December 2026

Kids' EVENT GUIDE

Holloway-Gonzales Branch Library



KERN COUNTY LIBRARY

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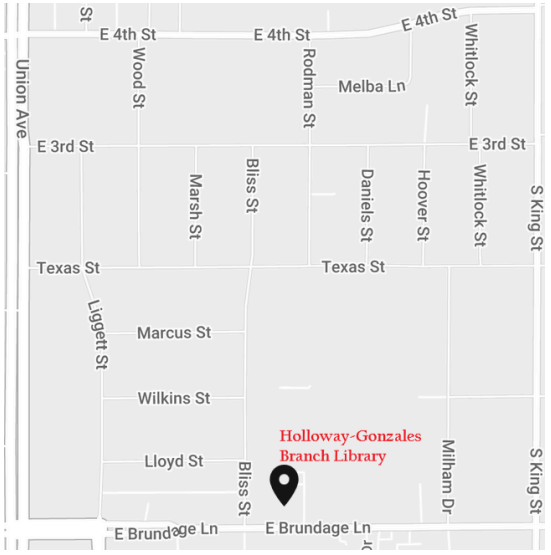
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Hours

Tuesday - 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.







Events for Kids 6-12

Scavenger hunt, puzzles, kids computer and LEGO table all month long!

High Score Heroes

TUESDAYS | 3:30PM



We play Nintendo Switch games! Challenge your friends to Super Smash Bros, Mario Kart 8, or Bluey for our little gamers!

Paint Party!



THURSDAYS | 4:00PM

Every Thursday we put on our aprons and paint on a canvas and easel. Each week we try our best to recreate that week's fun kid-friendly painting!

Karaoke, Bingo, & Pictionary

FRIDAYS | 4:00PM



Pictionary: December 11, Karaoke: December 18
Need something to do after school on a Friday? We have you covered!

Young Builders



SAT. | DECEMBER 5TH | 2:00PM

Empower young makers with the ChompSaw, a kid-safe cardboard cutter. Draw out your creation on cardboard then cut it out using the Chompsaw!

Crafternoon: Popsicle Snowflakes

WED. | DECEMBER 9TH | 4:00PM



Join us to make your own snowflake using popsicle sticks and fun decorations. Create a unique winter masterpiece to take home and enjoy!

Chess Club



SAT. | DECEMBER 12TH | 2:00PM

A casual monthly meetup on where kids can play chess alongside their parents and other kids. Every skill level is welcome to join!

STEAM Explorers: Sand Art

WED. | DECEMBER 16TH | 4:00 PM



Join us for Christmas Star Sand Art, where you can create your own colorful star using vibrant sands. It's a fun and festive craft for the whole family!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

All Staff In-Service

All Kern County Library branches will be closed Friday, December 4th for staff training.

Normal hours will resume Saturday, December 5th, 2026.

Winter Break

All Kern County Library branches will be closed Thursday, December 24th - Friday, January 1st, 2027.

Normal hours will resume Saturday, January 2nd, 2027.

A Grouchy Holiday Meet & Greet

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 12TH | 2:00PM

Join us for a special holiday visit with Bakersfield Fairytale Friends, featuring our favorite Christmas grouch and his friends! Families are invited to meet their favorite holiday characters, snap some festive photos, and make magical holiday memories together!

1000 BOOKS before kindergarten

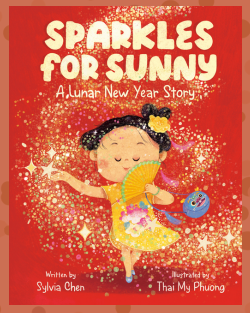
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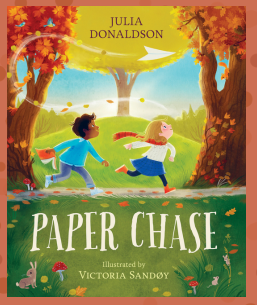


Reading just 1 book a night adds up fast. You can start with your newborn, infant, or toddler, and yes, repeats count! Build a love of reading early and reach 1,000 books before they start school.
Ask a staff member for more details.

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.

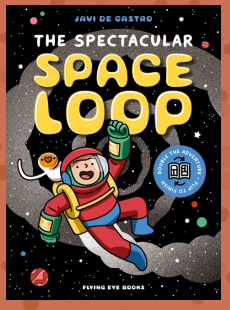
DECEMBER KID BOOKS













SUPPER & SNACKS

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In partnership with the Kern County Superintendent of Schools, the Kern County Library is offering FREE meals and space to do homework for kid ages 2-18.

<u>TUESDAY - FRIDAY</u>

Supper Served 3pm - 5pm
Snacks Served 5pm - 6 pm



Events for Toddlers 0-5



Wednesday Watercoloring

WEDNESDAYS | 11:00AM

Toddlers can explore colors, experiment with brushes, and create their own colorful masterpieces.

Friday Finger Painting

FRIDAYS | 11:00AM

Toddlers can squish, swirl, and create colorful masterpieces using their fingers. We'll provide the paint and aprons—just bring your little artist and their imagination!





Saturday Sensory Play

SATURDAYS | 11:00AM

Toddlers can dig through sensory bowls, search for hidden treasures, squish and shape Play-Doh, and play with kinetic sand. A fun, hands-on way for little ones to explore through touch.

STORYTIMES

Toddler Time

Ages 1-4 TUESDAYS | 11:00AM

December 1st: Food
December 15th: Christmas

Baby Bounce

Ages 0-2 TUESDAYS | 11:00AM

December 8th
December 22nd



Preschool Storytime

Ages 2-5 THURSDAYS | 11:00AM

December 3rd: Food
December 10th: Winter
December 17th: Christmas

Family Storytime

Ages 6-12 WEDNESDAYS | 4:00PM

December 2nd: Food
December 23rd: Christmas

tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1. 11:00am - Toddler Time 3:00pm - Supper & Snacks 3:30pm - High Score Heroes	2. 11:00am - Water coloring 3:00pm - Supper & Snacks 4:00pm - Family Storytime: Food	3. 11:00am - Preschool Storytime: Food 3:00pm - Supper & Snacks 4:00pm - Paint Party	4. CLOSED 	5. 11:00am -Saturday Sensory Play 11:00am - Sensory Play 2:00pm -Young Builders
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22. 11:00am -Baby Bounce 3:00pm - Supper & Snacks 3:30pm - High Score Heroes	23. 11:00am - Water coloring 3:00pm - Supper & Snacks 4:00pm - Family Storytime: Christmas	24. CLOSED 	25. CLOSED 	26. CLOSED 
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