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Saturday	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM



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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.
At times, programs may be rescheduled or canceled without advance notice.



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On Going Children's Booksale

All Children Books for only \$0.25

Book donations welcomed!

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JULY 2026

Kids' EVENT GUIDE

RATHBUN BRANCH LIBRARY



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Summer Reading Challenge

TAKE THE CHALLENGE AND JOIN THE FUN!

Read 10 books or Read for 10 hours to receive a FREE book from the Friends of the Library, Inc. and other prizes, while supplies last! Everyone, ages 0-110, is invited to participate



BOOKS THAT COUNT

Books, Graphic Novels, Magazines, Audiobooks, eBooks and even Storytimes!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Participants can log books, hours, and activities online by registering at --> **Beanstack** or stop by the branch to pick up a paper log!

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LUNCH at the LIBRARY

Tuesday - Saturday

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Ages 2-18 Years

In partnership with the Kern High School District, the Rathbun Branch Library is offering FREE lunches for kids ages 2-18 in June and July. Join us for a free meal and fun activities all summer long!

Don't forget to pick out a FREE book during Lunch at the Library to help build your home library!



BOOKS IN MOTION[®] DANCE + LITERACY

For All Ages!



Experience your favorite children's stories in a whole new way as talented dancers from across Kern County bring beloved books to life through music, movement, and imagination!

- Friday, July 10 @3:00pm

Spotlight Dance Academy brings *Bluey: Bob Bilby* to life through dance.

- Thursday, July 23 @4:00pm

McLaughlin Dance Collective presents a dance performance inspired by *If I Ran Your School*.

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY

All Kern County Library Branches will be closed Friday, July 3rd & Saturday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. Rathbun Branch Library will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, July 7th. We wish everyone a safe and Happy Fourth of July!

HAPPY
FOURTH
OF JULY!



Thursday

Family Storytime

Thursday: July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th
11:00am -12:00pm

Come join us for some exciting stories and a fun craft!



Movie Magic

Thursday: July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th
12:00pm -1:00pm

Join us for cool movies on hot days! Enjoy family-friendly films and fun all summer long.



Totally fun Thursdys

Thursday: July 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 30th
1:30pm -2:30pm

Join us for a fun and surprising activity or craft during Totally Fun Thursdays!

Friday

Crafternoon

Friday: July 17th & 24th
1:30pm -2:30pm

Come and be a part of kids' Crafternoon every Friday. Bring your imagination - We'll provide the rest!



Saturday

Lunchtime Bingo

Saturday: July 11th, 18th, & 25th
12:00pm -1:00pm

Join us for a fun-filled game of bingo with prizes and laughter just for kids!



Little Acorns

Saturday: July 11th, 18th, & 25th
1:30pm -2:30pm

Come and enjoy our interactive plant activity or craft. We're rooting for you to be here!



POLLINATOR WEEK

July 7th is the beginning of Pollinator Week here at Rathbun Branch Library. Buzz on over to the library and help us celebrate our amazing pollinators and discover how bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and moths help our gardens and farms grow!

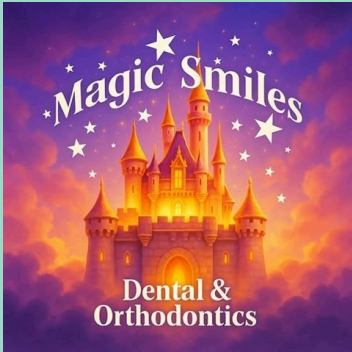
Bee there or bee square!

July 7th - July 11th

Activities include: honey tasting, The Bee movie, a special Storytime, Tinkerbell, bee crafts and much more!



MAGIC SMILES DENTAL GROUP



Tuesday | June 30th; July 14th & 28th
12:00pm - 1:00pm

Stop by and say hi to our friends from Magic Smiles Dental Group every Tuesday and learn about some cool dental information. Be sure to hang out during Lunch at the Library for a surprise guest or exciting activity brought to you by the Magic Smiles Dental Group!

Bakersfield Party Character



Friday | July 10th
12:00pm - 1:00pm

"I do believe in fairies, I do! I do!"
Join us in welcoming special guest Tinkerbell! Fly on over for a special lunch time meet-and-greet followed by a craft!

Magic Napoleon



Tuesday | July 14th
1:30pm - 2:30pm

Magic Napoleon delivers hilarious shows filled with bubbles, audience participation, and fun surprises - an exciting, interactive experience kids won't ever forget!

Tuesday

Builders Block Party

Tuesdays: July 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th
10:30am - 11:30am

Let your imagination soar, where magnetic blocks and endless creativity come together for hands-on building fun!



Nature Kids

Tuesdays: July 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th
12:00pm - 1:00pm

Join us for a fun nature themed activity during Lunch at the Library.



Wednesday

Sensory Sprouts:

Wednesday: July 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th
10:30am - 11:30am

Dive into fun with engaging sensory activities, simple crafts, and hands-on projects—perfect for curious kids!



Little Seedlings:

Wednesday: July 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th
12:00pm - 1:00pm

Learn about seeds in a hands on way!



Imaginations Station:

Wednesday: July 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th
1:30pm - 2:30pm

Imagination Station sparks creativity with fun, hands-on activities that inspire kids to learn and explore!



Bakersfield Fairytale Friends



Friday | July 24th
12:00pm - 1:00pm

Someday my holds will come...
Step Into a Fairy Tale and join us
during Lunch @ the Library for an
extra special guest appearance by
Snow White.
Meet-and-greet while you eat!

Bakersfield 1st Avenger



Friday | July 17th
12:00pm - 1:00pm

What did Captain America say about a
good book? "I could read this all day"
Join our very own Bakersfield 1st Avenger
during Lunch @ the Library for a special
meet-and-greet followed by a craft.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE FINALE!!!



Reptile Ron

Friday | July 31st
12:00pm - 1:00pm

Help us bid a fond farewell to
Summer Reading Challenge 2027!
We had so much fun planting,
reading, and growing with you but
now it's time for the season to
change.

Join us for a extra fun finale party
with crafts, games, prizes, and
special guest and his scaley critters
Reptile Ron!

10:00am - 2:30pm

Master Gardeners



This hands-on kids program
introduces young learners
to gardening by guiding
them through planting,
caring for, and harvesting
their own garden.

UC Master Gardener

Friday | July 10th
11:00am - 12:00pm

Master Gardener: Margaret Burrows

Wednesday | July 22nd
1:30pm - 2:30pm

Bakersfield Fairytale Friends



Tuesday | July 21st
12:00pm - 1:00pm

When dinosaurs walked the library! Join
us for a roarsome time during Lunch @
the Library and meet a baby dinosaur.

Take some photos, eat lunch, and enjoy a
themed craft. It's sure to be dino-mite!

JULY 2026

Rathbun Branch Library

Branch Hours:

Tue.-Thurs. 10am-7pm
 Fri. 10am-6pm
 Sat. 10am-4pm

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7. **Builders Block Party 10:30am - 11:30am**
 Nature Kids:
 12:00pm-1:00pm

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 Nature Kids:
 12:00pm-1:00pm
Magic Smiles Dental Group:
 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Magic Napoleon: 1:30pm - 2:30pm

21. **Builders Block Party 10:30am - 11:30am**
 Nature Kids:
 12:00pm-1:00pm
Bakersfield Fairytale Friends:
Baby Dino 12:00pm - 1:00pm

28. **Builders 10:30am - 11:30am**
 Nature Kids:
 12:00pm-1:00pm
Magic Smiles Dental Group:
 12:00pm - 1:00pm

wednesday

1. **Sensory Sprouts: 10:30am - 11:30am**
Little Seedlings:
 12:00pm-1:00pm
Imagination Station:
 1:30pm-2:30pm

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Little Seedlings:
 12:00pm-1:00pm
Imagination Station:
 1:30pm-2:30pm

15. **Sensory Sprouts: 10:30am - 11:30am**
Little Seedlings:
 12:00pm-1:00pm
Imagination Station:
 1:30pm-2:30pm

22. **Sensory Sprouts: 10:30am - 11:30am**
Little Seedlings:
 12:00pm-1:00pm
Master Gardener:
Margaret Burrows:
 1:30pm-2:30pm

29. **Sensory Sprouts: 10:30am - 11:30am**
Little Seedlings:
 12:00pm-1:00pm
Imagination Station:
 1:30pm-2:30pm

thursday

2. **Family Storytime: 11:00am - 12:00pm**
Movie Magic: 12:00pm - 1:00pm
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Movie Magic: 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Totally Fun Thursdays
 1:30pm-2:30pm

23. **Family Storytime: 11:00am - 12:00pm**
Movie Magic: 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Books in Motion: If I Ran Your School: 4:00pm

30. **Family Storytime: 11:00am - 12:00pm**
Movie Magic: 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Totally Fun Thursdays
 1:30pm-2:30pm

friday

3. **ALL KERN COUNTY LIBRARY BRANCH LOCATIONS CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF JULY 4TH**

saturday

4. **HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!**
 ALL KERN COUNTY LIBRARY BRANCHES CLOSED

11. **Lunchtime BINGO: 12:00pm - 1:00pm**
Little Acorns
 1:30pm-2:30pm

18. **Lunchtime BINGO: 12:00pm - 1:00pm**
Little Acorns
 1:30pm-2:30pm

25. **Lunchtime BINGO: 12:00pm - 1:00pm**
Little Acorns
 1:30pm-2:30pm

17. **Bakersfield 1st Avenger: Captain America 12:00pm - 1:00pm**
Crafternoon: 1:30pm - 2:30pm

24. **Bakersfield Fairytale Friends: Snow White 12:00pm - 1:00pm**
Crafternoon: 1:30pm - 2:30pm

31. **SRC FINALE!!! Reptile Ron: 12:00pm - 1:00pm**

