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December 2026

Adults' EVENTS GUIDE

Baker Branch Library



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Events for Adults

BAKER STREET TTRPG GUILD: DAGGERHEART

16+ ***WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 2ND & 16TH | 4-6PM***

Embark with us across a multiverse of games in strange and familiar worlds. This month, we'll be playing Daggerheart, where Hope can tip the scales against Fear and heroes are born from humble beginnings.



MAGIC: THE GATHERING 101

ALL AGES ***THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10TH | 3:30-4:30PM***

We invite you to come join us and learn the basics of how to play 'Magic the Gathering!' Or, if you already play, hang out and play with other Magic enthusiasts!



HOLIDAY GIFT WRAPPING

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11TH | 4PM-6PM

Celebrate the season with us at Baker Library! We'll provide a festive selection of wrapping paper and supplies so you can make your gifts extra special. All ages are welcome—bring your friends and family for a joyful holiday experience!







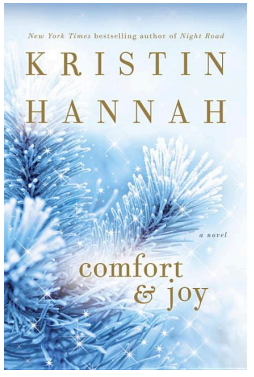
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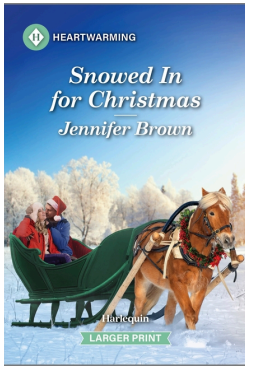
Want to help support the Baker Branch Library? Scan the QR code to visit our Amazon Wishlist, where you'll find items that help us provide programs, activities, and resources for our community. We'd love your support, and every donation is appreciated!

WINTER HOLIDAY READS



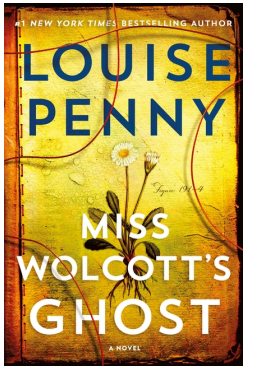
***Comfort & Joy* by Kristin Hannah**

After discovering her husband's betrayal with her sister, a heartbroken librarian named Joy Candellaro survives a plane crash and stumbles into a magical holiday experience where she helps a grieving single father and his young son find healing—and learns to open her heart to love again.



***Snowed In for Christmas* by Jennifer Brown**

A merry café owner meets a grinch. Now Little Miss Merry-And-Bright is stranded with a guy who could give Scrooge a lesson in bah-humbugging. But is this the worst Christmas ever...or the start of something unforgettable?



***Miss Wolcott's Ghost* by Louise Penny**

Inspector Gamache receives a call that sends him in search of not just a dead body, but the legend of Lost Nation, and a plant that might save, or take, countless lives. As the murder investigation deepens, nightmarish specters from the past begin to haunt the officers.

LOUIE CRUZ BELTRAN'S: RHYTHM AND ROOTS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19TH @ 1 PM

ALL AGES

An East Bakersfield native, musician Louie Cruz Beltran brings his interactive, fun, and informative Rhythm and Roots presentation to the Baker Branch Library! Using humor and authentic and unusual instruments, Louie explores the origins of Afro Cuban and Mexican rhythms, how they made their way into today's music, and imparts an uplifting message of music education and empowerment through the arts.





All Branches Closed – Staff Development Day

All Kern County Library branches will be CLOSED on Friday, December 4, 2026, for an all-staff meeting.
Thank you for your patience as our staff take time to build new skills and knowledge to better serve our community.
Regular hours will resume Saturday, December 5, 2026.



Winter Recess Closure

The holiday season is here! Kern County Library branches will be CLOSED Thursday, December 24, 2026, through Saturday, January 2, 2027. We can't wait to see you again when regular hours resume Monday, January 4, 2027!
Keep the reading going over the break! Our eLibrary is open 24/7 with eBooks, audiobooks, and more, all available with your FREE Kern County Library card!

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CROCHET + COFFEE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH | 1PM-3PM

Join us and other crocheters for a relaxing time, with coffee and music! We'll have both beginners and experienced crocheters for this session. Help us grow our crochet community!



TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18TH | 4:30PM-5:30PM

A Jeopardy-style trivia game where players form teams to answer trivia questions or play solo for bragging rights.



BINGO!

ALL AGES ***WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23RD | 4-5PM***

Back by popular demand, the Baker Branch will be hosting monthly Bingo nights! Join for a fun time and the chance to win some prizes!



BAKER BRANCH MAKER SPACE

The Baker Branch Library now has sewing machines available for public use! Bring in whatever project you are working on and ask our staff for a sewing machine. Instructional guides will be available for the machine. Please bring your own fabric. New or freshly washed fabric donations are welcome!



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monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	1.	2. Baker Street TTRPG Guild 4-6PM	3.	4. ***LIBRARY IS CLOSED ALL STAFF DAY***	5.
7.	8.	9.	10. Magic the Gathering 101 3:30-4:30PM	11. Holiday Gift Wrapping 4-6PM	12. Crochet + Coffee 1-3PM
14.	15.	16. Baker Street TTRPG Guild 4-6PM	17.	18. Trivia Night 4:30-5:30PM	19. Louie Cruz Beltran: Rhythm and Roots 1PM
21.	22.	23. Bingo 4-5PM	24. ***LIBRARY IS CLOSED***	25.  ***LIBRARY IS CLOSED***	26. ***LIBRARY IS CLOSED***
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