

September 2026

Kids EVENTS GUIDE

Ridgecrest Branch Library

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Events for Kids

Events happen in the Community Room unless noted

Pokémon Play and Trade with Fistful of Cards (monthly; 1st Tuesday)

Ages 6+ TUE., SEP. 1 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Bring your 60-card deck or use one of our loaner decks to play or learn. 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.

Chess Open Play (monthly)

Ages 8+ WED., SEP. 2 & 30 | 3:30-5:00 P.M.

Come in and use one of our chess sets. Challenge your friends or other players and see how you do! Note that instruction is NOT guaranteed, unless one of the attendees is willing to teach.

Unplugged Game Time (monthly)

Ages 3+ THU., SEP. 3 | 3:30-5:00 P.M.

Stop by to play any of our games for ages 3 and up. We have a variety of games like the classics (Jenga, Candyland, Chutes & Ladders, chess) to newer games (Shark Bite, Kollide, Uzzle). You can also bring a game from home.

Chompsaw Academy (monthly)

Ages 6+ FRI., SEP. 4 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.
TUE., SEP. 15 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Stop by and learn to use our Chompsaw, the tool that allows kids to safely cut cardboard. Learn basic Chompsaw skills and use it for a simple project.

LEGO Challenge (monthly)

Ages 6+ SAT., SEP. 5 | 10:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M.
THU., SEP. 10 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.
WED., SEP. 16 | 3:30-5:00 P.M.
TUE., SEP. 22 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Stop by to try the LEGO Challenge for the day or build anything you want instead. 9/5 House, 9/10 One Color, 9/16 Food, 9/22 Bridge

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Fall Leaves with Ridgecrest Regional Hospital

Ages 3+ THU., SEP. 24 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Come in and learn about leaves, enjoy some books about fall leaves, and do a fall craft (marble leaf painting) with Sandra from Ridgecrest Regional Hospital.

Book Bingo (monthly)

Ages 3+ FRI., SEP. 25 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Bingo winners choose a book to build a home library, small prize, or 3 seed packets from our mini Seed Library (a fraction of seeds in our Seed Library). We have book choices for babies through adults. NOTE: We use magnetic bingo chips (potential choking hazard).

Family Storytime (monthly)

Ages 2-8 SAT., SEP. 26 | 10:30-11:00 A.M.

Come in and learn about leaves, enjoy some books about fall leaves, and do a fall craft (marble leaf painting) with Sandra from Ridgecrest Regional Hospital.



Read (or Listen) Your Way to the Desert Empire Fair in October!

*Ages 4-18 can participate through 4 pm on Sat 10/17/26.

*Ages 4-5 can read or listen to 10 books or for 10 hours for 1 entry to win an unlimited ride wristband.

*Ages 6-18 can read or listen to 5 books or for 5 hours to get 1 free entry to the fair. (Ages 5 and under get in for free.)

*Each additional 5 books or 5 hours is 1 entry to win an unlimited ride wristband. (All ages first entry at 10 books or 10 hours.)

*Enter on Beanstack or bring in a paper list of books or hours.



Amazon Wish List

Scan the QR code to see our upcoming programs or branch needs. Items are shipped to Bakersfield then delivered to our branch in our weekly shipments. We truly appreciate the generous donors who have already purchased items for us!



Happy Labor Day!

In observance of Labor Day, all Kern County Library branches will be closed Monday, September 7, and reopen Tuesday, September 8.

While we're closed, enjoy our eLibrary anytime with your FREE library card—browse eBooks, audiobooks, movies, music, and more!

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Family Bingo (monthly)

Ages 3+ SAT., SEP. 12 | 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Bingo winners can choose a book to build a home library, a seed packet, or a small prize. We have book choices for babies through adults. NOTE: We use magnetic bingo chips which can be a potential choking hazard.

Chess Learn & Play (monthly)

Ages 8+ SAT., SEP. 12 & 19 | 12:00-1:00 P.M.

Our friend Leland will be here to play chess or teach people how to play. We will have additional chess boards set up for others to play.

Homeschool Hangout (monthly)

Ages 3+ TUE., SEP. 15 | 12:30-2:00 P.M.

Families using any curriculum to homeschool can attend to network with other homeschool families and discuss learning. Stop by to learn about different options for homeschool or get questions answered about a variety of topics. Basic activities will be offered for kids to socialize while caregivers chat.

Fair Still Exhibits Open Art Lab: Collage, Mixed Media, Model Magic, Painting

Ages 6+ THU., SEP. 17 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.
TUE., SEP. 29 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Attend the Open Art Lab to create a collage, mixed media, Model Magic, or painted project that can be entered in the still exhibits area for the Desert Empire Fair in October. We will provide basic supplies and will have entry forms available but will not be responsible for dropping off, entering, or picking up any project.

Pirate Paaaaaarty

Ages 3+ FRI., SEP. 18 | 2:30-5:00 P.M.

In celebration of International Talk Like a Pirate Day, kids can follow the pirate treasure map in our Children's Room to collect pirate coins then trade them in for pirate booty (or keep the coins instead)! We will also have some pirate-themed games and crafts available.

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Learn to Play Magic the Gathering with Fistful of Cards

Ages 8+ SAT., SEP. 5 | 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

A volunteer from Fistful of Cards will be available to teach people how to play the Magic the Gathering card game. Participants will receive a FREE Magic the Gathering welcome decks, courtesy of Fistful of Cards!

Catch Up Crafts (monthly)

Ages 3+ SAT., SEP. 5 | 2:00-3:30 P.M.
WED., SEP. 23 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Stop by to work on a craft that 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.

Quick STEM Challenge: Marshmallows + Toothpicks

Ages 6+ TUE., SEP. 8 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

See how tall of a tower you can build using marshmallows and toothpicks. Each participant will be given the same amount of marshmallows and toothpicks and towers will be measured to see the tallest height. IN THE MAKERSPACE.

Stories and a Snack

Ages 4+ WED., SEP. 9 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Listen to some stories related to gardens or things found in gardens and then make a yummy, themed snack (which will not be gluten free or dairy free).

Crafternoon: Patriotic

Ages 3+ FRI., SEP. 11 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Stop by to work on some patriotic themed crafts. We will have a few different options to choose from.

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.

Kids (6-12 yrs)

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