

# Kids' EVENT GUIDE

## Southwest Branch Library

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### 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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For more event information, visit our website - [www.kclevents.org](http://www.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.



## SPECIAL PERFORMANCES

### Ages 6-18 **Heart and Soul Line Dance**

Monday, July 6th | 5:30pm-6:30pm | Library Center

Learn how to line dance with Heart and Soul! It doesn't matter if, when you're on the dance floor, you have two left feet or can't be beat, there's a place in line for you to join us!

### Ages 6-18 **Bawks and Books**

Wednesday, July 15th | 2:00pm-4:00pm | Library Center

Come enjoy a chicken-themed day at the library, with stories about chickens and featuring a mobile petting zoo with chickens!

### Ages 6-18 **Master Gardening Partnership Program**

Tuesday, July 21st | 2:00pm-3:00pm | Library Center

Find out how to garden with the UC Master Gardener Program! You're invited to experiment with nature and see how the natural world works. Come dig into the science of plants, soil, and water with us. You'll learn cool tricks to grow plants successfully, save water, and take care of our planet!

### Ages 6-18 **Wild Man Dan**

Wednesday, July 22nd | 10:30am-11:30am | Library Center

Join Wild Man Dan for an exciting, hands-on reptile adventure! Get up close with snakes, lizards, and more while learning fascinating facts about the scaly world of reptiles



## Summer Reading Challenge


### TAKE THE CHALLENGE AND JOIN THE FUN!

This Summer, spend time exploring books, history, social justice, and STEAM through books and creative activities. At the Kern County Library, we encourage you to be creative, try new things, explore art, and find beauty in diversity.

### Who's Invited

Everyone, 0-110.

### How to Participate

Participants can log books, hours, and activities online by registering at ->  **Beanstack** or by completing the paper log.

### Awards & Prizes

Readers receive (while supplies last):  
A FREE book from the Friends of the Kern County Library, Inc.  
A FREE bookmark, and digital badges when you log online.





## SPECIAL PERFORMANCES

### Ages 6-18 **Awesome sauce!**

Mondy, July 27th | 10:30am-11:30am | Community Room

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!

### Ages 6-12 **Kiddle Karoo**

Tuesday, July 28th | 1:30pm-2:30pm | Library Center

Welcome to the wackiest library adventure ever! Beloved characters from classic children's books have tumbled out of their own pages and landed in the wrong stories! With the help of the audience, a lovable Mouse puppet, and a bit of musical magic, these storybook stars must navigate a topsy-turvy world of misplaced tales. With a colorful puppet stage designed like a giant bookshelf, *The Great Storybook Mix-Up!* celebrates the magic of reading and the joy of discovering new stories. Perfect for children of all ages, this fun-filled musical encourages a love of books, teamwork, and imagination—because every story belongs exactly where it's meant to be!

### Library Closure Notice HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!



All Kern County Library branches will be closed Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. Branches will reopen Monday, July 6, and resume normal business hours. We wish everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July!

## EVENTS FOR KIDS

### **Ages 6-11** Cardboard Swords

Wednesday, July 1th | 3:00pm-4:00pm | Library Center  
En garde! Engage your creativity by crafting your very own cardboard sword! Patrons can use the library's ChompSaw (a safe way to cut cardboard) to design and create a custom sword of their own!

### **Family Silent Game Night**

Tuesday, July 7th | 4:00pm-5:00pm | Library Center

In Family Silent Game Night, People can learn to use sign language and communication boards to play games.

### **Ages 6-11** BINGO!

Monday, July 13th | 4:00pm-5:00pm | Library Center

Join us for some Bingo and win a prize!

### **Board Game Night**

Monday, July 20th | 4:00pm-5:00pm | Library Center

Board Game Night at the Library is filled with fun games for all ages. from Monopoly, to chess, to Pokemon, there's a game for everyone and every level of experience. Bring your friends and family to enjoy a fun, action-packed evening.

### **Ages 6-11** Perler Bead Challenge

Monday, July 27th | 4:00pm-5:00pm | Library Center  
Join us for a perler bead challenge!



# LUNCH — at the — LIBRARY

In partnership with the Kern High School District, the Southwest 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!

### **Monday - Saturday**

12:00 pm- 1:00 pm

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# STORYTIMES

## Baby Bounce

Ages: 6 Months -15 Months

Friday, July 10th & 24th | 10:00am-11:00am

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

## Toddler Time

Ages: 15 Months. - 3 Years

Every Tuesday | 10:30am-11:30am

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

Themes 07/07 Geese | 07/14 Farms | 07/21 Garden Critters | 07/28 Vegetables

## Preschool Storytime

Ages: 18 Months - 4 Years

Every Monday | 10:30am-11:30am

Enjoy songs, stories, finger plays, rhymes, flannel boards, and more followed by a craft.

Themes: 07/06 Water | 07/13 Trees | 07/20 Deserts | 07/27 Cooking

## Family Storytime

Ages: 5-10 Years

Every Saturday | 10:30am-11:30am

Enjoy songs, stories, finger plays, rhymes, flannel boards, and more followed by a craft.

Themes: 07/11 Oceans | 07/18 Chickens | 07/25 Imagination



# EVENTS FOR KIDS

## Ages 6-11 Wind Tube Exploration

Wednesdays | July 1st, 8th, 15th, 29th | 10:15am-11:15am | Library Center

Wednesday | July 22nd | 3:00pm-4:00pm | Library Center

Thursdays | July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th | 10:15am-11:15am | Library Center

Fridays | July 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st | 10:15am-11:15am | Library Center

Build a paper craft and see your creation fly in the wind tunnels!

## Ages 6-11 LEGO League

Fridays | 3:30pm-5:00pm | Library Center

Join the LEGO League for the themed LEGO build each week.

Who's creation will be the coolest?



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## Kids' Events

# JULY 2026



monday

6. **Preschool Storytime**  
10:30am-11:30am  
Lunch @ the Library  
12:00pm-1:00pm  
Heart & Soul Line Dance  
5:30pm-6:30pm

13. **Preschool Storytime**  
10:30am-11:30am  
Lunch @ the Library  
12:00pm-1:00pm  
Books in Motion  
(Princess & the Frog)  
4-5pm

20. **Books in Motion**  
(Sleeping Beauty)  
10:30-11:30am  
Preschool StoryTime  
10:30am-11:30am  
Lunch @ the Library  
12:00pm-1:00pm

27. **Preschool StoryTime**  
10:30am-11:30am  
Awesome Sauce!  
10:30am-11:30am  
Lunch @ the Library  
12:00pm-1:00pm  
Perler Bead Challenge  
4:00pm-5:00pm

tuesday

7. **Toddler Time**  
10:30am-11:30am  
Lunch @ the Library  
12:00pm-1:00pm  
Family Silent Game Night  
4:00pm-5:00pm

14. **Toddler Time**  
10:30am-11:30am  
Lunch @ the Library  
12:00pm-1:00pm

21. **Toddler Time**  
10:30am-11:30am  
Lunch @ the Library  
12:00pm-1:00pm  
Master Gardening OTBD  
2:00pm-3:00pm

28. **Toddler Time**  
10:30am-11:30am  
Lunch @ the Library  
12:00pm-1:00pm  
Kiddle Karoo  
1:30pm-2:30pm

wednesday

1. **Wind Tube Exploration**  
10:15am-11:15am  
Lunch @ the Library  
12:00pm-1:00pm  
Cardboard Swords  
3:00pm-4:00pm

8. **Wind Tube Exploration**  
10:15am-11:15am  
Lunch @ the Library  
12:00pm-1:00pm  
Books in Motion (Coco)  
4-5pm

15. **Wind Tube Exploration**  
10:15am-11:15am  
Lunch @ the Library  
12:00pm-1:00pm  
Bawks & Books  
2:00pm-4:00pm

22. **Wild Man Dan**  
10:30am-11:30pm  
Lunch @ the Library  
12:00pm-1:00pm  
Wind Tube Exploration  
3:00pm-4:00pm

29. **Wind Tube Exploration**  
10:15am-11:15am  
Lunch @ the Library  
12:00pm-1:00pm  
Books in Motion  
(Ugly Duckling)  
4-5pm

thursday

2. **Wind Tube Exploration**  
10:15am-11:15am  
Lunch @ the Library  
12:00pm-1:00pm

9. **Wind Tube Exploration**  
10:15am-11:15am  
Lunch @ the Library  
12:00pm-1:00pm

16. **Wind Tube Exploration**  
10:15am-11:15am  
Lunch @ the Library  
12:00pm-1:00pm

23. **Wind Tube Exploration**  
10:15am-11:15am  
Lunch @ the Library  
12:00pm-1:00pm

30. **Wind Tube Exploration**  
10:15am-11:15am  
Lunch @ the Library  
12:00pm-1:00pm

friday

3. **Library Closed**

10. **Baby Bounce**  
10:00am-11:00am  
Wind Tube Exploration  
10:15am-11:15am  
Lunch @ the Library  
12:00pm-1:00pm  
LEGO League  
3:30pm-5:00pm

17. **Wind Tube Exploration**  
10:15am-11:15am  
Lunch @ the Library  
12:00pm-1:00pm  
LEGO League  
3:30pm-5:00pm

24. **Baby Bounce**  
10:00am-11:00am  
Wind Tube Exploration  
10:15am-11:15am  
Lunch @ the Library  
12:00pm-1:00pm  
LEGO League  
3:30pm-5:00pm

31. **Wind Tube Exploration**  
10:15am-11:15am  
Lunch @ the Library  
12:00pm-1:00pm  
LEGO League  
3:30pm-5:00pm

saturday

4. **Library Closed**



11. **Family Storytime**  
10:30am-11:30am  
Lunch @ the Library  
12:00pm-1:00pm

18. **Family Storytime**  
10:30am-11:30am  
Lunch @ the Library  
12:00pm-1:00pm

25. **Family Storytime**  
10:30am-11:30am  
Lunch @ the Library  
12:00pm-1:00pm

## Branch Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 10am-7pm

Fri. 10am-6pm

Sat. 10am-4pm

