

July 2026

Taft Branch Library

Kids' EVENTS GUIDE

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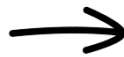
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Hours

Monday - Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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Special Events

Golden Meadow Goats

MONDAY, JULY 6TH | 10:30 AM | AGES 6-18

The library invites you to meet Golden Meadow Goats for a fun, hands-on goat interaction for families.

Louie Cruz Beltran

MONDAY, JULY 13TH | 10:30 AM
ALL AGES

The library invites you to enjoy a live performance by Louie Cruz Beltran for a fun, family-friendly musical experience.



Wild Man Dan

MONDAY, JULY 20TH | 10:30 AM | AGES 6-11

The library invites you to join us for a live reptile presentation with Wild Man Dan. This exciting, hands-on program features a variety of reptiles and amphibians, offering a fun and educational experience for children and families to learn about wildlife up close.



Life Succs Without Plants

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH | 4 PM | AGES 6-11

The library invites you to attend Life Succs Without Plants, a hands-on succulent planting and learning program for all ages. Participants will learn about succulent care and create their own planted container to take home.



Storytimes



Family Storytime

EVERY WEDNESDAY |
10:30 AM

The library invites families to a fun and engaging storytime featuring books, songs, and interactive activities for young children.



Other Storytimes

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1ST, 22ND | 12 PM

WEDNESDAY, JULY, 22ND | 10:30 PM

Join us for a fun and interactive Storytime session about food and flowers!

Passive Programs

Coloring Station

EVERY DAY IN JULY | ALL DAY | ALL AGES

Drop in anytime for the Coloring Station at the library—a calm, creative space open all day, every day of the month. It's a relaxed, all-ages program where you can color, unwind, and let your imagination flow whenever you stop by.

Book Recommendation Garden

EVERY DAY IN JULY | ALL DAY | ALL AGES

The library invites you to explore our Passive Book Recommendation Garden, a self-guided display where you can “pick” themed book recommendations like flowers. Browse at your own pace and discover new reads for all ages.

The Great Garden Showdown

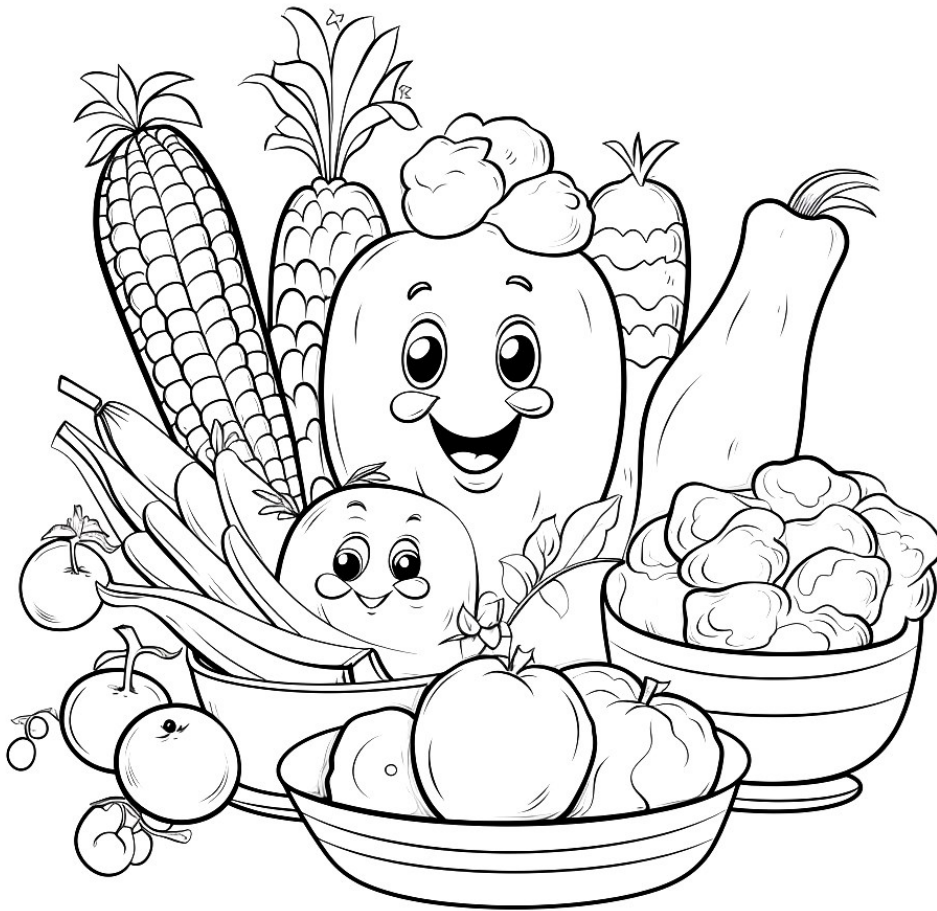
EVERY DAY IN JULY | ALL DAY | ALL AGES

Join The Great Garden Showdown at the library—an all-day, all-ages adventure where you can explore, solve fun clues, and see who can grow the best ideas in the garden

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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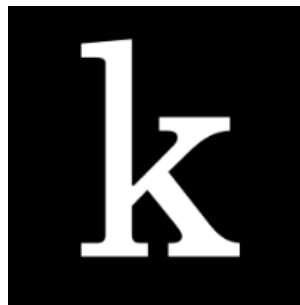
HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

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!

SRC Finale

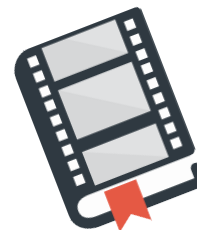
WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH | 3 PM | ALL AGES

The library invites you to the SRC Finale, a special celebration marking the end of the Summer Reading Challenge, featuring fun activities, prizes, and a chance for participants of all ages to celebrate their reading achievements together.



Kanopy

With Kanopy, you can enjoy award-winning movies, inspiring documentaries, indie films, and enriching children's content—all without ads or fees. From thought-provoking history films to family-friendly favorites, there's something for every interest.



Summer Reading Challenge

Build Your Home Library This Summer!

Sign up on Beanstack, read, track your progress, and earn fun rewards along the way. Complete the challenge to get a book to help build your home library!



Plant
a seed,
read

Monday - Wednesday 12-1 PM



LUNCH
— at the —
LIBRARY



FREE
lunch all
summer
long!

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. The Summer Food Service Program is a program of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, administered in California by the California Department of Education. Lunch at the Library is a project of the California State Library, supported with funds

Programs Continued

Movie Mondays

EVERY MONDAY | 4 PM | AGES 6-11

The library invites kids to Movie Monday, a fun weekly film screening just for children.

UC Garden Masters

TUESDAY, JULY 14TH | 11 AM | AGES 6-11

A hands-on gardening program where participants learn practical skills and tips

In the Garden with Dr. Carver

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15TH | 10:30 AM | AGES 0-5

A relaxed, nature-themed program exploring plants and outdoor learning.

IRL Animal Crossing - Design Your Own Island

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15TH | 3 PM | AGES 6-11

Participants plan and build their own themed mini garden.

Game On

TUESDAY, JULY 21ST | 4 PM | AGES 6-11

Join us for a session of games at the library!

Tomato Drop Challenge

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22ND | 3 PM | AGES 6-11

Can you safely drop your tomato? Come try out your packing skills!

Dirt Cups with Boy Scouts

MONDAY, JULY 27TH | 10:30 AM | AGES 6-11

Come and create a dirt cup with Boy Scouts!

Kraut-Chi Making

MONDAY, JULY 27TH | 1:30 PM | AGES 6-11

Come and make Kraut-Chi at the library!

Littles Bingo

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH | 10:30 AM | AGES 0-5

Bring the littles for a group session of bingo!

Garden Games

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH | 12 PM | AGES 6-11

Join us for a session of garden themed games!

Kids Programs

Star Veggie Printing

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1ST | 10:30 AM | AGES 0-5

A fun hands-on activity where you use vegetables to create art!

Nature Journaling

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1ST | 3 PM | AGES 6-11

A relaxing, hands-on activity where you observe and record the natural world through drawing and writing.

Food Fight Series

EVERY MONDAY | 12 PM | AGES 6-11

Join the Food Fight series at the library—tasty-themed fun, and surprise activities!

Kids Get Crafty

MONDAY, JULY 6TH, 13TH, 20TH | 3 PM | AGES 6-11

TUESDAY, JULY 7TH, 14TH, 21ST, & 28TH | 3 PM | AGES 6-11

The library invites children to get crafty with a fun, hands-on art activity designed to spark creativity and imagination.

Little Seedlings

EVERY TUESDAY | 1 PM | AGES 6-11

Join the Little Seedlings program directly after lunch!

Stone Soup Dramatic Play

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH | 10:30 PM | AGES 0-5

The library invites children to enjoy Stone Soup dramatic play, a hands-on storytelling activity where they help bring the classic tale to life.

Chef Roy Choi Read Aloud

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH | 12 PM | AGES 6-11

The library invites families to a special guest reader storytime, featuring engaging read-alouds and interactive storytelling for children.

Explore Your Senses - Herbs

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH | 3 PM | AGES 6-11

A hands-on activity where participants discover herbs through touch, smell, and observation.



Seed Library

Borrow free seeds for vegetables, herbs, and flowers to plant at home! Whether you're a beginner or an experienced gardener, our Seed Library makes it easy to start growing. Take what you need, plant, and if possible, save and return seeds to keep the library thriving! Available daily.



BOOKS *IN* MOTION[®]
DANCE + LITERACY

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.

MONDAY, JULY 20 @4 PM

FOR ALL AGES

Aloha Entertainment brings *Aloha, Hawaii* to life through dance.

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Branch Hours: Mon.-Wed. 10am-6pm

Monday

6
10:30 - Golden Meadow Goats *
Lunch at the Library
12 - Food Fight: Milk
3 - Kids Get Crafty - Bottle Flower Prints
4 - Movie Monday

13
10:30 - Louie Cruz Beltran
Lunch at the Library
12 - Food Fight: Cheese
3 - Kids Get Crafty - Play Dough Bug Fossils
4 - Movie Monday

20
10:30 - Wild Man Dan *
Lunch at the Library
12 - Food Fight: Potato Chips
3 - Kids Get Crafty - Dandelions
4 - Books in Motion

27
10:30 - Dirt Cups with Boy Scouts
Lunch at the Library
12 - Food Fight: Grapes
1:30 - Kraut-Chi Making
4 - Movie Monday

Tuesday

7
10:30 - Family Storytime - Garden Friends
Lunch at the Library
1 - Little Seedlings
3 - Kids Get Crafty - Caterpillars

14
10:30 - Family Storytime
11 - UC Garden Masters
Lunch at the Library
1 - Little Seedlings
3 - Kids Get Crafty - Bowtie Butterflies

21
10:30 - Family Storytime - Backyard Adventures
Lunch at the Library
1 - Little Seedlings
3 - Kids Get Crafty - Paper Plate Gardens
4 - Game On

28
10:30 - Family Storytime - Harvest Celebration
Lunch at the Library
1 - Little Seedlings
3 - Kids Get Crafty - Bean Mosaics

Wednesday

1
10:30 - Star Veggie Printing
12 - Round is a Tortilla Storytime
Lunch @ the Library
3 - Nature Journaling

8
10:30 - Stone Soup Dramatic Play
Lunch @ the Library
12 - Chef Roy Choi Read Aloud
3 - Explore Your Senses - Herbs

15
10:30 - In the Garden with Dr. Carver
Lunch @ the Library
3 - IRL Animal Crossing - Design Your Island

22
10:30 - Sunflower Storytime
Lunch @ the Library
12 - What's in Your Lunch Box Storytime
3 - Tomato Drop Challenge

29
10:30 - Littles Bingo
Lunch @ the Library
12 - Garden Games
3 - Summer Reading Challenge Finale
4 - Life Succs Without Plants

* Events held at the Taft College Student Center