October 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.

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KERN COUNTY LIBRARY

Storytimes

Baby Bounce

Ages 0-2 MONDAY, OCT. 5 & 19 | 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, Bats, Leaves, Spooky Not Scary

Toddler Time

Ages 2-4 THURSDAY, OCT. 1, 8, 15, 22 | 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

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

Weekly Themes: Autumn, Fire Trucks, Pumpkins, Black Cats

Family Storytime

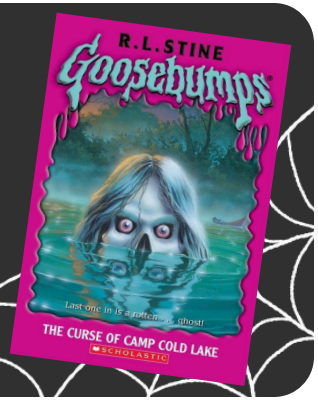
Ages 6-11 EVERY SATURDAY | 1:00 - 2:00 P.M.

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

Weekly Themes: Monsters, Skeletons, Nature, Apples, Costumes

Face Your Fears!

Many of the Goosebumps books, by R.L. Stine, involve characters confronting their fears and overcoming obstacles. This can be an important lesson for young readers to learn, as facing fears head-on can lead to personal growth and development.



Halloween Week



From Old Books to Mushroom Nooks: A Spooky Mushroom Growing Class

SATURDAY, OCT. 31 | 2:00 - 3:00 P.M.

Ages 7-12

In this Halloween-themed workshop with Hillside Mushrooms Farm, kids will give worn-out books a magical second life by transforming them into mushroom habitats. Perfect for curious kids who love crafts, science, and all things spooky!

Costume Family Storytime

SATURDAY, OCT. 31 | 1:00 - 2:00 P.M.

Ages 6-11

Wear your Halloween costume all day and bring the entire family to this age-inclusive Storytime full of stories, songs, movement, and friends!





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 - 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.

Halloween Week

Let's celebrate Halloween all week! Each day of the week we'll have different themed activities with crafts, games, prizes, and friends.

Beaded Pumpkin Craft



MONDAY, OCT. 26
4 - 5 P.M.
Middles' Room

Ages 7-12

Happy National Pumpkin Day! With all supplies provided and guided instruction, you can create your own beaded pumpkin craft.

Escape Room-in-a-Bag

WEDNESDAY , OCT. 28
4 - 5 P.M.
Auditorium

Ages 7-12

Something strange has happened at the library... The Halloween Prize Cauldron has disappeared! If you can solve puzzles and find the secret location of the cauldron, we'll be sure you get a prize too!



The Witch's Slime Shop

TUESDAY, OCT. 27 | 4 - 5 P.M.
Auditorium

Ages 7-12



Step into the library where magic is brewing! Young wizards and witches will journey through the Witch's shop to brew and customize their own Halloween slime potions.

Littles' Monster Mash

THURSDAY, OCT. 29
10 A.M. - 12 P.M.
Little Learners' Room

Ages 2-6



Get ready for a MONSTROUSLY fun playtime filled with a special storytime, sensory activities, crafts, toys, and play-based learning activities. Little learners can explore and celebrate Halloween in toddler-friendly way!



Treat Bag Decorating



THURSDAY, OCT. 29
4 - 5 P.M.
Middles' Room

Ages 7-12

Get ready for trick-or-treating this year and decorate a treat bag to hold your sweet treats on Halloween!

Guest Readers



Kailan Carr
Prioritizing play!

Preschool Storytime with Kailan Carr

TUESDAY, OCT. 6 | 10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
Little Learners' Room

Ages 2-5

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

MONDAY, OCT. 12 & 26 | 10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
Little Learners' Room

Ages 2-6

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



Family Storytime with the Nature Center

SATURDAY, OCT. 17 | 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Little Learners' Room

Ages 7-12

In partnership with the Hart Park Nature Center, Claire Lahorgue will read a selection of books that introduce children to the fun and wonder of nature journaling. After the stories, families will have the opportunity to create their own nature journals.

offsite
5351 Olive Dr. Suite 200
Bakersfield, CA 93308



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California WIC Women, Infants & Children

Storytimes @ CAPK WIC

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14 | 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
CAPK WIC OFFICE

Ages 2-6

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.

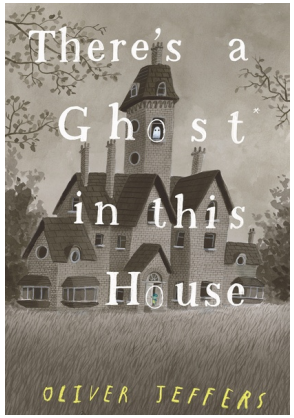


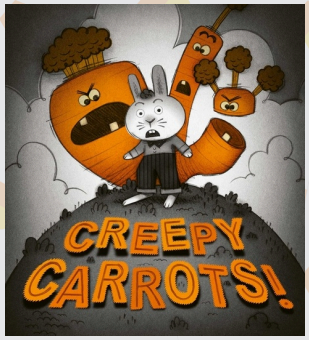
The Bad Seed Presents: The Good, the Bad, and the Spooky
Written by Jory John
Illustrated by Pete Oswald

Halloween is the Bad Seed's favorite holiday of the year. But what's a seed to do when he can't find a show-stopping costume for the big night? Postpone trick-or-treating for everyone, of course! Can he get a costume together in time, or will this seed return to his baaaaaaaaad ways?

There's A Ghost in this House
Written & Illustrated by Oliver Jeffers

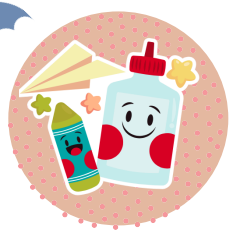
There's a young girl who lives in a haunted house, but she has never seen a ghost. Are they white with holes for eyes? Are they hard to see? Step inside this charming, interactive seek-and-find to help the girl as she looks under the stairs, behind the sofa, and in the attic for the ghost.





Creepy Carrots
Written by Aaron Reynolds
Illustrated by Peter Brown

Jasper Rabbit loves carrots--especially Crackenhopper Field carrots.
He eats them on the way to school.
He eats them going to Little League.
He eats them walking home.
Until the day the carrots start following him...or are they?



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.

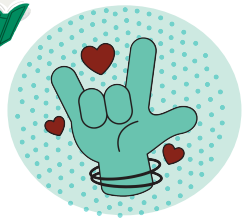


Audiobooks + Art

Ages 6-12

FRIDAY, OCT. 2, 9, 23 | 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 6-12

FRIDAY, OCT. 16 | 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!



FREE MEALS!

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.



From October 19–30, stop by your Kern County Library to create a card, write a letter or poem, or draw a picture showing your appreciation for their service. Supplies will be provided. You can give your card directly to a veteran you know, or leave it with a library staff member to be shared with local veterans.

After School Programs



Family Bingo

Ages 6-12

MONDAY, OCT. 5 | 4 - 5 P.M.

FRIDAY, OCT. 30 | 4 - 5 P.M.

Join us at the libary 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!



LEGO Maniacs

Ages 6-12

TUESDAY, OCT. 6, 13, & 20 | 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 6-12

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7 | 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 6-12

MONDAY, OCT. 12 | 4 - 5 P.M.

Create, build, and explore at our Middle's Makerspace! 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!

Early Learner Mornings



Wonder Tots Learning Lab

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7 | 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Ages 2-5

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

Mini Makers

FRIDAY, OCT. 9 | 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Ages 2-5

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

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14 | 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Ages 2-5

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 'Mm'.

Rhythm and Rhyme Time

SATURDAY, OCT. 17 | 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

Ages 2-5

A musical Storytime where kids will practice music literacy and reading literacy, using the Kodaly Method of folk music and singing games.



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monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
			1. 10:30am - Toddler Time: Autumn 3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks 4pm - Kids Get Crafty	2. 3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks 4pm - Audiobooks & Art	3. 1pm - Family Storytime: Monsters
5. 10:30am - Baby Bounce 3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks 4pm - Family Bingo	6. 10:30am - Preschool Storytime w/ Kailan Carr 3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks 4pm - LEGO Maniacs	7. 10:30am - Wonder Tots 3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks 4pm - Crafting Literacy Club	8. 10:30am - Toddler Time: Fire Trucks 3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks 4pm - Kids Get Crafty	9. 10:30am - Mini Makers 3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks 4pm - Audiobooks & Art	10. 1pm - Family Storytime: Skeletons
12. 10:30am - Time to Sign w/ NAMI 3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks 4pm - Middles' Makerspace	13. 10:30am - Preschool Storytime: Bats 3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks 4pm - LEGO Maniacs	14. 10:30am - Little Letter Lessons: Mm 3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks	15. 10:30am - Toddler Time: Pumpkins 3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks 4pm - Kids Get Crafty	16. 3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks 4pm - Sign Language w/Lisa	17. 10:30am - Rhythm & Rhyme Time 1pm - Family Storytime w/ Hart Park Nature Center
19. 10:30am - Baby Bounce 3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks	20. 10:30am - Preschool Storytime: Leaves 3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks 4pm - LEGO Maniacs	21. 3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks	22. 10:30am - Toddler Time: Black Cats 3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks 4pm - Kids Get Crafty	23. 3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks 4pm - Audiobooks & Art	24. 1pm - Family Storytime: Apples
26. 10:30am - Time to Sign w/ NAMI 3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks 4pm - Beaded Pumpkin Craft	27. 10:30am - Preschool Storytime: Spooky, Not Scary 3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks 4pm - The Witch's Slime Shop	28. 3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks 4pm - Escape Room-in-a-Bag	29. 10:00am - Littles' Monster Mash 3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks 4pm - Treat Bag Decorating	30. 3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks 4pm - Family Bingo	31. 1pm - Family Storytime: Costumes 2pm - Spooky Mushroom Growing Class

Ages 0-5 | Ages 6-12 | Ages 2-18