December 2026

# Beale Memorial Library

# Kids' EVENTS GUIDE



## Hours

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| 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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# Storytimes

## Preschool Storytime

Ages 3-6 **TUESDAY, DEC. 1, 8, 15, & 22** | 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, Warm & Cozy, Counting, Pajamas*

## Toddler Time

Ages 2-4 **THURSDAY, DEC. 3 & 10** | 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

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

*Weekly Themes: The Color Red, Holiday Cheer*

## Family Storytime

Ages 6-11 **SATURDAY, DEC. 5, 12, & 19** | 1:00 - 2:00 P.M.

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

*Weekly Themes: The Color Green, Woodland Creatures, Sweet Treats*

## Baby Bounce

Ages 0-2 **MONDAY, DEC. 14** | 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.



# Closures




### 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!

## 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.

# Special Events




All Ages

## Letters to Santa

ACCEPTING LETTERS FROM
**TUESDAY, DEC. 1**
TO
**MONDAY, DEC. 7**

With supplies provided, you can come to the library and write a letter to Santa. The first 150 people can look forward to getting a letter back from Santa before Christmas!

## Santa's Little Workshop

**THURSDAY, DEC. 17** | 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
LITTLE LEARNERS' ROOM

Ages 0-6

Little hands, big imaginations, and lots of holiday fun! Join us for a festive morning of play-based learning featuring arts & crafts, pretend play stations, Storytime, and a meet & greet with Santa Claus himself!



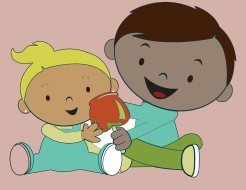

## Merry Grinchmas w/ Deaf Santa



**MONDAY, DEC. 21** | 4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
AUDITORIUM

Ages 6-12

The Grinch is up to his holiday tricks, and you're invited! Join us for a festive celebration featuring a Deaf Santa meet-and-greet, a sign language Storytime, Christmas crafts, and a little Grinchy chaos. Come learn and celebrate the magic of Christmas with us!



## FREE MEALS!

AGES 2 - 18 | MON - FRI
3 P.M SUPPER | 5 P.M SNACK

Supper & Snacks in the Stacks

***There will be no Supper & Snacks from Dec 21st to Jan. 1st***

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.

# Guest Readers



Kailan Carr
Prioritizing play!

## Preschool Storytime with Kailan Carr

Ages 2-6

**TUESDAY, DEC. 1**
10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
LITTLE LEARNERS' ROOM

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.

***offsite***
5351 Olive Dr. Suite 200
Bakersfield, CA 93308




capk Community Action Partnership of Kern | California WIC Women, Infants & Children — Families grow healthy with WIC

## Storytimes @ CAPK WIC

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9**
10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
**CAPK WIC OFFICE**

Ages 0-12

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!



NAMI
National Alliance on Mental Illness

## Time to Sign with NAMI

**MONDAY, DEC. 7 & 21**
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.

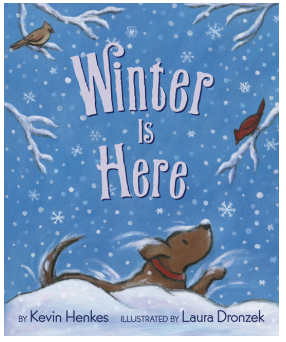
# Staff Picks

*Looking for a great read-aloud or a new favorite story?*
*These are just a few beloved stories hand-selected by our staff!*

*Winter is Here*
**Written by Kevin Henkes**
**Illustrated by Laura Dronzek**

Snow falls, animals burrow, and children prepare for the wonders winter brings.









*The Christmas Feast*
**Written by Nathalie Dargent**
**Illustrated by Magali Le Huche**

Fox, Weasel, and Wolf steal a turkey for their Christmas feast, but the meal has her own ideas about how to celebrate the holiday.

*The School Between* Winter and Fairyland
**Written by Heather Fawcett**

Twelve-year-old Autumn, the beastkeeper at Inglenook School for Magicians, befriends Cai Morrigan the young magician prophesied to destroy the dragon suspected of devouring Autumn's twin brother, and together they uncover the dark truth that lies at the heart of Inglenook School.







## Reading Dragons Replay

**THURSDAY, DEC. 10 & 17** | 4 - 5 P.M.
MIDDLES' ROOM

Ages 7-12

Reading Dragons was hosted at the library in the Summer and Fall of 2025. It is a friendly community where kids track their reading to earn collectable, playable cards. We are replaying with the same cards but with different prizes, crafts, and friends.



## Audiobooks + Art

Ages 6-12

**FRIDAY, DEC. 11** | 4 - 5 P.M.
MIDDLES' ROOM

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 7-12

**FRIDAY, DEC. 18** | 4 - 5 P.M.
MIDDLES' ROOM

Lisa, our volunteer Sign Language instructor, will teach you some basic Sign Language signs by using books, activity sheets, and more!

# After School Programs



## Holiday Cards Makerspace

Ages 6-12 MIDDLES' ROOM

**MONDAY, DEC. 14** | 3:30 - 5 P.M.

With a variety of materials and supplies to choose from, kids can make holiday cards for all of their friends and family.



## LEGO Maniacs

Ages 6-12 MIDDLES' ROOM

**TUESDAY, DEC. 1, 8, 15, 22** | 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 7-12 LAKE ROOM

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16** | 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.




## Christmas Bingo for Kids

Ages 6-12 MIDDLES' ROOM

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23** | 3 - 4 P.M.

Join us at the library 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 free book and a festive prize!

# Early Learner Mornings




## Little Letter Lessons

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9**
10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

LITTLE LEARNERS' ROOM

Ages 2-6

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 'Oo'.

## Rhythm & Rhyme Time

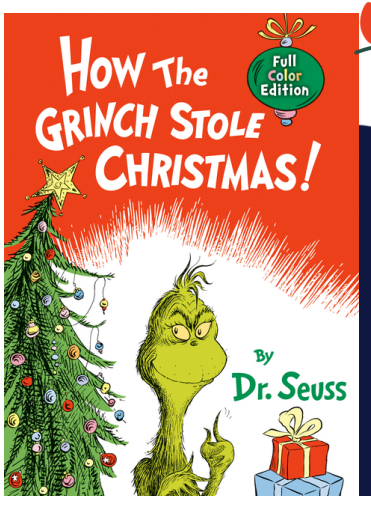
**SATURDAY, DEC. 12**
10:30 - 11:15 A.M.

LITTLE LEARNERS' ROOM

Ages 2-6

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






"Maybe Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more."

# DECEMBER 2026

**Branch Hours:**

Mon.-Thur. 10am-7pm
Fri. 10am-6pm
Sat. 10am-4pm

## *Beale Memorial Library*

| monday | tuesday | wednesday | thursday | friday | saturday |
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| | 1.<br>10:30am - Preschool Storytime w/ Kailan Carr<br>3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks<br>4pm - LEGO Maniacs | 2.<br>3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks | 3.<br>10:30am - Toddler Time: The Color Red<br>3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks | 4.<br><br>CLOSED<br>All Staff In-Service Day | 5.<br>1pm - Family Storytime: The Color Green |
| 7.<br>10:30am - Time to Sign w/ NAMI<br>3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks | 8.<br>10:30am - Preschool Storytime: Warm & Cozy<br>3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks<br>4pm - LEGO Maniacs | 9.<br>10:30am - Little Letter Lessons: Oo<br>3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks | 10.<br>10:30am - Toddler Time: Holiday Cheer<br>3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks<br>4pm - Reading Dragons Replay | 11.<br>3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks<br>4pm - Audiobooks & Art | 12.<br>10:30am - Rhyme Time<br>1pm - Family Storytime: Woodland Creatures |
| 14.<br>10:30am - Baby Bounce<br>3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks<br>3:30pm - Holiday Cards Makerspace | 15.<br>10:30am - Preschool Storytime: Counting<br>3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks<br>4pm - LEGO Maniacs | 16.<br>3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks<br>4pm - Crafting Literacy Club | 17.<br>10am - Santa's Little Workshop<br><br>3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks<br>4pm - Reading Dragons Replay | 18.<br>3pm-6pm - Supper and Snacks in the Stacks<br>4pm - Sign Language w/ Lisa | 19.<br>1pm - Family Storytime: Sweet Treats |
| 21.<br>10:30am - Time to Sign w/ NAMI<br>4pm - Merry Grinchmas w/ Deaf Santa<br> | 22.<br>10:30am - Preschool Storytime: Pajamas<br>4pm - LEGO Maniacs | 23.<br>3pm - Christmas Bingo for Kids | 24.<br><br>CLOSED<br>Holiday Break | 25.<br>CLOSED<br>Holiday Break | 26.<br>CLOSED<br>Holiday Break |
| 28.<br>CLOSED<br>Holiday Break | 29.<br>CLOSED<br>Holiday Break | 30.<br>CLOSED<br>Holiday Break | 31.<br>CLOSED<br>Holiday Break | | |

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