

October 2026

Kids' EVENTS GUIDE

Kern River Valley Branch Library

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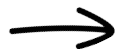
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hours

Tuesday - 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 - 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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STORYTIMES

BRIGHT START

TUESDAYS | 10:30AM

This fun and engaging early learning program begins with storytime and continues with hands-on activities that build fine motor skills and support early literacy, math, and social development through play-based learning. Geared toward ages 0-5.

FAMILY STORYTIME

FRIDAYS | 4:30 PM

A welcoming program where children and their families come together to enjoy stories, songs, and shared moments. This time helps build literacy skills while creating meaningful opportunities for families to connect, learn, and have fun together.

SPRINKLE CREATIVITY

ART BY THE BOOKS

TUESDAYS | 4:30PM

Kids are invited to draw, doodle, and imagine at Art By the Books! This fun, relaxed program encourages young artists to explore drawing through simple prompts, creative games, and free sketch time. No experience needed - just bring your imagination and enjoy creating at the library.

CRAFTERNOON

WEDNESDAYS | 4:30 PM

A fun, hands-on program where kids can unleash their creativity through painting, drawing and crafting. Each session encourages self-expression and imagination, helping young artists explore and develop their artistic skills in a supportive environment.

October 7th - Shields

October 14th - Snakes

October 21st - Masks

October 28th - Day of the Dead Skulls

CARDBOARD HOUSES

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 3RD | 2:00PM

A fun and creative activity where children use cardboard, recycled materials, and their imagination to build their own little houses. Kids can design, decorate, and personalize their houses while learning about creativity, teamwork, and building. It's a hands-on project that encourages children to explore, create, and have fun!

LEARN AND EXPLORE

SLIME LAB



THURSDAY | OCTOBER 1ST | 4:30PM

Get ready to mix, stretch, squish and create! Make your very own glow-in-the-dark slime while experimenting with fun textures and mix-ins. It's a hands-on science activity that's messy, creative and a little bit magical!

SWITCH SHOWDOWN

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 8TH | 4:30PM

Return the world of cooperative puzzle platforming with *Pico Park 2*. Participants will have to team up and work together in the hilarious multiplayer challenge on the Nintendo Switch that will have you solving tricky puzzles and overcoming crazy obstacles.

LEGO ENGINEERING

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 15TH | 4:30PM

Put your building and engineering skills to the test! Kids will use LEGO Technic pieces, gears, and motors to build their own amazing machines and clever contraptions in this hands-on program that encourages creativity and problem-solving.

FIRE SAFETY

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 22ND | 4:30PM

In conjunction with the One Book, One Valley reading challenge, kids will explore fire safety and what to do before, during and after a wildfire or house fire. Participants will create their own home fire escape plans, learn about emergency preparedness and take part in other activities designed to help them be safer and more prepared.

SPOOKY SCIENCE



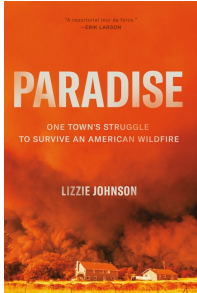
THURSDAY | OCTOBER 29TH | 4:30PM

Get ready for a Halloween themed science adventure! We'll explore the spooky side of science with fun, eye-catching demonstrations featuring fascinating chemical reactions and fiery experiments. Then get hands-on by making your own edible snot slime to take home and enjoy!



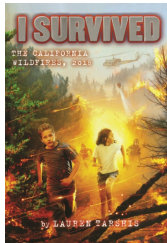
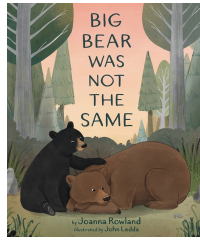
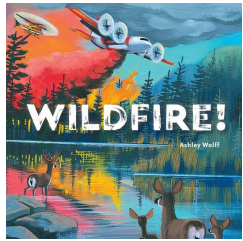
Halloween themed events

ONE BOOK ONE VALLEY



Join us for this fun program that celebrates our beautiful Kern Valley. One Book One Valley is a new reading program in conjunction with Kern Valley High School and is open to all ages. This year, the main book title is *Paradise: One Town's Struggle to Survive an American Wildfire* by Lizzie Johnson.

Supplemental reading titles are:



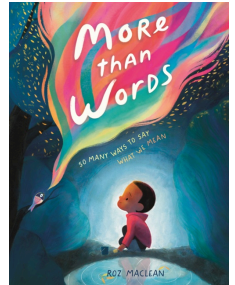
From October 19–30, stop by your Kern County Library to create a card, write a letter or poem, or draw a picture showing your appreciation for their service. Supplies will be provided. You can give your card directly to a veteran you know, or leave it with a library staff member to be shared with local veterans.

ONE BOOK PROJECT

Join us for this fun program that celebrates the One Book Project. The One Book Project is a countywide reading and discussion project that fosters empathy, promotes awareness, and strengthens the fabric of our community by exploring the themes in this year's One Book selection, *We Need to Talk: How to Have Conversations that Matter* by Celeste Headlee.

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 10TH | 2:00PM

Join us for a One Book One Bakersfield celebration featuring the book *More Than Words* by Roz Maclean! Enjoy a shared reading of this year's community book, then create a thumbprint leaf boat to take home. This family-friendly program celebrates stories, creativity, and the joy of reading together.



HOMESCHOOL MEET AND GREET

FRIDAY | OCTOBER 2ND & 16TH | 3:30PM

Connect with families who've been on the journey, gain helpful tips, insights and encouragement. Share resources, exchange ideas, ask questions, and discover how your library can support and enrich your homeschooling journey.

Come as you are, bring the kids, and leave with new connections, helpful resources and encouragement for your homeschool journey!

TOUCH A TRUCK

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 24TH | 1:00PM - 3:00PM

Get up close to big trucks and vehicles! Kids can explore fire trucks, police cars, and more. Honk the horn, meet the drivers, and have fun with the whole family!



OCTOBER

Kern River Valley Branch Library Calendar of Events

Branch Hours:

Tue.-Thurs. 10am - 7pm

Fri 10am - 6pm

Sat. 10am - 4pm

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		tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
		6. Bright Start - 10:30am Art By the Books - 4:30pm	7. Crafternoon - 4:30pm	1. Slime Lab - 4:30pm	2. Homeschool Meet & Greet - 3:30pm Family Storytime - 4:30pm	3. Cardboard Houses - 2:00pm
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				29. Spooky Science - 4:30pm	30. Family Storytime - 4:30pm	31.