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December 2026

# Kids' EVENTS GUIDE

# Baker Branch Library



KERN COUNTY LIBRARY

# Events for Kids



## S.T.EM. MASTERS

*(AGES 6-11)* TUESDAYS, DECEMBER 8TH & 22ND | 3:30PM

Discover the wondrous and magical world of S.T.E.M! We hypothesize that you will find these activities 100% fun!



## ABC: ARTISTS AND BUILDERS CREATE!

*(AGES6-11)* WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 2ND, 9TH, & 16TH | 3:30PM

Let your creativity shine! Every Wednesday we will have LEGOs and coloring pages out for you to show of your artistic and building talents!



## ORIGAMI

*(AGES 6-11)* THURSDAYS, DECEMBER 3RD & 17TH | 3:30PM

Try your hand at this traditional Japanese art and see what you can create! We will have printed out tutorials and staff will be available to help.



## MAGIC:THE GATHERING 101

*(ALL AGES)* THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10TH | 3:30PM- 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!

## BINGO!

*(ALL AGES)* *WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23RD | 4PM-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!




## 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.

## *LETTERS TO SANTA*

*ALL MONTH LONG DURING OPEN HOURS*




*Are you on the Nice List or Naughty List this year? Hopefully you won't get a lump of coal! During the month of December, children will be able to write a letter to Santa, and Baker staff will make sure it gets to the North Pole! Keep an eye out for Santa's response; he's never, too, busy to write back!*

## *ELF ON THE SHELF*

*ALL MONTH LONG DURING OPEN HOURS*

*To my dearest little readers: We have a special holiday mission for you! While the elves were out decorating, one mischievous elf stayed behind to play games in the Baker Branch Library. Can you help us spot him? Each day, he hides in a new place. If you find him, you may receive a small treat. Wishing you a magical holiday season and joyful searching!*

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.

# HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

## HOLIDAY GIFT WRAPPING



***(ALL AGES)*** ***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!

## SANTA'S WORKSHOP



***(AGES 2-12)*** ***SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH | 11AM***

Get ready for Christmas with a fun craft hour for kids to make their own DIY craft for a loved one! Enjoy a fun, festive experience with staff who will help children get ready for the upcoming holiday!

## WINTER HOLIDAY STORYTIME



***(AGES 6-11)*** ***FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18TH | 3:30PM***

Join us for a Winter Holiday Storytime, where we'll read cozy stories about a variety of Winter holidays and celebrations. Be sure to dress comfy and stick around for a craft at the end!




## 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.

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# STORYTIMES

## Baby Bounce



***(AGES 0-2)***

***TUESDAYS, DECEMBER 1ST & 15TH | 1PM***

Rhymes, songs, bounces, and books just right for your little one!

## Toddler Time



***(AGES 2-4)***

***THURSDAYS, DECEMBER 3RD & 17TH | 12PM***

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

## Preschool Storytime and Craft



***(AGES 3-6)***

***SATURDAYS, DECEMBER 5TH & 19TH | 11AM***

We'll read stories and afterwards we will create a craft inspired by the stories that we've read!

## Family Storytime and Craft



***(AGES 6-11)***

***FRIDAYS, DECEMBER 11TH & 18TH | 3:30PM***

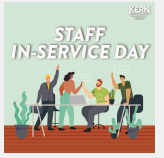
Join us for a storytime for the whole family! Following the story we will make crafts based on the books we have read!




## 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!

# DECEMBER 2026

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| | 1.<br>Baby Bounce 1PM<br>*Supper & Snacks 3-6PM* | 2.<br>ABC: Artists and Builders Create 3:30PM<br>*Supper & Snacks 3-6PM* | 3.<br>Toddler Time 12PM<br>Origami 3:30PM<br>*Supper & Snacks 3-6PM* | 4.<br><br>***LIBRARY IS CLOSED FOR ALL STAFF*** | 5.<br>Preschool Storytime 11AM |
| 7. | 8.<br>S.T.E.M. Masters 3:30PM<br>*Supper & Snacks 3-6PM* | 9.<br>ABC: Artists and Builders Create 3:30PM<br>*Supper & Snacks 3-6PM* | 10.<br>Magic the Gathering 101 3:30-4:30PM<br>*Supper & Snacks 3-6PM* | 11.<br>Family Storytime 3:30PM<br>Holiday Gift Wrapping 4-6PM<br>*Supper & Snacks 3-6PM* | 12.<br>Santa's Workshop 11AM |
| 14. | 15.<br>Baby Bounce 1PM<br>*Supper & Snacks 3-6PM* | 16.<br>ABC: Artists and Builders Create 3:30PM<br>*Supper & Snacks 3-6PM* | 17.<br>Toddler Time 12PM<br>Origami 3:30PM<br>*Supper & Snacks 3-6PM* | 18.<br>Family Storytime/Winter Holiday Storytime 3:30PM<br>*Supper & Snacks 3-6PM* | 19.<br>Preschool Storytime 11AM<br>Louie Cruz Beltran: Rhythm and Roots 1PM |
| 21. | 22.<br>S.T.E.M. Masters 3:30PM | 23.<br>Bingo 4-5PM | 24.<br><br>***LIBRARY IS CLOSED*** | 25.<br><br>***LIBRARY IS CLOSED*** | 26.<br>***LIBRARY IS CLOSED*** |
| 28. | 29.<br>***LIBRARY IS CLOSED*** | 30.<br>***LIBRARY IS CLOSED*** | 31.<br>***LIBRARY IS CLOSED*** | | |