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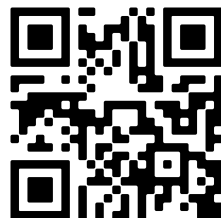
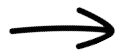
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hours

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

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September 2026

Adults' EVENTS GUIDE

Southwest Branch Library



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Events For Adults

CSUB 60+ Club

Ages 60+ Tuesday, September 8th | 2:00pm-3:00pm | Upstairs Study Room

Unwind with paper crafts! Perfect for seniors who want to explore their artistic side, this program is an excellent way to stay active, social, and connected through the art of paper crafting.

Friends of the Southwest Library Used Book Sale

Ages 19+ Thursday, September 10th through Tuesday, September 15th | Community Room

Come join us for our semi-annual Used Book Sale here at Southwest, courtesy of the Friends of the Southwest Library! Come get some books that you'll never have to worry about bringing back while supporting the library!

Poetry Writing Workshop

Ages 19+ Saturday, September 12th | 2:00pm-3:30pm | Upstairs Study Room

Join us for a beginner-friendly poetry writing workshop. Learn the basics of meter, imagery, and rhythm, and explore the styles of other poets while writing your own poems.

Volunteer Orientation

Ages 19+ Friday, September 18th | 4:30pm-5:30pm | 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!

Knit With Us

Ages 19+ Saturday, September 19th | 10:00am-1:00pm | Community Room

Knitters of all levels, join this social knitting community to exchange ideas and get help from others. Bring your own yarn, knitting needles, and imagination!

Junk Journaling

Ages 19+ Tuesday, September 22th | 5:00pm-6:30pm | Community Room

Join us for an evening of relaxation at the library, where we will enjoy creating art together by archiving nostalgic memories in personalized journals!

Trivia & Mocktails

Ages 19+ Thursday, September 24th | 5:30pm-6:30pm | Community Room

It's an epic contest to see who knows the most about the mundane! Join us for a fun night of trivia and non-alcoholic drinks!

Hand Sewing Club

Ages 19+ Wednesday, September 30th | 5:00pm-6:15pm | Community Room

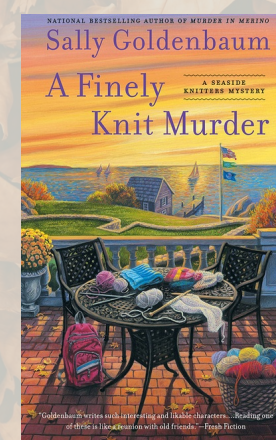
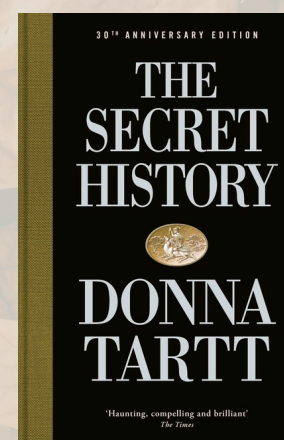
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Happy Labor Day!

All Kern County Library branches will be closed on Monday, September 7th, in observance of Labor Day. We will resume our regular hours on Tuesday, September 8th. While our locations are closed, you can still enjoy eBooks, audiobooks, and more through our eLibrary, available 24/7 and free with your Kern County Library card.



Fall Grown-Up Reads



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.

Friends of the Southwest Library

Used Book Sale

September 10-12 & 14-15

Member Day:

Thursday, September 10th | 12pm - 6pm
Memberships sold at the door

General Days:

Friday, September 11th | 10am - 5pm

Saturday, September 12th | 10am - 4pm
Half Price Day

Monday, September 14th | 12pm - 6pm
Half Price Day

Tuesday, September 15th | 12pm - 6pm
\$5 Bag and \$10 Box Day

Cash, checks,
and debit/credit
cards accepted.

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Online Resources



Pronunciator

Looking to learn a new language? With lessons to help you learn over 100 new languages, Pronunciator can help you transform that goal to learn how to speak another language into reality. Click on the "Instant Access" button to begin your learning adventure, or register an account and keep track of your progress as well as gain access to the materials on your mobile device. So, if you're looking forward to a trip abroad and want to speak with the locals in their language when you get there, or want to become bilingual to increase your effectiveness at work, Pronunciator can help you to meet your goals!



Chilton Library

With new car prices going ever higher, it's probably less expensive these days to repair the vehicle one already has. If you're looking for a solid resource for fixing your car, the Chilton Library is a great place to start your search! With information on vehicles going back to 1930, you're almost guaranteed to find the vehicle you drive, and with detailed instructions on how to repair and replace all manner of items throughout the vehicle, the Chilton Library might be the only repair reference guide that you'll need!

SEPTEMBER 2026

Adult Events Southwest Branch Library

	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
monday					
7. 	8. CSUB 60+ Club 2:00pm-3:00pm	9.	10. Friends of the Library Used Booksale: Members Day 12:00pm-6:00pm	11. Friends of the Library Used Booksale: General Public Day 10:00am-5:00pm	12. Friends of the Library Used Booksale: General Public Day 10:00am-4:00pm Poetry Writing Workshop 2:00pm-3:30pm
14. Friends of the Library Used Booksale: Half Price Day 12:00pm-6:00pm	15. Friends of the Library Used Booksale: \$5 a Bag/\$10 a Box Day 12:00pm-6:00pm	16. Family Silent Game Night 4:00pm-5:00pm	17.	18. Volunteer Orientation 4:30pm-5:30pm	19. Knit With Us 10:00am-1:00pm
21.	22. Arrive Financial Services presents: Free Estate Planning 10:00am-11:00am Junk Journaling 5:00pm-6:30pm	23.	24. Trivia & Mocktails 5:30pm-6:30pm	25.	26.
28.	29.	30. Hand Sewing Club 5:00pm-6:15pm			

Branch Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 10am-7pm
Fri. 10am-6pm
Sat. 10am-4pm

