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July 2026

Taft Branch Library

Teens' EVENTS GUIDE



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Special Events



Golden Meadow Goats

MONDAY, JULY 6TH | 10:30 AM | ALL AGES

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 | YOUTH

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 | ALL AGES

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.



Passive Programs

Coloring Station

EVERY DAY IN JULY | ALL DAY | ALL AGES

Stop by the Coloring Station and relax with a variety of fun designs to color—perfect for a quick creative break for all ages.

The Great Garden Showdown

EVERY DAY IN JULY | ALL DAY | ALL AGES

Get ready for The Great Garden Showdown! Compete, create, and show off your gardening skills in this fun and friendly challenge for all ages.

Book Recommendation Garden

EVERY DAY IN JULY | ALL DAY | ALL AGES

The library invites you to explore the Passive Book Recommendation Garden, a self-guided display where you can browse and discover new reads for all ages.



#KCLSUMMERREADINGCHALLENGE2026

The Summer Reading Challenge (SRC) is our library system's longest-running annual program, encouraging reading and exploration all summer long. For adults, completing the challenge earns you a book to build your home library, along with local and Bakersfield incentives. Track your progress on Beanstack, discover new reads, and celebrate your love of reading during this fun, two-month program!



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.

Teen Programs

Emotional Support Chicken

TUESDAY, JULY 7TH | 4 PM | AGES 12-18

A fun craft program where participants create their own comforting chicken companion to take home.

Junk Journaling

TUESDAY, JULY 14TH | 4 PM | AGES 12-18

The library invites you to junk journaling, a creative program where participants use recycled materials to design and personalize their own unique journals.

Garden Zine

TUESDAY, JULY 28TH | 4 PM | AGES 12-18

The library invites you to create a garden zine, a hands-on program where participants design and share their own mini book inspired by plants and nature.

Little Seedlings

EVERY TUESDAY | 1 PM | YOUTH

The library invites young children to Little Seedlings, a Lunch at the Library program featuring planting activities, simple crafts, and early learning fun.



Seed Library

Borrow free seeds for vegetables, herbs, and flowers to plant at home! Take what you need, plant, and if possible, save and return seeds to keep the library thriving!
Available Everyday!

Special Events



Life Succs Without Plants

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH | 4 PM | YOUTH

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



SRC Finale

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH | 3 PM | ALL AGES

The library invites you to the SRC Finale, a special end-of-program celebration for the Summer Reading Challenge featuring activities, prizes, and fun for all ages.

**GRAND
FINALE**

FREE LUNCH @ THE LIBRARY

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 from the State of California.



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!

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Monday

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10:30 - Golden Meadow Goats *

Lunch at the Library

12 - Food Fight: Milk

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10:30 - Louie Cruz Beltran *

Lunch at the Library

12 - Food Fight: Cheese

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10:30 - Wild Man Dan *

Lunch at the Library

12 - Food Fight: Potato Chips

27 10:30 - Dirt Cups with Boy Scouts
Lunch at the Library

12 - Food Fight: Grapes

1:30 - Kraut-Chi Making

Tuesday

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Lunch at the Library

4 - Emotional Support Chicken

14
11 - UC Garden Masters

Lunch at the Library

4 - Junk Journaling

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Lunch at the Library

4 - Game On

28

Lunch at the Library

4 - Garden Zine

Wednesday

1

Lunch at the Library

3 - Nature Journaling

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Lunch at the Library

3 - Explore Your Senses: Herbs

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Lunch at the Library

3 - IRL Animal Crossing - Design Your Own Island

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Lunch at the Library

3 - Tomato Drop Challenge

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Lunch at the Library

12 - Garden Games

3 - Summer Reading Challenge Finale

4 - Life Succs Without Plants

JULY 2026

Branch Hours:

Mon.-Wed. | 10am-6pm



* Event will be at Taft College Student Center