

September 2026

Adults' EVENTS GUIDE

Beale Memorial Library

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Monday - Thursday
Friday
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10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Events for Adults



Chair Exercises with the Independent Living Center of Kern County

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 | 10:30-11:30 A.M.
Break a sweat with us and the Independent Living Center of Kern County.



Veterans Connect @ Beale Memorial Library

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 | 12:00-4:00 P.M.
Meet with a Vet Center representative to get information on insurance benefits, health and wellness services, community support groups, financial assistance, and education, vocational & job training assistance



KCGS Family Tree Maker Seminar

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 | 2:00-5:00 P.M.
Mark Olsen, representing Family Tree Maker, will present a free seminar showcasing this popular and powerful Genealogy tool to preserve your family history. Bring your laptops or notepaper!



Cherokee Community of Central California Meeting

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 | 10:30-1:00 P.M.
The Cherokee Community of Central California (CCCC) is a community of Cherokees and of other people who are interested in Cherokee culture, heritage, tradition and fellowship.



From Container to Crop: Growing Mushrooms in your own Recycling

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 | 5:30-6:30 P.M.
Turn everyday recycling into a mushroom-growing adventure! In this hands-on library workshop, participants will transform clean plastic containers from home into simple mushroom-growing kits while learning the basics of fungi, sustainability, and at-home cultivation. Leave with your own mushroom habitat and the knowledge to grow your crop at home.

Cozy Fall Reads



The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches by Sangu Mandanna

A warm and uplifting novel about an isolated witch whose opportunity to embrace a quirky new family--and a new love--changes the course of her life.

The Spellshop by Sarah Beth Durst

Kiela, a socially awkward librarian, escapes a revolution with her sentient spider plant assistant and a cache of precious spellbooks, returning to her childhood island. There, she finds unexpected friendship, romance, and a new purpose by using illegal magic to grow berries, sell jam, and secretly share spells with her community—despite risking death from the empire that forbids magic for commoners.



Brigands & Breadknives by Travis Baldree

Fern, a foul-mouthed bookseller, moves to the city of Thune for a fresh start beside a friend's coffee shop. But after one disastrous night, she finds herself on the run with an unlikely group—including a legendary warrior and a chaos-goblin with a bounty on its head—and discovers that finding herself takes more than a change of scenery.

Under the Whispering Door by TJ Klune

Hilarious, haunting, and kind, Under the Whispering Door is an uplifting story about a life spent at the office and a death spent building a home.



The Rainfall Market by Yōng-gwang Yu

If you could trade your life for a better one, would you? On the edge of Rainbow Town stands an abandoned house where letters of misfortune can earn a ticket to the mysterious Rainfall Market—a place where lives can be rewritten. Lonely and uncertain of her future, Serin enters the market with her magical cat companion, Issha, searching for the perfect new life. But with only one week to choose, Serin must find her happiness before the market claims her forever.

Explore the Stories of Our Community

Kern County Library Local History Room presents

The House with Three Lives: The Story of the Lopez-Hill House

Saturday, September 5
11am to 1pm

Beale Memorial Library Auditorium
701 Truxtun Avenue Bakersfield CA 93301

Jose Jesus Lopez (known as "J.J.") became a legendary Majordomo – the Spanish term for Ranch Manager – who devoted nearly 60 years of his life to Tejon Ranch. The Victorian house J.J. and his wife, Mary Lopez, built in 1909 became home to the Hill family, Arlin, Lavern and their four children, Arlin, Glenda, Harvey, and Diane, in 1966.

Lavern developed a deep affection for the home and dreamed of preserving it as part of Kern County's history. Lavern passed in 2005 after living in the house for almost 40 years and her daughters, the "Hill Sisters" began their journey to make their mother's dream come true. In 2008, the Kern County Museum accepted the historic home to display in their Pioneer Village naming it The Lopez-Hill House – and Lavern's dream became a reality!

The Lopez-Hill House has been featured in Huell Howser's iconic TV series, *California's Gold*, but it is so much more than a historic building. It represents the lives, traditions, and stories of people who helped shape Kern County from the early ranching era of J.J. to the history of the Hill family who migrated to California from Oklahoma in the late 1940's.

Please join Kern County Museum's Executive Director, Mike McCoy, Filmmaker Chuck Barbee, and the "Hill Sisters," as they share their personal insights about this amazing history!



Meet the filmmaker! Enjoy a special screening of filmmaker Chuck Barbee's *House with Three Lives* documentary about the Lopez-Hill House.



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Ladies' Night @ Beale

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 | 5:00-6:00 P.M.

Theme: Bag Swag

Grab your girls and come customize your very own tote! Supplies are limited so feel free to bring your own tote bag to paint.



Yoga w/ Claudia

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 | 5:30-6:30 P.M.

Enjoy an hour of yoga with a certified yoga instructor!



KCGS Becoming Americans: Tuscany's Antongiovanni Family Settles in Kern County

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 | 1:00-2:30 P.M.

Local resident Catherine Merlo brings to life the journey of this early Italian family



Junk Journaling

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 | 4:00-5:00 P.M.

Using stickers, glue, magazines, markers, pens, and other scrap book items to create unique pages in a journal.



Drop-pin Sewing Studio

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 | 4:00-6:00 P.M.

Bring your sewing project to the library for our Drop-pin Sewing Studio Program! Socialize and exchange ideas with others in the sewing community. We'll have 2 sewing machines available to use, however, we encourage attendees to bring their own materials for their projects because supplies are limited. We hope to see you there!



Ukulele Club

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 | 5:00-6:45 P.M.

Join members of the community to share and learn how to play the ukulele!

Events for Adults



Peer-to-Peer Networking with the Independent Living Center of Kern County

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 | 2:00-3:00 P.M.

Join us for peer-to-peer networking facilitated by the Independent Living Center of Kern County. This is a great opportunity to connect with others in a safe and welcoming environment!



Mushroom Farming 101

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 | 2:00-3:00 P.M.

Looking for the perfect fall crop? Bring your own container and learn the basics of growing mushrooms at home in this beginner-friendly workshop. Discover how fungi grow, explore simple cultivation methods, and gain practical tips for starting your own mushroom-growing journey. Perfect for home gardeners and commercial farmers alike!

Happy Labor Day!

In observance of Labor Day, all Kern County Library branches will be closed Monday, September 7, and will return to regular hours on Tuesday, September 8.

While we're closed, you can still enjoy the library from home! Access our eLibrary anytime with your FREE Kern County Library card to browse eBooks, audiobooks, movies, music, and more.



Fridays

Media Literacy Club

FRIDAYS, SEPTEMBER 4 & 18 | 4:00-6:00 P.M.

Let's learn to read media the way we read books! Explore how TV, film, advertisements, and the Internet leave behind influential messages that not only affect us personally, but shape how we view others and the world.



Creative Writing

FRIDAYS, SEPTEMBER 11 & 25 | 4:30-5:30 P.M.

An opportunity for writers of all backgrounds to generate ideas and stimulate creativity. The setting will be informal and may have a theme. There will typically be a writing prompt and discussion.

Saturdays

Dungeons & Dragons

SATURDAYS, SEPTEMBER 5 & 19 | 1:00-3:00 P.M.

Join us for Dungeons and Dragons! D&D is collaborative tabletop RPG where you create characters and embark on epic adventures guided by a Dungeon Master. Engage in storytelling, strategy, and dice-based combat where your choices shape the narrative. Let's roll!



Wednesdays

Toastmasters Public Speaking Workshop

WEDNESDAYS | 11:30-12:30 P.M.

Toastmasters representatives provide a fun, safe, supportive environment for library patrons to practice public speaking skills.



Craft & Chat

WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 2, 16 & 30 | 5:00-6:00 P.M.

Join us for a fun crafts and good convo here at the library!

September 2: DIY Autumn Activity Punch Cards

September 16: Magazine Strip Silhouette Wall art

September 30: Halloween Popsicle Storefronts

Citizenship Study Group - Grupo de estudio para la ciudadanía

WEDNESDAYS (MIÉRCOLES) | 5:30-6:30 P.M.

Grupo de estudio para la ciudadanía. Practicamos la lectura, la escritura y la expresión oral en inglés mientras estudiamos para el examen de naturalización del USCIS. Este grupo de estudio se desarrolla principalmente en inglés, aunque la disponibilidad de traductores de español varía.



Mondays

Seniors' Guide to Gadgets

MONDAYS | 2:00-4:00 P.M.

A personalized program that empowers senior citizens to confidently navigate the digital world. One-on-one, 30-minute sessions offer tailored support to enhance technical skills in a friendly environment. (by appointment only)



Clase de Inglés Para Principiantes

MONDAYS | 6-7 P.M.

Learn the basics of the English language (for Spanish speakers).

Aprende los fundamentos del idioma inglés (para hispanohablantes).



Fridays



Overeaters Anonymous

FRIDAYS | 10:00-11:00 A.M.

A 12-step fellowship for individuals who struggle with compulsive eating behaviors, including overeating, binge eating, anorexia, and bulimia. It offers a supportive, non-judgmental community where members share their experiences, strength, and hope to help each other recover physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

Tuesdays

Baby Cafe

TUESDAYS | 11:30-1:30 P.M.

Free, professional help with breastfeeding, pumping, and bottle feeding.



Free Legal Help

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

One-on-one free legal help with Victor Vevea. Sign-ups start at 4:30pm.



SEPTEMBER 2026

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wednesday

thursday

friday

saturday

1.

11:30 Baby Cafe

5:30 Free Legal Help

2. 10:30 Chair Exercises
11:30 Toastmasters
1. 2:00 Vet Connect
5:00 Craft and Chat: DIY
Autumn Activity Punch Cards
5:30 Citizenship Study Group

3.

2:00 KCGS Family Tree Maker
Seminar

4.

10:00 Overeaters
Anonymous

4:00 Media Literacy Club

5.
10:30 Cherokee Community
of Central California Meeting

1:00 Adult D&D

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8.

11:30 Baby Cafe

5:30 Free Legal Help

9. 11:30 Toastmasters

5:30 From Container to Crop

5:30 Citizenship Study
Group

10.

3:30 Volunteer Orientation

5:00 Ladies Night: Bag Swag

11.

10:00 Overeaters
Anonymous

4:30 Creative Writing



14. 2:00 Senior Tech Help
(By appointment only)
6:00 Clase de Inglés
Para Principiantes
5:30 Yoga w/ Claudia

15. 11:30 Baby Cafe
1:00 KCGS Becoming
Americans

5:30 Free Legal Help

16. 11:30 Toastmasters

5:00 Craft and Chat:
Magazine Strip Silhouette
Wall Art
5:30 Citizenship Study
Group

17.

4:00 Drop-pin Sewing Studio

18.

10:00 Overeaters
Anonymous

4:00 Media Literacy Club

19.

1:00 Adult D&D

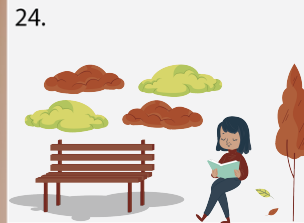
21. 2:00 Senior Tech Help
(By appointment only)
4:00 Junk Journaling
5:00 Ukelele Club
6:00 Clase de Inglés
Para Principiantes

22.

11:30 Baby Cafe

5:30 Free Legal Help

23. 11:30 Toastmasters
2:00 Peer-to-Peer Networking
5:30 Citizenship Study
Group



25.

10:00 Overeaters
Anonymous

4:30 Creative Writing

26.
11:30 Volunteer Orientation
2:00 Mushroom Farm

28. 2:00 Senior Tech Help
(By appointment only)

6:00 Clase de Inglés
Para Principiantes

29.

11:30 Baby Cafe

5:30 Free Legal Help

30. 11:30 Toastmasters

5:00 Craft and Chat:
Halloween Popsicle
Storefronts
5:30 Citizenship Study
Group