

September 2026

Beale Memorial Library

Kids' EVENTS GUIDE

Hours

Monday - 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.

Find Us!

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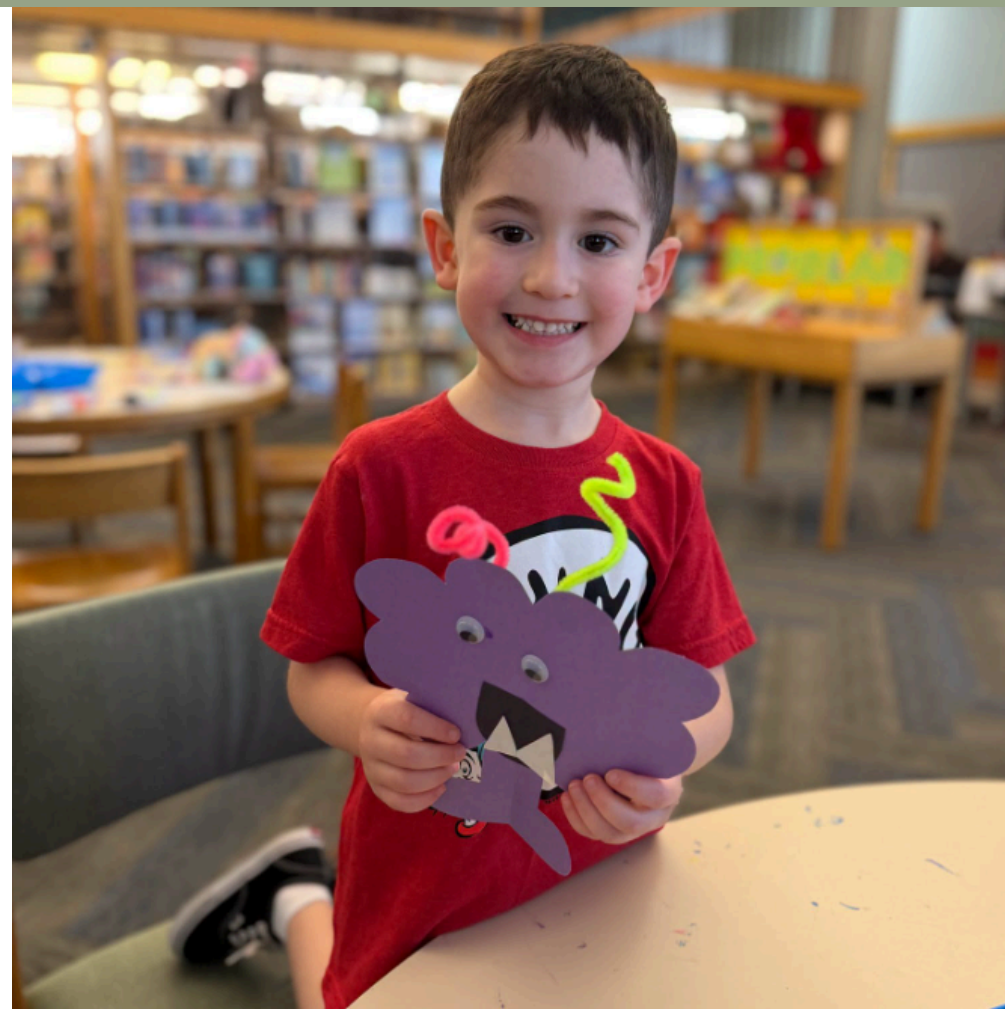
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Baby Bounce

Ages 0-2 MONDAY, SEPT. 21 | 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Rhymes, songs, bounces and books just right for your little one! Build a foundation for lifelong reading and learning with this engaging Storytime.

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3-6 EVERY TUESDAY | 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Music, movement, visual literacy and language development in a fun Storytime that teaches social skills.

Weekly Themes: Kailan Carr, Internat'l Literacy Day, Shapes, Emotions, Ocean Animals

Toddler Time

Ages 2-4 THURSDAY, SEPT. 3, 10, 17 | 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Enjoy songs, stories, and movement that will build early childhood skills.

Weekly Themes: Birds, Color Blue, Bears

Family Storytime

Ages 6-11 EVERY SATURDAY | 1:00 - 2:00 P.M.

Bring the entire family to this age-inclusive Storytime full of stories, songs, and movement.

Weekly Themes: Art, Kindness, Games, Cooking



Closed for Labor Day September 7

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.

Support our Special Programs!

From art supplies, toys, and everyday essentials, your gift will help bring joy to our community and make our programs brighter and more creative for kids and families.



Scan the QR code to visit our Amazon Wishlist and see how you can donate.

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.

Special Events

Preschool Storytime with Alison Burrowes



Ages 2-6

TUESDAY, SEPT. 22
10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
CHILDREN'S AREA



Our special guest, Alison Burrowes, Director of Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, will read books about emotions and follow it up with a kindness activity where children create caring cards with KernBHRS staff.

Viva! Little Learners

Ages 0-6

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24
10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
CHILDREN'S AREA



Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with your little ones at the library! Get hands-on with colorful crafts, enjoy a special Storytime, and make music inspired by Hispanic culture. Let's learn, play, and celebrate together!



FREE MEALS!

Begins on September 8
AGES 2 - 18 | MON - FRI
3 P.M SUPPER
5 P.M SNACK

In partnership with the Kern County Superintendent of Schools, the Kern County Library is offering FREE meals and a place to do homework for ages 2-18.

Guest Readers



Kailan Carr
Prioritizing play!

Preschool Storytime with Kailan Carr

TUESDAY, SEPT. 1
10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. Ages 2-6
CHILDREN'S AREA

You can meet, local author, Kailan Carr once a month at the library during Preschool Storytime. She will read a book with us and bring her screen-free play resources.



 **nami**
National Alliance on Mental Illness

Time to Sign with NAMI Ages 2-6

MONDAY, SEPT. 14 & 28
10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
CHILDREN'S AREA

Come to the library and join NAMI Kern (National Alliance on Mental Illness) to learn American Sign Language in a Storytime format.

offsite
5351 Olive Dr. Suite 200
Bakersfield, CA 93308



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Community Action Partnership of Kern

 **wic**
CALIFORNIA
WOMEN, INFANTS & CHILDREN
Families grow healthy with WIC

Storytimes @ CAPK WIC

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9 Ages 0-12
10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
CAPK WIC OFFICE

Join us offsite at the CAPK WIC office for Storytime for kids of all ages. Read stories with us, sing songs, and do a craft that you can take home! Everything that you know and love from Storytimes at the library at the CAPK WIC office!

Staff Picks

Looking for a great read-aloud or a new favorite story? These are just a few beloved stories hand-selected by our staff.

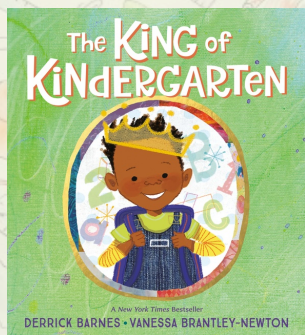
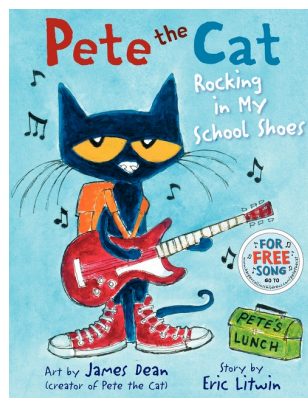


How to Spot a Best Friend Written by Bea Birdsong Illustrated by Lucy Fleming

"Today, I will find a best friend!" announces a little girl to her mother as they walk to school. Her mother reminds her that it's only the first day of school, and finding a best friend might take some time. But the girl isn't worried, because she knows exactly how to spot a best friend.

Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes Written by Eric Litwin Illustrated by James Dean

Pete discovers the library, the lunch room, the playground, and lots of other cool places at school. And no matter where he goes, Pete never stops moving and grooving and singing his song...because it's all good.



The King of Kindergarten Written by Derrick Barnes Illustrated by Vanessa Brantley-Newton

Starting kindergarten is a big milestone--and the hero of this story is ready to make his mark! He's dressed himself, eaten a pile of pancakes, and can't wait to be part of a whole new kingdom of kids. The day will be jam-packed, but he's up to the challenge, taking new experiences in stride with his infectious enthusiasm!



Kids Get Crafty Ages 6-12

EVERY THURSDAY | 4 - 5 P.M.

Work on a new craft or art project every week. All materials will be provided.



Audiobooks + Art Ages 6-12

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4, 11, 25 | 4 - 5 P.M.

During this program we will listen to an audiobook that you can access with a library card and we'll work on a project at the same time.



Sign Language with Lisa

Ages 7-12

FRIDAY, SEPT. 18 | 4 - 5 P.M.

Lisa, our volunteer Sign Language instructor, will teach you some basic Sign Language signs by using books, activity sheets, and more!

Early Learner Mornings

After School Programs



LEGO Maniacs

Ages 5-12

EVERY TUESDAY | 4 - 5 P.M.

Come to the library and build your own LEGO creation and put it on display for all to see.



Crafting Literacy Club

Ages 7-12

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9 & 23 | 4 - 5 P.M.

To improve literacy and social-emotional learning, we will read a book together and create a craft inspired by the story.



Middles' Makerspace

Ages 7-12

MONDAY, SEPT. 14 & 28 | 3:30 - 5 P.M.

Create, build, and explore! With a variety of materials and supplies to choose from, kids can let their imaginations run wild and make whatever they dream up. The only limit is your creativity!



Family Bingo

Ages 6-12

MONDAY, SEPT. 21 | 4 - 5 P.M.

Join us at the library for a fun game of bingo! Grab a card and if you get five across in any direction, you will get to take home a small prize!



Wonder Tots Learning Lab

Ages 2-5

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9 & 23
10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

A STEAM program that focuses on exploration, play, sensory discovery, and language development. At this stage, children learn best through hands-on experiences, movement, repetition, and guided curiosity.



Mini Makers

Ages 2-5

FRIDAY, SEPT. 11 & 25
10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Process art is an authentic, joyful way for toddlers to build the tools they'll later use to read and write. Join us at the library where we make early development fun!



Little Letter Lessons

Ages 3-6

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30
10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Join us for a letter lesson where we'll practice letter sounds with songs, books, and play-based learning activities. This month's letter is 'L'!



SEPTEMBER 2026



tuesday

wednesday

thursday

friday

saturday

1.
10:30am - Preschool
Storytime w/ Kailan Carr
4pm - LEGO Maniacs



3.
10:30am - Toddler Time:
Birds
4pm - Kids Get Crafty

4.
4pm - Audiobooks & Art

5.
1pm - Family Storytime:
Art

monday

7. CLOSED



8.
10:30am - Preschool
Storytime: Literacy Day
3pm-6pm - Supper and
Snacks in the Stacks
4pm - LEGO Maniacs

9.
10:30am - Wonder Tots
3pm-6pm - Supper and
Snacks in the Stacks
4pm - Crafting Literacy
Club

10.
10:30am - Toddler Time:
Bears
3pm-6pm - Supper and
Snacks in the Stacks
4pm - Kids Get Crafty

11.
10:30am - Mini Makers
3pm-6pm - Supper and
Snacks in the Stacks
4pm - Audiobooks & Art

12.
1pm - Family Storytime:
Kindness

14.
10:30am - Time to Sign w/
NAMI
3pm-6pm - Supper and
Snacks in the Stacks
3:30pm - Middles'
Makerspace

15.
10:30am - Preschool
Storytime: Shapes
3pm-6pm - Supper and
Snacks in the Stacks
4pm - LEGO Maniacs

16.
3pm-6pm - Supper and
Snacks in the Stacks

17.
10:30am - Toddler Time:
Color Blue
3pm-6pm - Supper and
Snacks in the Stacks
4pm - Kids Get Crafty

18.
3pm-6pm - Supper and
Snacks in the Stacks
4pm - Sign Language w/Lisa

19.
1pm - Family Storytime:
Games

21.
10:30am - Baby Bounce
3pm-6pm - Supper and
Snacks in the Stacks
4pm - Family Bingo

22.
10:30am - Preschool
Storytime: Emotions
3pm-6pm - Supper and
Snacks in the Stacks
4pm - LEGO Maniacs

23.
10:30am - Wonder Tots
3pm-6pm - Supper and
Snacks in the Stacks
4pm - Crafting Literacy
Club

24.
10:00am - ¡Viva! Little
Learners
3pm-6pm - Supper and
Snacks in the Stacks
4pm - Kids Get Crafty

25.
10:30am - Mini Makers
3pm-6pm - Supper and
Snacks in the Stacks
4pm - Audiobooks & Art

26.
1pm - Family Storytime:
Cooking

28.
10:30am - Time to Sign w/
NAMI
3pm-6pm - Supper and
Snacks in the Stacks
3:30pm - Middles'
Makerspace

29.
10:30am - Preschool
Storytime: Ocean Animals
3pm-6pm - Supper and
Snacks in the Stacks
4pm - LEGO Maniacs

30.
10:30am - Little Letter
Lessons: Mm
3pm-6pm - Supper and
Snacks in the Stacks

 Ages 0-5

 Ages 6-12

 Ages 2-18