

October 2026

Tween/Teen EVENTS GUIDE

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Events for Tweens & Teens

All events happen in Community Room unless noted

Teen VIP Time

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 teens they bring, as we will ask solo adults at the YA tables to find another place to work.



= 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 help us make some artwork for a collaborative community poster!

Casual Conversations (monthly; 1st Thursday)

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

Converse in different languages. Instruction will NOT be available. Children are welcome but childcare is not provided. Russian is available.

Learn Useful ASL Signs



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

Learn some basic and useful signs from Professor Kollmeyer.

Family Bingo (monthly)

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

Bingo winners choose a book to build a home library, small prize, or 3 seed packets from our mini Seed Library. NOTE: We use magnetic bingo chips (potential choking hazard).

Thank a Veteran Card Making



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

Stop by and make a thank you card to be given to local veterans. Oct. 13 session in the MAKERSPACE.

Pokemon Learn & Play with Fistful of Cards

Ages 6+ TUE., OCT. 6 | 3:30-4:30 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.

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Life Size Candyland

Ages 1+ SAT., OCT. 24 | 11:30 A.M.-3:30 P.M.

Play a giant, simplified version and collect candy along the way until you reach the end.

Junk Journal Decorating (monthly; 4th Saturday)

Ages 16+ SAT., OCT. 24 | 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.

Teens Paint with Music

Ages 13-18 TUE., OCT. 27 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.



Teens will paint while listening to music and see if the music impacts their painting.

Halloween Fun

Ages 6+ THU., OCT. 29 | 3:30-5:00 P.M.

Celebrate Halloween with some fun activities!

Catch Up Crafts (monthly)

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!

Show Us Your Costume for a Treat

Ages 1+ SAT., OCT. 31 | 10:00 A.M.-3:30 P.M.

Come by the Circulation Desk and show us your costume for a treat!



Trick-or-Read at Ridgecrest Branch
Library AND Fistful of Cards
Dates: 10/20/2026-10/30/2026

Both locations will offer a special challenge to complete to earn a FREE comic book (thanks to Fistful of Cards) and candy. Comic book and candy are available as supply lasts.

* Ridgecrest Branch Library will have a Trick-or-Read activity checklist for ages 5-12 and for ages 13-18. Complete all activities on the list to earn the comic book and candy.

* Fistful of Cards will have a Pokemon Ghost Hunt Challenge. Participants will get a checklist to search for various Pokemon throughout the store to earn the comic book and candy.

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Chess Learn & Play

Ages 8+

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



Play chess or learn how to play with a volunteer. We will have additional chess boards available for others to play.

Learn to Play American Mahjong

Ages 13+

SAT., OCT. 17 | 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.

Homeschool Hangout (monthly; 3rd Tuesday)

Ages 3+

TUE., OCT. 20 | 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.

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 challenge other players (or bring your own)! Instruction may happen but is NOT guaranteed.

Things Teens Should Know: Budgets with Desert Valleys Credit Union

Ages 13-18

TUE., OCT., 20 | 5:30-6:30 P.M.

This month's topic is on setting budgets and financial topics with someone from Desert Valleys Credit Union. Snacks and social time included.

Fiber Art Friends

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.

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).

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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LEGO Challenge (monthly)

Ages 6+

WED., OCT. 7 | 3:30-5:00 P.M.

SAT., OCT. 10 | 11:00 AM.-12:00 P.M.

FRI., OCT. 23 | 10:00-11:30 A.M. (SSUSD NO SCHOOL DAY)

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

Expressive Art with River Sage Revival

Ages 13+

WEDNESDAYS | 5:30-6:30 P.M.

Teens and adults explore their emotions through art based activities.

Layer by Layer Painting: Ocean

Ages 13+

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

Ocean themed, GUIDED layer by layer painting project with Will. Please be on time.

Book Bingo (monthly)

Ages 3+

FRI., OCT. 9 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.



Bingo winners can choose from books, seeds, or a small prize.

Teen Dungeons & Dragons (monthly; 2nd Tuesday)

Ages 13-18

TUE., OCT. 13 | 4:00-6:00 P.M.

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

Crafternoon: DIY Talking Stick Decorating

Ages 3+

THU., OCT. 15 | 3:30-5:30 P.M.



Decorate a Talking Stick to increase communication and listening in families/groups.

Junior Writers Favorite Book Club

Ages 6+

SAT., OCT. 17 | 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

Come share about your favorite books! IN THE MAKERSPACE.



Read or Listen Your Way to the Desert Empire Fair!
Challenge Dates: 9/1/2026-10/17/2026

* Ages 9-18 read or listen to 5 HOURS to get 1 free entry to the fair. Continue reading or listening to enter the drawing for 1 unlimited ride wristband. . One drawing entry for each additional 5 HOURS. On Beanstack ONLY.. You can write your books or hours on a paper and bring it in.



Tweens (9-12 yrs) Teens (13-18 yrs)

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SUGGESTED AGES:

1+ yrs 3+ yrs 6+ yrs 8+ yrs 13+ yrs 13-18 yrs 16+ yrs