

August 2026

Beale Memorial Library

Kids' EVENTS GUIDE

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.

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Storytimes

Summer Reading Recap

Baby Bounce

Ages 0-2

MONDAY, AUG. 3 & 17 | 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Rhymes, songs, bounces and books just right for your little one! Build a foundation for lifelong reading and learning with this engaging Storytime.

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3-6

EVERY TUESDAY | 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Music, movement, visual literacy and language development in a fun Storytime that teaches social skills.

Weekly Themes: Kailan Carr, Ballons, Alphabet Letters, Dogs

Toddler Time

Ages 2-4

THURSDAY, AUG. 6, 13, & 27 | 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Enjoy songs, stories, and movement that will build early childhood skills.

Weekly Themes: Ocean Animals, Music & Dance, Rainbows

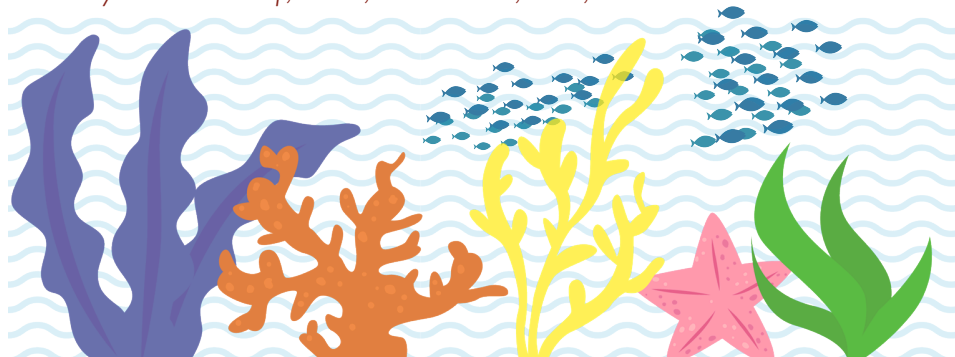
Family Storytime

Ages 6-11

EVERY SATURDAY | 1:00 - 2:00 P.M.

Bring the entire family to this age-inclusive Storytime full of stories, songs, and movement.

Weekly Themes: Friendship, Science, Back-to-School, Planes, Color Yellow



Crafting Literacy Club



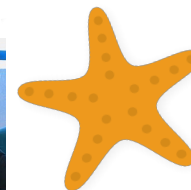
Barks & Books



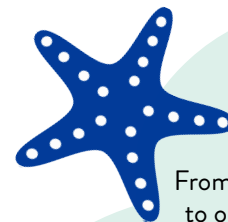
Windwolves Preserve



Chapter Chompers



Redeem your Summer Reading Challenge rewards by August 15th.



Support our Special Programs!

From art supplies, toys, and everyday essentials, your gift will help bring joy to our community and make our programs brighter and more creative for kids and families.

Scan the QR code to visit our Amazon Wishlist and see how you can donate.



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

Special Events

BOOKS *IN* MOTION®
DANCE + LITERACY



Books in Motion

Ages 6-12

SATURDAY, AUG. 1
12 - 1 P.M.
AUDITORIUM

Books in Motion brings stories to life through movement, using dance to support literacy goals and reading comprehension while encouraging healthy, active learning. Join us for an engaging performance, a mini-dance lesson, and a craft session, plus an opportunity to take home a book.

Under the Sea Sensory Extravaganza



THURSDAY, AUG. 20
10:00 - 12:00 P.M.
LITTLE LEARNERS ROOM

Ages 0-5

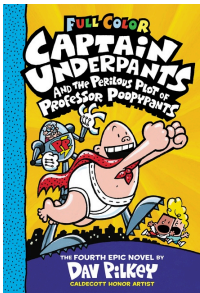
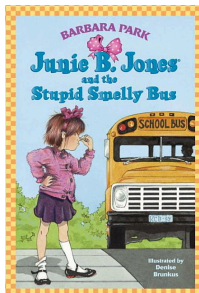
Little ones can explore hands on sensory stations, including a Jell-O sensory bin, a pirate plank balancing game, ocean-themed crafts, and more! It's a fun-filled adventure designed to encourage play, exploration, and creativity!

Guess My Book! Club

Ages 7-12

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 26 | 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.
1st FLOOR LAKE ROOM

Calling all book detectives! Read a book before the meeting and come ready to trick your friends with a clue-filled drawing. Can they guess your book before you reveal it? We'll solve the mysteries together and turn everyone's artwork into a colorful community art display.



Guest Readers



Preschool Storytime with Kailan Carr

TUESDAY, AUG. 4
10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

Ages 2-5

LITTLE LEARNERS ROOM

You can meet, local author, Kailan Carr once a month at the library during Preschool Storytime. She will read a book with us and bring her screen-free play resources.



Time to Sign with NAMI

MONDAY, AUG. 31
10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

Ages 2-6

LITTLE LEARNERS ROOM

Come to the library and join NAMI Kern (National Alliance on Mental Illness) to learn American Sign Language in a Storytime format.

Offsite

5351 Olive Dr. Suite 200
Bakersfield, CA 93308



Storytimes @ CAPK WIC

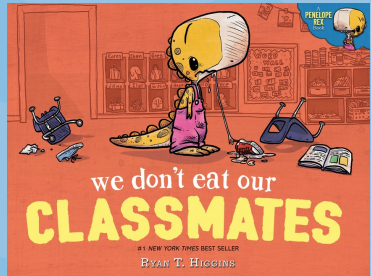
WEDNESDAY, AUG. 12
10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
CAPK WIC OFFICE

Ages 0-12

Join us offsite at the CAPK WIC office for storytime for kids of all ages. Read stories with us, sing songs, and do a craft that you can take home! Everything that you know and love from storytimes at the library at the CAPK WIC office!

Staff Picks

Looking for a great read-aloud or a new favorite story? These are just a few beloved stories hand-selected by our staff.

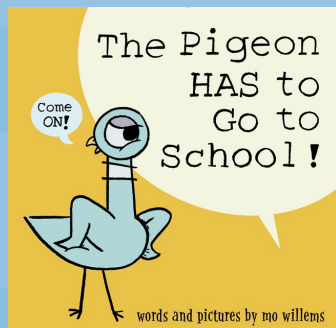
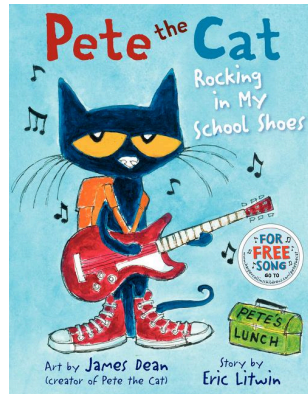


We Don't Eat Our Classmates Written and Illustrated by Ryan Higgins

It's the first day of school for Penelope Rex, and she can't wait to meet her classmates. But it's hard to make human friends when they're so darn delicious! That is, until Penelope gets a taste of her own medicine and finds she may not be at the top of the food chain after all. . . .

Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes Written by Eric Litwin Illustrated by James Dean

Pete discovers the library, the lunch room, the playground, and lots of other cool places at school. And no matter where he goes, Pete never stops moving and grooving and singing his song...because it's all good.



The Pigeon has to Go to School Written and Illustrated by Mo Willems

The pigeon must go to school, but frets about math, learning the alphabet, heavy backpacks, and what the teacher and other birds will think of him.

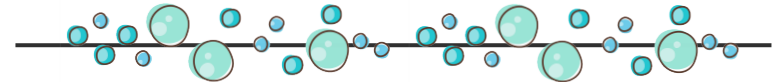


Kids Get Crafty

Ages 6-12

EVERY THURSDAY | 4 - 5 P.M.
MIDDLES' ROOM

Work on a new craft or art project every week. All materials will be provided.

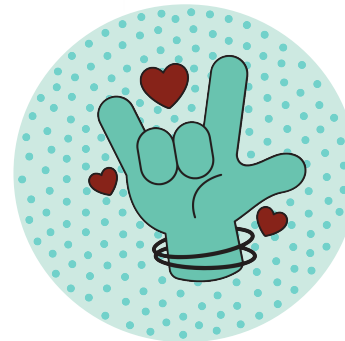
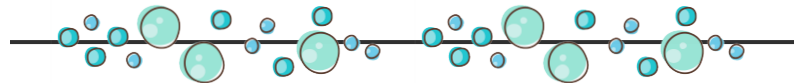


Audiobooks + Art

Ages 6-12

FRIDAY, AUG. 7, 14 & 28 | 4 - 5 P.M.
MIDDLES' ROOM

During this program we will listen to an audiobook that you can access with a library card and we'll work on a project at the same time.



Sign Language with Lisa

Ages 6-12

FRIDAY, AUG. 21 | 4 - 5 P.M.
MIDDLES' ROOM

Lisa, our volunteer Sign Language instructor, will teach you some basic Sign Language signs by using books, activity sheets, and more!

After School Programs



Middles' Makerspace Ages 6-12

MONDAY, AUG. 3, 17 & 31 | 3:30 - 5:30 P.M.
MIDDLES' ROOM

Create, build, and explore at our Middle's Makerspace! With a variety of materials and supplies to choose from, kids can let their imaginations run wild and make whatever they dream up. The only limit is your creativity!



Family Bingo Ages 6-12

MONDAY, AUG. 10 & 24 | 4 - 5 P.M.
MIDDLES ROOM

Join us at the library for a fun game of bingo! Grab a card and if you get five across in any direction, you will get to take home a small prize!



LEGO Maniacs Ages 2-12

EVERY TUESDAY | 4 - 5 P.M.
MIDDLES ROOM

Come to the library and build your own LEGO creation and put it on display for all to see.



Crafting Literacy Club

Ages 7-12

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 12 | 4 - 5 P.M.
AUDITORIUM

To improve literacy and social-emotional learning, we will read a book together and create a craft inspired by the story.

Early Learner Mornings



Little Letter Lessons

Ages 0-5

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19 | 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.
LITTLE LEARNERS ROOM

Join us for a letter lesson where we'll practice letter sounds with songs, books, and play-based learning activities. This month's letter is 'L'.



Wonder Tots

Ages 0-5

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 12 & 26 | 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.
LITTLE LEARNERS ROOM

A STEAM program for ages 0-5 that focuses on exploration, play, sensory discovery, and language development. At this stage, children learn best through hands-on experiences, movement, repetition, and guided curiosity.



Mini Makers

Ages 0-5

FRIDAY, AUG. 14 & 28 | 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.
LITTLE LEARNERS ROOM

Join us for a new program for early learners where we combine process art and literacy. Process art fosters many foundational skills that support early literacy, including fine motor coordination, symbolic thinking, expressive language, and narrative structure. It's an authentic, joyful way for toddlers to build the tools they'll later use to read and write.

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saturday

1.
12pm - Books in Motion:
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1pm - Family Storytime:
Friendship

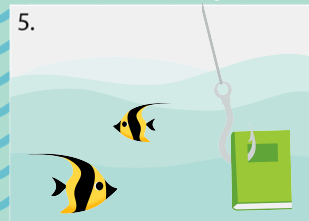
monday

3.
10:30am - Baby Bounce
3:30pm - Middles
Makerspace

tuesday

4.
10:30am - Preschool
Storytime w/ Kailan Carr
4pm - Lego Maniacs

wednesday



thursday

6.
10:30am - Toddler Time:
Ocean Animals
4pm - Kids Get Crafty

friday

7.
4pm - Audiobooks & Art

8.
1pm - Family Storytime:
Science

10.
4pm - Family Bingo

11.
10:30am - Preschool
Storytime: Balloons
4pm - Lego Maniacs

12.
10:30am - Wonder Tots
4pm - Crafting Literacy
Club

13.
10:30am - Toddler Time:
Music & Dance
4pm - Kids Get Crafty

14.
10:30am - Mini Makers
4pm - Audiobooks & Art

15.
1pm - Family Storytime:
Back-to-School

17.
10:30am - Baby Bounce
3:30pm - Middles
Makerspace

18.
10:30am - Preschool
Storytime: Alphabet
Letters
4pm - Lego Maniacs

19.
10:30am - Little Letter
Lessons: LI

20.
10am - Under the Sea
Sensory Extravaganza
4pm - Kids Get Crafty

21.
4pm - Sign Language
w/ Lisa

22.
1pm - Family Storytime:
Planes

24.
4pm - Family Bingo

25.
10:30am - Preschool
Storytime: Dogs
4pm - Lego Maniacs

26.
10:30am - Wonder Tots
4pm - Guess My Book!
Club

27.
10:30am - Toddler Time:
Rainbows
4pm - Kids Get Crafty

28.
10:30am - Mini Makers
4pm - Audiobooks & Art

29.
1pm - Family Storytime:
Color Yellow

31.
10:30am -Time to Sign w/
NAMI
3:30pm - Middles
Makerspace

 Ages 0-5

 Ages 6-12

 Ages 2-18