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Adults' EVENTS GUIDE

Beale Memorial Library



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Events for Adults



Summer Reading Rush

MONDAY, JUNE 1 | 10:00-12:00 P.M.

Plant a seed, read! Kick off the summer at the library with a rush of fun! Explore stations hosted by library staff and community partners where you can get sneak peeks of upcoming programs, try out activities, and discover all the fun events happening at the library this summer. Sign up for the challenge and start your summer of reading with us!



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.



Clase de Inglés Para Principiantes

MONDAYS | 5-6 P.M.

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

Ukulele Club

MONDAY, JUNE 15 | 5:00-6:45 P.M.

Join members of the community to share and learn how to play the ukulele!

Junk Journaling

MONDAY, JUNE 29 | 4:00-5:00 P.M.

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



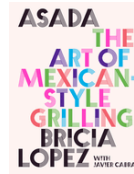
Baby Cafe

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

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



Read w/ Us Staff Picks



Asada : the art of Mexican-style grilling by Bricia Lopez

Mexican food authorities and the authors of Oaxaca, Bricia Lopez and Javier Cabral, are back with more than 100 recipes that show you how to prepare the right dishes and drinks for your next carne asada gathering. Asada will both guide you in crafting mouthwatering food and inspire the right laidback atmosphere.

Hazelthorn by C.G. Drews

After his reclusive guardian's death, Evander inherits the eerie Hazelthorn estate--along with its deadly secrets and a garden that won't stay buried. Forced to trust Laurie, the grandson who once tried to kill him, Evander races to uncover the truth before the garden--and the familys past--consume them both.

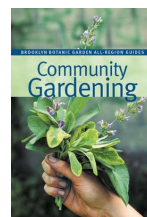


Bonded by thorns: beasts of the briar book 1 by Elizabeth Helen

A steamy adult Beauty and the Beast retelling set in a fantasy fae realm. In this version, our beautiful bookworm doesn't have to choose between the four sexy fae princes. It is a full-length novel that ends on a cliffhanger.

As long as the lemon trees grow by Zoulfa Katouh

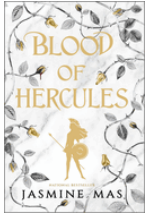
Eighteen-year-old Salama Kassab, a pharmacy student volunteering at the hospital in Homs, is desperate to find passage on a refugee boat for herself and her pregnant best friend, but first she must learn to see the events around her for what they are--not a war, but a revolution.



Community gardening by Ellen Kirby

A guide to community gardening uses case studies to show how it produces safe, eco-friendly food, brings neighbors together, offers science lessons for children, and gives participants the satisfaction that comes with making things grow.

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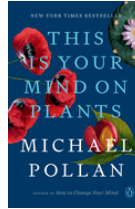


Blood of Hercules by Jasmine Mas

I'm just a girl. And it turns out, I'm Hercules. Forced to attend the Spartan War Academy, I undergo the most harrowing test of all time to see if I have what it takes to be an immortal. They have no clue just who they're messing with.

This is your mind on plants by Michael Pollan

An exploration into the powerful human attraction to psychoactive plants -- and the equally powerful taboos. Of all the things humans rely on plants for--sustenance, beauty, fragrance, flavor, fiber--surely the most curious is our use of them is to change consciousness: to stimulate or calm, fiddle with or completely alter, the qualities of our mental experience.



The drunken botanist by Amy Stewart

Amy Stewart explores the dizzying array of herbs, flowers, trees, fruits, and fungi that humans have, through ingenuity, inspiration, and sheer desperation, contrived to transform into alcohol over the centuries.

Urban foraging : find, gather, and cook 50 wild plants by Lisa M. Rose

This handy guide explains how to identify and where to find 50 plants that grow across the temperate US; accompanying simple recipes help prepare wild feasts



Perihelion summer by Greg Egan

Taraxippus is coming: a black hole one tenth the mass of the sun is about to enter the solar system. As it draws nearer, new observations throw the original predictions for its trajectory into doubt, and by the time it leaves the solar system, the conditions of life across the globe will be changed forever.

Events for Adults



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.



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.



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.



Craft & Chat

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

Join us for a fun crafts and good convo here at the library!
June 3: Upcycled Flower Garland
June 10: Color Your Garden: Watercolor Season of Growth
June 17: Foil Embossing
June 24: Color Your Garden: Watercolor Season for Rising



Chair Exercises with the Independent Living Center of Kern County

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3 | 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.

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Veterans Connect @ Beale Memorial Library

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3 | 12:00-4:00 P.M.

Meet with a Vet Center representative to get information on insurance benefits, health and wellness services, community support groups, financial assistance, and education, vocational & job training assistance



Volunteer Orientation

THURSDAY, JUNE 4 | 3:30 - 4:30 P.M.

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



Seeds of Knowledge Film Series

THURSDAY, JUNE 4 & 18 | 5:00- 7:00 P.M.

Grow your knowledge this summer with a curated selection of documentaries exploring seeds, gardening, farming, and food. Each screening offers a relaxed, welcoming space to learn, connect with your community, and unwind with complimentary tea and light snacks. Let each film plant new ideas that grow long after the credits roll!



NAMI Family Support Group

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10 | 5:00-6:00 P.M.

Do you have a family member that deals with mental health challenges? Join our monthly meetings where families, significant others, and caregivers help one another by sharing their collective lived experiences and learned wisdom to achieve a renewed sense of hope for their loved ones living with mental health challenges.

Peer-to-Peer Networking with the Independent Living Center of Kern County

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17 | 2:00-3:00 P.M.

Join us for peer-to-peer networking facilitated by the Independent Living Center of Kern County. This is a great opportunity to connect with others in a safe and welcoming environment!



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A steamy adult Beauty and the Beast retelling set in a fantasy fae realm. In this version, our beautiful bookworm doesn't have to choose between the four sexy fae princes. It is a full-length novel that ends on a cliffhanger.

Planta sapiens : the new science of plant intelligence by Paco Calvo

Decades of research document plants' impressive abilities: they communicate with one another, manipulate other species, and move in sophisticated ways. Lesser known, however, is the new evidence that plants may actually be sentient. They can learn and remember, possessing an intelligence that allows them to behave in adaptive, flexible, anticipatory, and goal-directed ways.

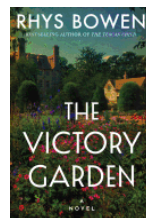


Summer romance by Annabel Monaghan

Ali Morris is a professional organizer whose own life is a mess. Her mom died two years ago, then her husband left, and she hasn't worn pants with a zipper in longer than she cares to remember. The last thing newly single mom Ali needs is to make her life messier, but there's no harm in a little summer romance. Is there?

This poison heart by Kalynn Bayron

Teenaged Briseis, who possesses a supernatural power over plants, including poisonous ones, inherits a dilapidated estate in rural New York and must protect herself and her family from centuries-old secrets that threaten their lives.



The victory garden by Rhys Bowen

Determined to contribute to the war effort, Emily Bryce volunteers as a "land girl," tending to the neglected grounds of a large Devonshire estate. Emily learns more about the volatile power of healing with herbs, bringing her to the brink of disaster, but also to the path of her destiny.

Events for Adults



Cherokee Community of Central California Meeting

SATURDAY, JUNE 6 | 10:00-2:00 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, JUNE 13 & 27 | 1:00-3:00 P.M.

Join us for Dungeons and Dragons! D&D is collaborative tabletop RPG where you create characters and embark on epic adventures guided by a Dungeon Master. Engage in storytelling, strategy, and dice-based combat where your choices shape the narrative. Let's roll!

Grow Your Own Garden: Master Gardener Program



SATURDAY, JUNE 20 | 10:00-11:00 A.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.

Program Highlight

Hello!

Clase de Inglés Para Principiantes

When people first come to the Beginning English program, I find that they usually come with some knowledge of the English language. I find that what they really need is the confidence to practice it around others. With the Beginning English program at Beale Memorial Library, we provide a space for people to learn English and to practice without judgement. Our program takes place once a week, but we do our best to connect folks to other resources in the community, as well as library materials so they can increase their confidence as they learn another language.

- Zuri, Library Associate

Events for Adults



Creative Writing

FRIDAY, JUNE 5 & 19 | 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.



Game Knight Guild

THURSDAY, JUNE 11 | 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!

Drop-pin Sewing Studio



THURSDAY, JUNE 18 | 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!

KCL Resource Spotlight: Recipe Journaling



THURSDAY, JUNE 25 | 5:30-7:00 P.M.

Adults! Come and create your own Digital Recipe Scrapbook/Journal with us. Bring your family recipes that you always wanted to save and your devices (phone, tablet, laptop) and we'll help you create something special.

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.

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