

Adults' EVENTS GUIDE

Southwest Branch Library



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Hours

Monday - 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.

Support our Programs!



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For more event information, visit our website - www.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.

Adult Events

Ages 18+

Paint Night

Thursday, July 2nd | 5:30pm-6:30pm | Community Room

Enjoy an evening of painting at the library! From apprentices to masters, practitioners of every level of artistic expression are welcome!

Family Silent Game Night

Tuesday, July 7th | 4:00pm-5:00pm | Library Center

In Family Silent Game Night, people can learn to use sign language and communication boards to play games!

Ages 18+

Plant Bingo

Thursday, July 9th | 5:30pm-6:30 pm - Library Center

Join us for some Bingo, and maybe win a plant while you're at it!

Ages 60+

CSUB 60+ Club

Tuesday, July 14th | 2:00pm-3pm | Community Room

Unwind with paper crafts! Perfect for seniors who want to explore their artistic side, this program is an excellent way to stay active, social, and connected through the art of paper crafting.

Ages 18+

Plant Propagation Day

Tuesday, July 14th | 5:30pm-6:30pm | Community Room

Come to take and share some new plants for your home and garden!

Do you have any plant cuttings you would like to share and exchange with other library patrons? We encourage you to bring your plant cuttings for exchanging and to learn about propagating different plants.

Library Resources



Kanopy



Cloudlibrary



Palace Project



Libby

PLANT A SEED, READ





The Friends of the Southwest Branch Library is part of the Kern County Library, Inc. A non-profit organization that supports the goal of excellent library service and resources for all the people of Kern County. With used book and magazine sales and through other activities, the Friends of the Southwest Branch Library helps endorse programs, the purchase of library materials, funds for the Summer Reading Program, and more. Get into contact with your Library Friends group at your Southwest Branch Library!

Located on the second floor at the Southwest Branch Library.



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.

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.



Adult Events



Ages 18+ Trivia and Mocktails

Thursday, July 16th | 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Community Room

It's an epic contest to see who knows the most about the mundane! Join us for a fun night of trivia and non-alcoholic drinks!



Ages 18+ Edible Garden Tour @ CSU Bakersfield

Saturday, July 18th | 8:00am-9:00am - CSUB Edible Garden

Meet at: **9001 Stockdale Hwy, Bakersfield, CA 93311**

Meet us at CSU Bakersfield for a tour of their Edible Garden! See what a working garden plot looks like, and learn about steps you can take to create your own backyard garden!

Ages 18+ Knit With Us

Saturday, July 18th | 10:00am-12:00pm | Community Room

Knitters of all levels, join this social knitting community to exchange ideas and get help from others. Bring your own yarn, knitting needles, and imagination!

Ages 18+ Board Games

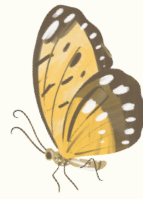
Monday, July 20th | 4:00pm-5pm:00pm | Library Center

Game night at the library is filled with fun board games for all ages. From Monopoly to chess, to Pokemon there's a game for everyone and every level of experience. Bring your friends and family and enjoy a fun evening of action packed games.





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Ages 18+ Hand Sewing Club

Wednesday, July 22nd | 5:00pm-6:30pm | Community Room

Join our Hand Sewing Club at the Library. Whether you're a beginner or experienced, this club is the perfect space to learn the art of hand sewing.



Ages 18+ Propagating Plants: How To Start Your Own Backyard Vegetable Garden

Thursday, July 23rd | 5:30pm-6:30pm | Community Room

Join us for an informative presentation by Joel Kirksey, Coordinator for the Edible Garden at CSU Bakersfield, on how to start your own backyard vegetable garden!

Ages 18+ Junk Journaling

Wednesday, July 29th | 5:30pm-6:30pm | Community Room

Join us for an evening of relaxation at the library, where we will enjoy creating art together by archiving nostalgic memories in personalized journals!

Ages 18+ Game Night - Magic: The Gathering

Thursday, July 30th | 5:30pm-6:30 | Community Room

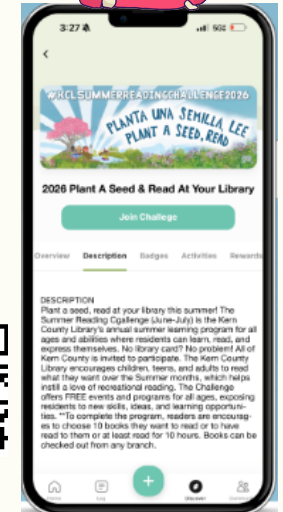
Join us for a fun evening of playing this popular tabletop card game!



Beanstack



Use Beanstack to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge and track reading online or with the mobile app. Earn digital badges, record reading sessions, and manage family accounts easily with Beanstack!



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Plant A Seed, Read: Join
the Summer Reading Challenge



Take the Challenge and Join the Fun!

This Summer, spend time exploring books, history, social justice, and STEAM through books and creative activities. At the Kern County Library, we encourage you to be creative, try new things, explore art, and find beauty in diversity.

Who's Invited:

Everyone, ages 0-110.



Books That Count:

Read books, eBooks, graphic novels, magazines, or listen to audiobooks.

Visit our eLibrary to check out eBooks and eAudiobooks.



How To Participate:

Participants can log books, hours, and activities online by registering at Beanstack or by completing the paper log

Print from home or stop by any Kern County Library offering services to pick up your reading log.

Awards & Prizes:

Readers receive (while supplies last):

A **FREE** book from the Friends of the Kern County Library, Inc.

A **FREE** bookmark, and digital badges when you log online.

(*while supplies last)



Happy Fourth of July!

All Kern County Library branches will be closed Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. Branches will reopen Monday, July 6, and resume normal business hours. We wish everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July!

Southwest Branch Library - Adult Events



Branch Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 10am-7pm
Fri. 10am-6pm
Sat. 10am-4pm

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