

July 2026

Adults 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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Stay updated on the branch,
programs, and/or receive book
recommendations!



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Events for Adults

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LUNCH
at the
LIBRARY

Little Seedlings



Ages 3+

WEDNESDAYS | 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Join us to learn about and plant a different seed every week and then watch it grow at home. Seeds used in Little Seedlings will be added to our Seed Library. IN CHILDREN'S RM

Garden "Tea" Party

Ages 3+

WED. JULY 1 | 1:30-3:00 P.M.

Join us to paint a pot, plant seeds in it, do a flower themed craft, and enjoy some butterfly pea tea, juice, and cookies.

Creative Time: Collage, Draw, Color

Ages 3+

WED. JULY 1 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.
TUE. JULY 21 | 2:30-5:00 P.M.

Express yourself with drawing, coloring, or by making a collage.

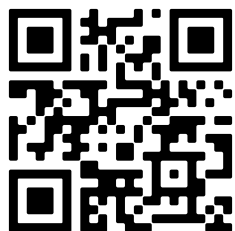
Let's Sew a Bag

Ages 10+

WED. JULY 1 | 4:30-6:30 P.M.

Ages 10 and up can learn to sew a basic bag in our Makerspace. User agreement/liability waiver required for this class.

Ridgecrest Branch Library Amazon Wish List



Scan the QR code to see our needs for upcoming programs or branch items. Items are shipped to Bakersfield first before being delivered to our branch in our shipment. We appreciate the generous donors who have already purchased items from our Wish List!

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VISITOR: Awesome Sauce with Wunderland Kitchen

All Ages

FRI. JULY 31 | 3:00-4:00 P.M.

Join food ethnographers June Jo and Philip for a food-tasting experience like no other! Create your own Awesome Sauce—spicy, sweet, mild, or bold—and explore how flavors carry stories across families, cultures, and generations. Along the way, we'll learn how Korean meals encourage creativity and choice right at the table. Kids can take home their own Awesome Sauce and, hopefully, a newfound love for vegetables. Supplies are limited, so plan to arrive early! Sponsored By Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library.

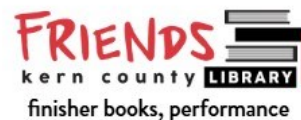
Summer Reading Finale Cool Down

Ages 3+

FRI. JULY 31 | 4:30-5:30 P.M.

Stop by to help us celebrate the end of another Summer Reading Challenge with a cool treat! Today (before we close at 6 pm) is your last chance to turn in bonus finisher entries to enter prize drawings.

Thank you to these sponsors:



FRIENDS OF THE RIDGECREST
BRANCH LIBRARY
program supplies, performances



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PIZZA FACTORY RIDGECREST
free mini 1 topping pizza for ALL
child and teen finishers



SIERRA LANES
BOWLING CENTER
bonus finisher prize (party
for 5)



ROADRUNNER RIDGE
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
funds for bonus finisher gift cards

CONVEYING AWARENESS
WITH JESSICA DAVID
bonus finisher gift cards

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Junk Journal Decorating

Ages 16+ SAT. JULY 25 | 1:30-3:00 P.M.

Decorate your junk journal with our supplies (newspapers, scrap paper, stickers, magazines, and more). We also have some donated books to use as a starter junk journal.

PERFORMANCE: Magic Napoleon

All Ages TUE. JULY 28 | 3:30-5:00 P.M.

Magic Napoleon returns this summer, with his always entertaining 90-minute show filled with audience interaction, including magic tricks, bubble potions, and of course, balloon twisting fun! IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM. Sponsored by Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library.

Live Action Animal Crossing

Ages 3+ FRI. JULY 31 | 11:30 A.M-2:00 P.M.

Stop by to do live action tasks inspired by the game (including fishing and digging for fossils) to earn bells (coins) to "spend" in the store. A new activity replaces the house decorating. Complete all of the activities on your passport to enter a prize drawing.



Check Out Our Seed Library! If you are looking to start or add to a home garden, come and see what we have to offer. The seed envelopes are FREE!



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Summer Reading Challenge



Be a
finisher



Read OR listen
10 books OR for 10 hours



Be a
bonus
finisher



Continue reading
OR listening to enter into
prize drawings

Ask library staff OR go to Beanstack to sign up or add the challenge
kernlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365 (There is a mobile app too!)



LUNCH FREE for 18 yrs
and under
Adult lunch \$5 (exact
change please)

Tuesdays through Fridays 11:30 am to 12:30 pm
6/2-7/10 except 6/19, 7/3

Books to Build Home Libraries, daily activities, prize drawings.
Indoor and outdoor seating. Lunches **MUST** be eaten on site.

Lunch Visitors

7/1: Boy Scouts Troop 848
7/2: TBD
7/7: RidgeWriters
7/8: Children's Burn Foundation
7/9: Kern Family Health Care
7/10: Princesses from Sierra Academy of Dance

Guest Readers/Leaders are Readers

7/8: Amanda Erwin, Women's Center
High Desert, Inc.
7/9: Ada Harpster, Kern Family
Health Care
7/10: Princesses from Sierra Academy
of Dance



Kids eating lunch can choose FREE Books to Build Home Libraries and enter the weekly attendance drawing to win a prize bag EVERY TIME they attend. They can also fill out a survey to get a little prize and enter the survey drawing.

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The Healing Grove: Grief Support Group with River Sage Revival

Ages 13+ WEDNESDAYS | 5:30-6:30 P.M.

Weekly space for all forms of loss: death, relationships, identity, health, and major transitions. Join at any time as a clinician from River Sage Revival will help guide teens and adults using a weekly curriculum.



LEGO Challenge

Ages 6+ THU. JULY 2 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.
FRI. JULY 24 | 10:00 A.M-1:00 P.M.

Stop by to try the day's LEGO Challenge or build anything you want instead. 7/2 Summer 7/24 Bridge

Bubble Qigong

Ages 16+ THU. JULY 2, 9 & 16 | 5:15-6:00 P.M.

Learn to breathe, move, and center yourself using simple and repetitive motions guided by a certified instructor. Note that the instructor is not certified to work with pregnant women.



All Kern County Library branches will be closed for Independence Day on Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4, 2026. We will resume for standard operating hours on Tuesday, July 7, 2026. Our eLibrary is open 24/7! Get your books ANYtime online; all you need is your FREE Kern Library card!

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Stop by one of these events today!

H.E.A.R.T.S. Connection Support Group

Ages 19+ WED. JULY 22 | 3:00-4:00 P.M.

Caregivers of children with special needs will get the opportunity to learn about a topic of interest with Laly.

RC Book Lovers (monthly)

Ages 19+ THU. JULY 23 | 12:30-2:00 P.M.

We will discuss Toll Gate by Georgette Heyer. Ask staff for book list.

Fiber Art Friends (monthly)

Ages 16+ THU. JULY 23 | 5:30-7:00 P.M.

Do you crochet, knit, macramé, embroider, cross stitch, needlepoint, hand sew, or hand quilt? Bring your fiber art project and socialize!

Paint Roulette

Ages 6+ FRI. JULY 24 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

This collaborative paint and pass experience gives everyone a canvas. When the timer goes off, pass it, then paint the one in front of you.

Plant Swap with Indigenous Home & Garden

Ages 6+ SAT. JULY 25 | 11:30 A.M-1:00 P.M.

Bring a labeled, pest-free plant to swap. From 12:30 to 1:00 pm, anyone can choose a plant, even if they did not bring one to swap.

Chess Play & Learn

Ages 6+ SAT. JULY 25 | 12:00-1:00 P.M.

Stop by to challenge someone at chess or learn to play with Leland. We will have boards out for playing. IN THE YOUNG ADULT AREA.

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Snack & Learn: Houseplant Info

Ages 19+ SAT. JULY 18 | 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Learn about some different types of house plants with Indigenous Home & Garden while enjoying some snacks provided by the Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library.

Local Outdoor Plants with Hyla Nursery

Ages 16+ SAT. JULY 18 | 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Learn about outdoor plants suitable for our desert environment along with tips for plant care with Alisha.

Unplugged Game Time

Ages 3+ TUE. JULY 21 | 11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

We have classics like Candyland, Jenga, Monopoly, and chess plus a variety of others games like Sushi Go, Clue, Spot It, and Skip-Bo. You can also bring a game from home.

Homeschool Hangout (monthly)

Ages 3+ TUE. JULY 21 | 12:30-2:00 P.M.

Current or prospective homeschool families (using ANY program or curriculum) can network with other homeschool families, learn about homeschool options, and/or discuss learning. There will be activities for kids to do to socialize while the caregivers can chat with each other.

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Pokemon Learn & Play with Fistful of Cards

Ages 6+ TUE. JULY 7 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Bring your 60-card deck or use a loaner deck. 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..

Eat the Rainbow

Ages 3+ WED. JULY 8 | 3:30-4:30 P.M. Part 1
THU. JULY 30 | 1:00-2:30 P.M. Part 2

Learn about the edible rainbow, featuring fruits and vegetables in different colors to taste! We will offer different colorful items in each session.

Your Hometown College: Express Enrollment Event with Cerro Coso Community College

Ages 16+ THU. JULY 9 | 2:00-5:00 P.M.

Prospective Cerro Coso Community College students can get help from their staff from admissions, financial aid, and veteran services (G.I. Bill, CalVet).

Catch Up Crafts

Ages 3+ THU. JULY 9 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.
FRI. JULY 17 | 1:30-3:00 P.M.
SAT. JULY 25 | 10:00-11:00 A.M.
THU. JULY 30 | 3:30-5:00 P.M.

Stop by to work on a craft you may have missed! We usually offer a few choices, but feel free to ask about a specific craft that you are interested in, in case we still have supplies available for that craft.

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Book Bingo

Ages 3+ FRI. JULY 10 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Bingo winners choose a book to build a home library or a small prize. We have a variety of levels of book choices, from board books for little ones to books for adults. We use magnetic chips, which can be a choking hazard.



Reading Dragons & Friends Returns! (New cards!)



- * For ages 6 through adults (for ages 5 and under, we have 1000 Books Before Kindergarten)
- * NEW starter card pack available for summer 2026
- * 8 NEW family sets available
- * Reading Dragons is NOT on Beanstack
- * You MUST show your tracker sheet to pick up cards
- * Read or listen for 2 hours to earn a family set of cards (egg, baby, teen, and adult dragon/friend); 16 hours to collect all 8 sets
- * Use the same books for Summer Reading Challenge AND Reading Dragons AT THE SAME TIME
- * Play games with the cards you earn



For more event information, visit our website - 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.

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Game Festival

Ages 3+ FRI. JULY 17 | 10:30-11:30 A.M.
TUE. JULY 28 | 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

Stop by to play some of our quicker games. Earn a ticket for playing and more tickets for winning. Tickets can be traded for prizes.

Clothing/Fabric Repair

Ages 13+ FRI. JULY 17 | 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

All ages can bring any CLEAN clothing, fabric, or stuffed animals for evaluation and possible repair by a volunteer. If there are teens or adults who want to learn how to do some basic sewing repair, let us know so we can set up a class in the future. IN THE MAKERSPACE

VISITOR: Golden Meadow Goats

All Ages FRI. JULY 17 | 3:30-5:00 P.M.

Join us for a delightful visit from Golden Meadow Goats! You can get up close and personal with these friendly, adorable baby goats in a fun and interactive experience suitable for all ages. IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM. Sponsored by Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library.

N.Y.M. (Not Your Mama's) Book Club (monthly)

Ages 19+ SAT. JULY 18 | 10:00-11:00 A.M.

Discuss a book chosen via Facebook poll (search "Not Your Mama's Book Club"). July's title is The God of the Woods by Liz Moore.

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DIY Snack Mix

Ages 3+ TUE. JULY 14 | 1:30-3:00 P.M.

Stop by to create a customized to you snack mix by choosing from a variety of salty and sweet snack items. The snack items will have NO NUTS but will likely contain gluten and/or dairy.

Quick STEM Challenge: Fairy Tale

Ages 3+ TUE. JULY 14 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Stop by to try to complete fairy tale based STEM challenges with a shortened version of the story and a related activity. We will have a few different sets available. IN THE MAKERSPACE.

Mini Live Action Animal Crossing

Ages 3+ WED. JULY 15 | 1:30-3:00 P.M.

Stop by to do an Animal Crossing craft (paint a 3D fossil) and a couple of live action tasks inspired by the game from the bigger version in early June. Full version returns at the end of July.

Edible Earth Layers

Ages 3+ THU. JULY 16 | 1:30-3:00 P.M.

Stop by for some education and a snack by learning about and then building the layers of the Earth using edible items.



Did You Know?

You DO NOT need to use library books for the Summer Reading Challenge? You can use books from your home library!

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PERFORMANCE: Omnipresent Puppet Theater

All Ages SAT. JULY 11 | 10:30-11:15 A.M.

Don with Omnipresent will bring the "Jack and the Beanstalk" puppet show to the library! The classic story of a young boy that trades his cow for "magic" beans that will change his family's lives is presented with Omnipresent's trademark humor and fun for all ages! IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM. Sponsored by RidgeWriters

Lorcana Open Play

Ages 8+ SAT. JULY 11 | 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Disney Illumineers should bring a Lorcana deck to play with other Illumineers. There will be no official instruction on how to play or loaner decks available.

DIY Book Vase

Ages 16+ SAT. JULY 11 | 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Turn a donated book into a cool, decorative vase for artificial flowers for yourself or to gift to someone else. You will need at least 30 minutes to finish the project.

General Resume Workshop

Ages 16+ TUE. JULY 14 | 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Learn how to create an effective resume regardless of your employment history (or lack of) and get tips on navigating the USAJobs website.



JULY

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

**Friday
10 am to 6 pm**

**Saturday
10 am to 4 pm**

Adults (19+ yrs)

wednesday

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tuesday

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1:30-3:00pm Garden "Tea" Party
3:30-4:30pm Creative Time
4:30-6:30pm Let's Sew a Bag
5:30-6:30pm The Healing Grove:
Grief Support Group

2.
3:30-4:30pm **LEGO
Challenge: Summer**
5:15-6:00pm **Bubble
Qigong**



7.
3:30-4:30pm **Pokemon
Learn to Play w/Fistful of
Cards**

8.
10:30-11:30am Little
Seedlings
3:30-4:30pm Eat the
Rainbow
5:30-6:30pm The Healing
Grove: Grief Support Group

9.
2:00-5:00pm **Your
Hometown College: Express
Enrollment Event**
3:30-4:30pm Catch Up
Crafts
5:15-6:00pm **Bubble Qigong**

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3:30-4:30pm **Book Bingo**

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Play**
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Resume Workshop**
12:00-1:00pm Edible Parts of
a Plant
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Layers**
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Qigong**

17.
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1:30-3:00pm Catch Up Crafts
3:30-5:00pm **Golden Meadow
Goats**

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Unplugged Game Time
12:30-2:00pm Homeschool
Hangout
2:30-5:00pm Creative Time

22.
10:30-11:30am Little Seedlings
3:00-4:00pm H.E.A.R.T.S.
Connection Group (via Zoom)
5:30-6:30pm The Healing
Grove: Grief Support Group

23.
12:30-2:00pm **RC Book
Lovers**
2:00-3:00pm **Snack
Ranking**
5:00-7:00pm **Fiber Art
Friends**

24.
10:00am-1:00pm **LEGO
Challenge: Bridge**
1:30-3:00pm **Crafternoon:
Butterfly Life Cycle**
3:30-4:30pm **Paint Roulette**

25.
10:00-11:00am Catch Up Crafts
11:30am-1:00 pm **Plant Swap with
Indigenous Home & Garden**
12:00-1:00pm Chess Play &
Learn (Young Adult)
1:30-3:30pm **Junk Journal
Decorating**

28.
11:00am-1:00pm Game
Festival
3:30-5:00pm **Magic
Napoleon**

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**TUE to FRI
until 7/10**

SUGGESTED AGES

3+ yrs 6+ yrs 8+ yrs 10+ yrs 13+ yrs 13-18 yrs 16+ yrs 19+ yrs

Performance

Served 11:30 am-12:30 pm
Free to 18 and under
Adult \$5 (exact change)

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