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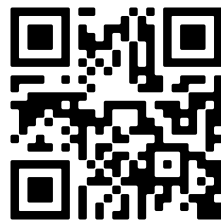
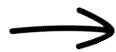
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hours

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October 2026

Teens' EVENT GUIDE

Southwest Branch Library



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Events for Teens

Volunteer Orientation

Wednesday, October 7th | 5:30-6:30pm | Community Room

Sign up through the Kern County Library Website to join the Southwest Branch Volunteer Orientation. Learn about what volunteering involves and take a comprehensive tour of the library building!



Junk Journaling

Wednesday, October 21st | 5-6:30pm | Community Room

Join us for a crafty evening of junk journaling! We'll provide journals and some supplies like magazines, washi tape, and scrap paper, but we also encourage you to bring anything personal you'd like to include!



Hand Sewing Club

Wednesday, October 28th | 5-6:30pm | Community Room

Join our Hand Sewing Club at the library. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced crafter, this club is the perfect space to explore the art of hand sewing.



SPECIAL SPOOKY EVENTS!

Mini Pumpkin Painting

Monday, October 26th
3:30-4:30pm
Community Room

Come decorate your very own fun-sized Jack-O-Lantern, no carving necessary (or allowed)!

Limited to the first 50 kids and teens.



Magic Wands

Thursday, October 29th | 4-5pm
Community Room

Amaze the muggles in your life with your very own hand-crafted magic wand!



Supper and Snacks

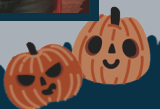
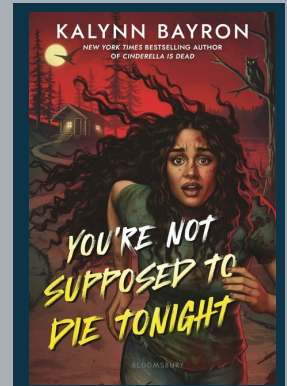
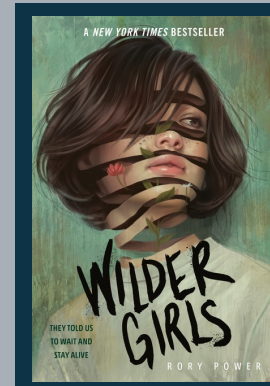
In partnership with the Kern County Superintendent of Schools, the Kern County Library is offering FREE meals, resources, and a space for children & teens to do their homework!



Monday-Friday
Supper: 3pm-5pm
Snacks: 5pm-6pm



Spooky Reads



For more event information, visit our website - kernlibrary.org/events
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.

THE ONE BOOK PROJECT

FOUNDED 2002

The One Book Project is an annual community reading initiative and partnership between California State University, Bakersfield, Bakersfield College, and the Kern County Library. Each year, one featured book is selected to inspire countywide conversations, educational programs, and community engagement.

Throughout October and November, library branches, local organizations, and community members come together to explore a shared story through book discussions, programs, displays, and special events. By reading the same book, we create opportunities for meaningful conversations, strengthen connections across our communities, and celebrate lifelong learning together.

Award-winning journalist Celeste Headlee explores why meaningful conversation has become increasingly difficult in today's fast-paced, technology-driven world. Drawing from research and personal experience, she offers practical strategies for becoming a better listener, communicating with empathy, and having conversations that foster understanding rather than division.

Filled with actionable advice, *We Need to Talk* reminds us that genuine conversation is one of our most valuable tools for building stronger relationships and healthier communities.

WE NEED TO TALK

HOW TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER

CELESTE HEADLEE

Author Keynote Speech

Thursday, October 29th | 7pm
CSUB Icardo Center

Join Celeste Headlee, author this year's One Book Project read, *We Need To Talk: How To Have Conversations That Matter* for a free book discussion, Q&A, and book signing. This event is open to the public; parking in Lot I will be free after 6pm.



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Southwest Library Teen Events

OCTOBER

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Friday	10am-6m
Saturday	10am-4pm