

September 2026

Tween/Teen EVENTS GUIDE

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Events for Tweens & Teens

All events happen in Community Room unless noted

Teen



Ages 13-18 TUE-FRI | 2:45-5:30 P.M.

Teens get **EXCLUSIVE** access to the YA tables from 2:45 to 5:30 pm on school days. We will have daily paper activities and challenges, games, crafts, trivia, and more. Feel free to suggest things to do. Adult direct support professionals must be actively engaged with the teen they bring, as we will ask solo adults at the YA tables to find another place to work on laptops and paperwork.

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 a loaner deck. A volunteer from Fistful of Cards will be available to teach 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 to challenge other players (or bring your own)! Instruction is NOT guaranteed.

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 with clinicians from River Sage Revival.

Unplugged Game Time (monthly)

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

Stop by to play any of our games. We have a variety from classics (Jenga, Candyland, Chutes & Ladders, chess) to newer games (Shark Bite, Kollide, Uzzle). Feel free to bring a game to play with others.

Casual Conversations (monthly; 1st Thursday)

Ages 16+ THU., SEP. 3 | 5:30-6:30 P.M.

Speakers of different languages can meet up and converse. There will be a table for Russian with no commitment for other languages. Note that instruction will NOT be available. Children are welcome but childcare is not provided.

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Teen/Adult Coloring

Ages 13+ SAT., SEP. 19 | 11:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

Teens and adults can choose a coloring page and color their stress away.

Things Teens Should Know: Boundaries & Healthy Relationships

Ages 13-18 TUE., SEP. 22 | 5:30-6:30 P.M.

This month's topic is on setting boundaries and healthy relationships with Amanda Erwin from the Women's Center. Mini sandwiches and social time included.

Fiber Art Friends (monthly; 4th Thursday)

Ages 16+ THU., SEP. 24 | 5:00-7:00 P.M.

Bring your fiber art project supplies to crochet, knit, macramé, embroider, hand sew, cross stitch, needlepoint, or hand quilt and socialize while crafting.

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).

Junk Journal Decorating (monthly; 4th Thursday)

Ages 16+ SAT., SEP. 26 | 1:30-3:30 P.M.

Bring a junk journal to decorate with our supplies. We have donated books available for junk journals. Feel free to bring supplies for yourself or to share with others.



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

*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.

For more event information, visit our website - kclevants.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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Crafternoon: Patriotic

Ages 3+ FRI., SEP. 11 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Stop by to work on a few different patriotic themed crafts.

Family Bingo (monthly)

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

Kids can learn to use the Chompsaw, and create their own cardboard masterpieces.

Chess Learn & Play

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 available for others to play.

Learn to Play American Mahjong

Ages 13+ SAT., SEP. 12 | 1:30-3:30 P.M.

Want to learn how to play American Mahjong? We will have a couple of sets, but bring your set if you have one. (Open Play sessions will start later for those wanting to play.)

Homeschool Hangout (monthly; 3rd Tuesday)

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

Families using any homeschool curriculum can network with others and discuss learning. Stop by to learn about homeschool options. Activities provided for the students.

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.

Create a collage, mixed media, Model Magic, or painting to enter in the still exhibits for the Desert Empire Fair. We will have entry forms but will NOT enter any project.

Pirate Paaaaarty

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

Follow the pirate treasure map in our Children's Room to collect pirate coins then trade them in for pirate booty! We will also have pirate-themed activities available.

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Chompsaw Academy (monthly)

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

Learn some basic skills on the Chompsaw and use it for a simple, cardboard project.

LEGO Challenge (monthly)

Ages 6+ SAT., SEP. 5 | 10:30 AM.-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 of the day or build anything you want.
9/5 House, 9/10 One Color, 9/16 Food, 9/22 Bridge

Learn to Play Magic the Gathering with Fistful of Cards

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

Someone from Fistful of Cards will be available to teach the Magic the Gathering card game. Participants get a FREE g 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 you may have missed.

Quick STEM Challenge: Marshmallows + Toothpicks

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

Build a tall tower using marshmallows and toothpicks. Each participant gets the same amount of marshmallows and toothpicks. . IN THE MAKERSPACE.

Teen Dungeons & Dragons (monthly; 2nd Tuesday)

Ages 13-18 TUE., SEP. 8 | 4:00-6:00 P.M.

Join our adventuring party! We have pre-made characters to choose from.

Stories and a Snack: Garden

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).

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