take home. A hands-on craft that combines art, imagination, and a love of nature!

FINGERPRINT GARDEN

THURSDAY | JULY 9TH | 12:30PM

Get hands-on and creative! Children will use their fingertips with ink pads to make flowers, vegetables, and garden creatures. They can turn each fingerprint into a blooming garden scene, adding stems, leaves, or other details with markers. A fun, tactile activity that combines art, imagination, and a love of nature!

COLLABORATIVE SAND ART

FRIDAY | JULY 10TH | 12:30PM

Create something beautiful together! In this hands-on activity, children will use sand, small rakes, and natural materials to design patterns, shapes, and textures in a shared sand tray. By working together, participants will build a unique piece of sand art, encouraging creativity, teamwork, and mindful play.

A VISIT WITH SEARCH & RESCUE

TUESDAY | JULY 14TH | 12:30PM

Join us for an exciting and educational program with your local Search and Rescue (SAR) team! Participants will get an up-close look at the tools, techniques, and training used by SAR professionals to keep our community safe. Learn how rescues are planned, what equipment is used, and tips for staying safe in the outdoors.

GRAHAM CRACKER FLOWER BOXES

FRIDAY | JULY 17TH | 1:00PM

Get creative and sweeten your day! Participants will build colorful flower boxes using graham crackers, frosting, and candy decorations. A fun, hands-on activity perfect for all ages—crafty, tasty, and full of smiles!

A VISIT WITH KERN COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

TUESDAY | JULY 21ST | 12:30PM

Meet the heroes of the Kern County Fire Department! Explore fire trucks, learn about firefighting equipment, and learn important fire safety tips. This interactive visit is fun for all ages and gives a behind-the-scenes look at how firefighters protect our community.



OMNIPRESENT PUPPET THEATER

SATURDAY | JULY 11TH | 2:00PM

Join us for a special hands-on puppet crafting activity with Omnipresent! Afterwards join us for a special presentation of "Jack and the Beanstalk"! Enjoy the classic story of a young boy who trades his cow for "magic" beans that change his family's lives—presented with Omnipresent's trademark humor and fun for all ages.

MAGIC OF NAPOLEON

THURSDAY | JULY 30TH | 3:00PM

This fun-filled show is packed with magical tricks that will make you say, "Wow!" Napoleon will make objects disappear, change colors, and even float in mid-air! There will be exciting moments where you might get to help with a trick, so get ready for some surprises! Everyone will leave with big smiles and maybe even a little magic of their own.



Plant a Seed, Read this summer is a fun and inspiring reading challenge that encourages readers of all ages to nurture both their minds and imagination. Just like a seed grows with care, each book you read helps your knowledge and creativity blossom. Just read 10 books or read for 10 hours to complete the challenge.

Join us throughout June & July as we celebrate reading with themed books, activities, and opportunities to track your progress. Whether you're planting real seeds or simply growing your love for stories, this challenge is the perfect way to learn, explore, and grow all summer long!

JULY 2026

Kern River Valley Branch Library Calendar of Events

Branch Hours:

Tue.-Thurs. 10am - 7pm

Fri. 10am - 6pm

Sat. 10am - 4pm

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wednesday

1.

Lunch - 12-1pm
Celebrate America - 1:00pm
Crafternoon - 2:00pm

thursday

2.

Lunch - 12-1pm
Little Seedling - 12:30pm
Slime Lab - 4:30pm

friday

3.

CLOSED
Independence Day Holiday

saturday

4.

CLOSED
Independence Day Holiday

tuesday

7.

Bright Start - 10:30am
Lunch - 12-1pm
Little Seedling - 12:30pm

8.

Lunch - 12-1pm
Painted Rock Garden -
12:30pm
Crafternoon - 2:00pm

9.

Lunch - 12-1pm
Fingerprint Garden -
12:30pm
Future Engineers - 4:30pm

10.

Lunch - 12-1pm
Collaborative Sand Art -
12:30pm
Family Storytime -
4:30pm

11.

Craft Club - 11:30am
Lunch - 12-1pm
Omnipresent - 2:00pm

14.

Bright Start 10:30am
Lunch - 12-1pm
Search & Rescue - 12:30pm
Garden Puppets - 4:30pm

15.

Lunch - 12-1pm
Little Seedling - 12:30pm
Crafternoon - 2:00pm

16.

Lunch - 12-1pm
STEM: Air Pressure -
4:30pm

17.

Lunch - 12-1pm
Graham Cracker Flower
Boxes - 1:00pm
Family Storytime - 4:30pm

18.

Lunch - 12-1pm
Reptile Ron - 1:00pm

21.

Bright Start - 10:30am
Lunch - 12-1pm
Kern County Fire - 12:30pm
Seed Art Prints - 4:30pm

22.

Lunch - 12-1pm
Pregnancy Resource
Center - 12:30pm
Crafternoon - 2:00pm

23.

Lunch - 12-1pm
Undersheriff - 12:30pm
Family Tabletop - 4:30pm

24.

Lunch - 12-1pm
Supervisor Peters - 12:30pm
Family Storytime - 4:30pm

25.

Lunch - 12-1pm
Little Seedling - 12:30pm

28.

Bright Start - 10:30am
Lunch - 12-1pm
Windwolves - 1:00pm
Tween Book Club - 4:00pm

29.

Lunch - 12-1pm
Kern Family Health -
12:30pm
Crafternoon - 2:00pm

30.

Lunch - 12-1pm
Magic Napoleon - 3:00pm

31.

Lunch - 12-1pm
Little Seedling - 12:30pm
Family Storytime - 4:30pm



*Plant a Seed, Read
Planta una semilla, Lee*