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November2026

Adults' EVENTS GUIDE

Southwest Branch Library



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Events For Adults

Handweavers of the Valley Guild Presents: Spinning Circle

Ages 19+ Wednesday, November 4th | 12:00pm-2:00pm | Community Room

Not the bicycle variety, this class will be about spinning yarn! If you're interested in learning more about the textile arts, this is a good class to take! Bring your own spinning wheel.

Blue Zones Project Presents: Emotional Art

Ages 19+ Saturday, November 7th | 1:00pm-3:00pm | Community Room

Through playful, guided art activities, participants use color, texture, and imagination to express emotions—no art skills required. Come create, explore, and let your feelings lead the way.

Poetry Writing Workshop

Ages 19+ Monday, November 9th | 5:15pm-6:45pm | Community Room

Join us for a beginner-friendly poetry writing workshop. Learn the basics of meter, imagery, and rhyme, and explore your own writing style in a safe and supportive environment of fellow authors.

CSUB 60+ Club

Ages 60+ Tuesday, November 10th | 2:00pm-3:00pm | Community 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.

ALS Network Presents: Connection Groups

Ages 19+ Tuesday, November 10th | 4:30pm-6:00pm | Community Room

Connection groups provide opportunities for people living with ALS and their loved ones to share their personal experiences and learn more about strategies for preserving independence and maximizing quality of life.

Volunteer Orientation

Ages 19+ Thursday, November 12th | 5:30pm-6:30pm | Community Room

Sign-up on 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!

Holiday Cards

Ages 19+ Tuesday, November 17th | 4:00pm-6:00pm | Community Room

Join us for an afternoon of holiday card making. Express your love and gratitude for loved ones by making a personalized card. While supplies lasts

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Arrive Financial Services Presents: Free Estate Planning Seminar

Ages 19+ Wednesday, November 18th | 11:00am-12:00pm | Community Room

This workshop is designed to educate attendees on what an estate plan is, why it is important, and how proper planning can protect individuals and their families.

Junk Journaling

Ages 19+ Wednesday, November 18th | 5:00pm-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!

Trivia & Mocktails

Ages 19+ Thursday, November 19th | 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!

Knit With Us

Ages 19+ Saturday, November 21st | 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!

Cool Season - Winter Gardening Workshop

Ages 19+ Monday, November 23th | 5:30pm-6:30pm | Community Room

Winter is often thought of as the off-season for gardening, but there are many plants that do quite well in cooler conditions! Learn about how to keep the garden going at this informative workshop!

Floral Arrangements

Ages 19+ Tuesday, November 24th | 4:00pm-6:00pm | Community Room

Attendees will have the opportunity to assemble and take home their very own festive holiday wreath, perfect for a thanksgiving table centerpiece!

Hand Sewing Club

Ages 19+ Wednesday, November 25th | 5:00pm-6:15pm | Community Room

Join our Adult 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.



For more event information, visit our website - kerncountylibrary.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

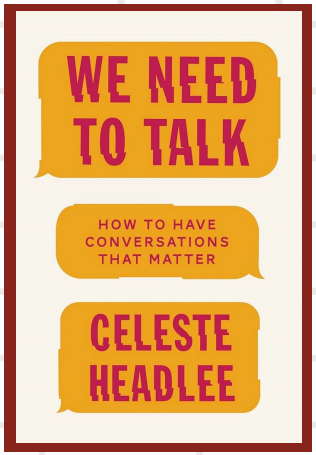
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The One Book Project is an annual community reading initiative and partnership between California State University, Bakersfield, Bakersfield College, and the Kern County Library. Each year, one featured book is selected to inspire countywide conversations,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



Premier Program - *Calling In: How to Start Making Change with Those You'd Rather Cancel* wth Professor Loretta J. Ross

Thursday, November 19th | 5:30pm
CSU Bakersfield, Walter W. Stiern Library,
Dezember Reading Room

In her lecture, educator, activist and scholar Loretta Ross will introduce the powerful practice of "Calling In," a compassionate alternative to canceling that emphasizes accountability, empathy, and connection. Through engaging storytelling and real-world insights, participants will explore how to navigate difficult conversations, foster deeper understanding across differences, and create more inclusive and resilient communities. Learn how to meet people where they are, while staying rooted in justice and shared humanity.

Electronic Resources

Palace Project

This statewide collection, designed to enhance access to library materials to Californians throughout the state, is available to anyone with a California public library card and an internet connection. The Palace Project consolidates multiple collections, including Kern's Libby and SJVLS' cloudLibrary, into a single app. Items from the Palace Project Collection check out for 21 days and are available to any California resident. Expand your universe of reading options and check out something new!

Kanopy

The Kanopy App makes films, documentaries, series & children's programing available to all Kern County residents with a Kern County Library card. The streaming service has over 30,000 films and documentaries to choose from. The unique ticket-based system for checking out materials through the app grants users 12 tickets each month to use as they see fit. This is an excellent way to check out movies from the library without paying rental fees!

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