

August 2026

Kids EVENTS GUIDE

Ridgecrest Branch Library

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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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Events for Kids

Events happen in the Community Room unless noted

LEGO Challenge

Ages 6+

SAT. AUG 1 | 10:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
FRI. AUG 7 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.
TUE. AUG 18 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.
THU. AUG 20 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Stop by to try the LEGO Challenge for the day or build anything you want instead.
8/1 School, 8/7 Animal, 8/18 Food, 8/20 Vehicle

Chess Play & Learn

Ages 8+

SAT. AUG 1 & 15 | 12:00-1:00 P.M.

Our friend Leland will be here to play chess or teach people how to play. We will have additional chess boards available for others to play.

Unplugged Game Time

Ages 3+

TUE. AUG 4 | 12:00-3:30 P.M.
SAT. AUG 22 | 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.
TUE. AUG 25 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Stop by to play any of our games for ages 3 and up. We have a variety of games like the classics (Jenga, Candyland, Chutes & Ladders, chess) to newer games (Shark Bite, Kollide, Uzzle). You can also bring a game from home.

Pokémon Play and Trade with Fistful of Cards (monthly)

Ages 6+

TUE. AUG 4 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Bring your 60-card deck or use one of our loaner decks to play or learn. A volunteer from Fistful of Cards will be available to teach people how to play. Trade at your risk, as we will not monitor trading.

Back to School Crafts

Ages 6+

WED. AUG 5 | 1:00-4:30 P.M.

Stop by and make some things that will be useful as you start a new school year! We will have supplies to make duct tape pouches to keep things organized and a few different styles of keychain charms to decorate your backpack.

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Sun Safety for Kids with Ridgecrest Regional Hospital

Ages 3+

WED. AUG 26 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Kids will learn some important sun safety tips to help them stay cool in this still hot weather from Sandra. Afterwards, there will be a sun visor making craft and some possible other surprises.

Cookie Decorating

Ages 3+

THU. AUG 27 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Stop by to decorate a delicious cookie! We will have some frosting and several kinds of sprinkles to choose from to customize your yummy treat.

Comic Books + Crafts

Ages 6+

FRI. AUG 28 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

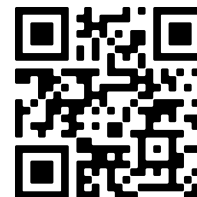
Stop by to read comic books and/or work on some related crafts, like making your own comic book and crafts related to comic book superhero or villain characters.



What was your favorite book
from this summer?

What are you reading (or
listening to) now OR next?

Amazon Wish List



Scan the QR code to see our upcoming programs or branch needs. Items are shipped to Bakersfield then delivered to our branch in our weekly shipments. We truly appreciate the generous donors who have already purchased items for us!

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Fair Still Exhibits Open Art Lab: Collage, Mixed Media, Model Magic, Painting

Ages 6+

FRI. AUG 14 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.
SAT. AUG 29 | 12:30-3:30 P.M.

Attend the Open Art Lab to create a collage, mixed media, Model Magic, or painted project that can be entered in the still exhibits area for the Desert Empire Fair in October. We will have entry forms but will not be responsible for entering any project.

Seed Bingo

Ages 6+

SAT. AUG 15 | 1:30-2:30 P.M.

Bingo winners can choose up to 3 packets of seeds for themselves or for someone else. NOTE: We use magnetic bingo chips which can be a potential choking hazard.

Homeschool Hangout (monthly)

Ages 3+

TUE. AUG 18 | 12:30-2:00 P.M.

Families using any curriculum to homeschool can attend to network with other homeschool families and discuss learning. Stop by to learn about homeschool options. Basic activities will be offered for kids to socialize while caregivers chat.

Crafternoon: Paper Airplanes

Ages 6+

WED. AUG 19 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

In celebration of National Aviation Day, kids will fold some paper airplanes using either templates or instructions. After their paper airplane is created, they can see how far their paper airplane can fly and attempt some accuracy challenges.

Book Bingo (monthly)

Ages 3+

FRI. AUG 21 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Bingo winners can choose a book to build a home library or a small prize. We have book choices for babies through adults. NOTE: We use magnetic bingo chips which can be a potential choking hazard.

For more event information, visit our website - kclevnts.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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Back to School Cookies

Ages 3+

THU. AUG 6 | 3:30-5:00 P.M.

Stop by and enjoy a cookie to celebrate the start of a new school year, whether you are starting preschool, elementary, middle school, high school, homeschool, online school, or community college! Cookies available while supply lasts.

Crafternoon: International Cat Day

Ages 3+

SAT. AUG 8 | 11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

Stop by to work on some cat themed crafts to celebrate International Cat Day! We will have a few different options to choose from, so you can do one or all of the cat crafts.

Photo Storytelling with Phodeobug

Ages 8+

SAT. AUG 8 | 1:00-3:00 P.M.

Josh, the photographer behind the lens at Phodeobug Photography will share photos as well as their stories. Landscapes, wildlife, the night sky and more!

Quick STEM Challenge: Tower Building

Ages 6+

TUE. AUG 11 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Stop by to try to build the tallest tower you can using only the items/materials provided to you for the challenge. IN THE MAKERSPACE.

Beyond the Book

Ages 3+

WED. AUG 12 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Listen to some beach themed picture books while working on some beach themed crafts or activities. You can also collect a themed button (as supply lasts)!

Let's Celebrate: International Left Handers Day

Ages 3+

THU. AUG 13 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Left handers, this is your time to shine! Stop by to celebrate International Left Handers Day by doing some activities with your left hand. Take on our left handed challenges, whether you are lefthanded or not!

Kids (6-12 yrs)

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**RIDGECREST
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HOURS**

**Sunday
CLOSED
Monday
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**Tuesday-Thursday
10 am to 7 pm**

**Friday
10 am to 6 pm**

**Saturday
10 am to 4 pm**

tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
4. 12:00-3:00 pm Unplugged Game Time 3:30-4:30 pm Pokémon Play & Learn with Fistful of Cards	5. 1:00-4:30 pm Back to School Crafts	6. 3:30-4:30 pm Back to School Cookies	7. 3:30-5:30pm LEGO Challenge: Animal	1. 10:30 am-12:30 pm LEGO Challenge: School 12:00-1:00 pm Chess Play & Learn
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25. 3:30-5:30 pm Unplugged Game Time	26. 3:30-4:30 pm Sun Safety with Ridgecrest Regional Hospital	27. 3:30-4:30 pm Cookie Decorating	28. 3:30-5:30 pm Comic Books + Crafts	22. 10:30-11:00 am Family Storytime 11:00 am-1:00 pm Unplugged Game Time
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SUGGESTED AGES:

2-8 yrs

3+ yrs

6+ yrs

8+ yrs

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