

October 2026

Adults EVENTS GUIDE

Ridgecrest Branch Library

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hours

Tuesday - Thursday	10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
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Events for Adults

All events happen in the Community Room unless noted

Weekly Events

Expressive Art with River Sage Revival

Ages 13+ WEDNESDAYS | 5:30-6:30 P.M.

Explore emotions through art based activities with River Sage Revival.

Community Hangout

Ages 16+ FRIDAYS | 12:00-1:30 P.M.

All abilities can socialize and color or do dot to dot and word search pages.

Mini Social + Quiet Readers Club

Ages 19+ FRIDAYS | 1:30-3:00 P.M.

Chat for 30 minutes before quietly reading (or listening with headphones).



= United Nation's 36th International Day of Older Persons (IDOP) Program: Ridgecrest's 9th annual celebration was organized, and sponsored since 2018 by the Cross Cultural Exchange Club & Cheryl McDonald Creative (in memory for 2025) with the collaboration of many local partners.



= One Book Project Program: A countywide reading and discussion project that fosters empathy, promotes awareness, and strengthens the fabric of our community.

Intergenerational Collaborative Art Poster

Ages 3+ THU., OCT. 1 | 3:30-5:00 P.M.



Stop by and create art pieces for our collaborative community poster.

Casual Conversations (monthly; 1st Thu.)

Ages 16+ THU., OCT. 1 | 5:30-6:30 P.M.

Speakers of different languages can converse. Russian is available. NO formal instruction. Children are welcome but childcare is not provided.

Learn Useful ASL Signs

Ages 3+ FRI., OCT. 2 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.



Learn some useful American Sign Language signs with Professor Kollmeyer.

For more event information, visit our website - kclevnts.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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RC Book Lovers (monthly; 4th Thu)

Ages 19+ THU., OCT. 22 | 12:30-2:00 P.M.

Discuss Quite a Year for Plums by Bailey White. Ask library staff for book list.

Fiber Art Friends (monthly; 4th Thu)

Ages 16+ THU., OCT. 22 | 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.

Let's Chat: Gardens & Plants (monthly)

Ages 19+ SAT., OCT. 24 | 12:00 -1:00 P.M.

Gardeners and plant lovers of any experience level can bring their own lunch. A local home gardener will be available to share fall planting tips and ideas!

Junk Journal Decorating (monthly; 4th Sat)

Ages 19+ SAT., OCT. 24 | 1:30-3:30 P.M.

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

H.E.A.R.T.S. Connection Family Empowerment Group (monthly)

Ages 19+ WED., OCT. 28 | 10:00-11:30 A.M.

Caregivers of children with special needs can learn about IEP-related topics and other topics of interest. Ask library for the topic for the month.

Catch Up Crafts

Ages 3+ FRI., OCT 30 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.
SAT., OCT. 31 | 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

Stop by to work on a craft you may have missed!

Adults Try It: Embroidery

Ages 19+ SAT., OCT. 31 | 1:30-3:30 P.M.

Adults can try embroidery with small embroidery kits (as supply lasts).

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N.Y.M. (Not Your Mama's) Book Club (monthly)

Ages 19+ SAT., OCT. 17 | 10:00-11:00 A.M.

Discuss a book chosen via Facebook poll (search "Not Your Mama's Book Club"). October's book is Remain by Nicholas Sparks.

Chess Learn & Play

Ages 8+ SAT., OCT. 17 & 24 | 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.



We have a volunteer available to play chess or teach people how to play. We will have additional chess boards set up for more people to play.

Learn to Play American Mahjong

Ages 13+ SAT., OCT. 17 | 1:30-3:30 P.M.

Want to learn how to play? Looking for other players? We will have 4 tables set up for 16 players. Last full session for 2026 but shorter, more basic sessions will happen in Nov and Dec which may not lead to playing the game.

Homeschool Hangout (monthly; 3rd Tue)

Ages 3+ TUE., OCT. 20 | 12:30-2:00 P.M.

Families using any homeschool curriculum can network and discuss learning or learn about options. Basic activities will be offered for kids to socialize.

Chess Open Play

Ages 8+ TUE., OCT. 20 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.
WED., OCT 28 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.



Come in and use one of our chess sets to play. We MIGHT have a volunteer available for teaching how to play, but it is not guaranteed.

Unplugged Game Time

Ages 3+ FRI., OCT. 23 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Stop by to play any of our games. We have a variety from classics (Jenga, Candyland, chess) to newer games (Shark Bite, Kollide, Uzzle).

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Family Bingo (monthly)

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



Bingo winners can choose from books, seeds, or a small prize. NOTE: We use magnetic bingo chips which can be a potential choking hazard.

Thank a Veteran Card Project

Ages 3+ SAT., OCT. 3 | 12:30-3:30 P.M.
TUE., OCT 13 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.



Come by and make a card to thank our veterans. The Oct. 13 session will be in the MAKERSPACE.

Pokemon Play & Learn with Fistful of Cards (monthly; 1st Tue.)

Ages 6+ TUE., OCT. 6 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.

Bring your 60-card deck or use a loaner deck. A Fistful of Cards volunteer can teach how to play. Trade at your risk, as we will not monitor trading.

LEGO Challenge (monthly)

WED., OCT. 7 | 3:30-5:00 P.M.
SAT., OCT. 10 | 11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
FRI., OCT. 23 | 10:00-11:30 A.M.

Stop by to try the LEGO Challenge for the day or build anything you want instead. 10/7 Animal, 10/10 Ocean, 10/23 House

Layer by Layer Painting: Ocean

Ages 13+ THU., OCT. 8 | 5:30-6:30 P.M.

Ocean themed, GUIDED layer by layer painting with Will. Please be on time to get all instruction and complete the painting.

How Active Listening Enhances Speaking

Ages 19+ SAT., OCT. 10 | 12:30-3:30 P.M.



Practical tips to improve your interpersonal skills at home, at work, and publicly. Snacks provided. Workshop presented by China Lake Toastmasters.



Adults (19+ yrs)

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SUGGESTED AGES:

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