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December 2026

Tween/Teen EVENTS GUIDE

Ridgecrest Branch Library



KERN COUNTY LIBRARY

Events for Tweens & Teens

All events happen in Community Room unless noted

Teen VIP Time

Ages 13-18 TUE-FRI | 2:45-5:00 P.M.

Teens get EXCLUSIVE access to the YA tables from 2:45 to 5:00 pm on school days. We will have daily paper activities and challenges, games, crafts, trivia, and more. Feel free to suggest things to do. Adult direct support professionals must be actively engaged with the teens they bring, as we will ask solo adults at the YA tables to find another place to work.

Pokémon Learn & Play with Fistful of Cards

Ages 6+ TUE., DEC. 1 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Bring your 60-card deck or use a loaner deck. A Fistful of Cards volunteer can teach how to play. Trade at your risk, as we will not monitor trading.

Layer by Layer Painting: Flowers

Ages 10+ TUE., DEC. 1 | 5:30-6:30 P.M.

Our friend Will returns with another GUIDED (but not step by step follow along) layer by layer painting project. This painting will be flower themed. Please be on time so that you can stay with the group, complete your painting, and get cleaned up before the library closes.

Homeschool Hangout

Ages 3+ WED., DEC. 2 | 2:00-3:30 P.M.
TUE., DEC 15 | 12:30-2:00 P.M.

Families using any homeschool curriculum can network and discuss learning. Stop by to learn about homeschool options and socialize. Activities provided for students.

Reading Dragons Party

Ages 6+ WED., DEC. 2 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Sign up for our fall/winter Reading Dragons challenge. Earn a NEW set of cards (different from summer cards). We will have dragon themed games, crafts, and more.

Expressive Art with River Sage Revival

Ages 3+ WEDNESDAYS | 5:00-6:00 P.M.

Join a facilitator from River Sage Revival for an art related session. December focuses on drawing with no formal instruction, just drawing and chatting.

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Posadas Piñata Decorating

Ages 6+ FRI., DEC. 18 | 3:30-5:00 P.M.

Using crepe paper and tissue paper, design and decorate the personal piñata made on Tue 12/15. We have a limited quantity of extra piñata for FAMILIES to decorate together if they did not attend the 12/15 piñata making program, as supply lasts.

Puzzle Exchange

Ages 6+ SAT., DEC. 19 | 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

Bring your completed puzzles to exchange with other puzzlers for new-to-you puzzles. Please make sure puzzles are complete OR note it on the box. From 12:30 pm, anyone will be able to choose a puzzle.

Junk Journal Decorating (monthly)

Ages 16+ SAT., DEC. 19 | 1:30-3:30 P.M.

Bring a junk journal to decorate with our supplies. We have donated books available for junk journals. Feel free to bring supplies for yourself or to share with others.

Catch Up Crafts (monthly)

Ages 3+ TUE., DEC. 22 | 12:00-3:00 P.M.

Stop by to work on a previous craft you may have missed that we have supplies for (as supply lasts). Feel free to request a specific craft, in case we have leftover supplies for it.

Unplugged Game Time with Warm Drinks

Ages 3+ WED., DEC. 23 | 1:00-4:30 P.M.

Stop by to play our games for ages 3 and up, and enjoy a warm drink while you play. We have a variety of games, like the classics (Jenga, Candyland, Chutes & Ladders, chess) to newer games (Shark Bite, Kollide, Uzzle). You can also bring a game from home.

BRANCH CLOSURE NOTICE



We will be CLOSED for the winter break from Thursday, December 24 though Monday, January 4, 2027.

We will reopen for our regular hours on Tuesday, January 5, 2027.

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Book Bingo (monthly)

Ages 3+ FRI., DEC. 11 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Winners choose a book for a home library, small prize, or 3 seed packets from our mobile Seed Library. We do 3 rounds of regular bingo on the same card, then blackout. NOTE: We use magnetic bingo chips which can be a potential choking hazard.

LEGO Challenge (monthly)

Ages 6+ SAT., DEC. 12 | 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M.
WED., DEC. 23 | 10:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Stop by to try the LEGO Challenge of the day or build anything you want.
12/12 Winter; 12/23 Bridge

Teen/Adult Coloring

Ages 13+ SAT., DEC. 12 | 1:30-3:30 P.M.

Teens and adults are invited to stop by the Community Room and do some coloring!

Posadas Piñata Making

Ages 6+ TUE., DEC. 15 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Using classic paper-and-paste construction, design and build a winter-themed piñata, connecting global history with festive, hands-on creativity. Due to drying time needed, participants will return on Fri 12/18 to decorate their piñata (or take it home).

Teen Hot Cocoa Bar and Painting

Ages 13-18 TUE., DEC. 15 | 5:30-6:30 P.M.

Teens are invited to stop by for hot cocoa with some toppings and painting.

ChompSaw Academy

Ages 6+ WED., DEC. 16 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.
TUE., DEC. 22 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Learn to use a safe cardboard cutter before making a cardboard gingerbread person.

Fiber Art Friends

Ages 16+ THU., DEC. 17 | 5:00-7:00 P.M.

Bring your fiber art project supplies to crochet, knit, macramé, embroider, hand sew, cross stitch, needlepoint, or hand quilt and socialize while crafting.

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Middle School Harry Potter Fan Club

Ages 11-14 THU., DEC. 3 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

A local middle schooler and Harry Potter enthusiast invites middle schoolers to attend. This month we will have Harry Potter games. Snacks provided.

Casual Conversations

Ages 16+ THU., DEC 3 | 5:30-6:30 P.M.

Converse in different languages, like Russian. NO instruction available.

Family Bingo (monthly)

Ages 3+ SAT., DEC. 5 | 12:00-1:00 P.M.

Bingo winners choose a book, small prize, or seed packets from our mini Seed Library.

Learn BEFORE Playing American Mahjong

Ages 13+ SAT., DEC. 5 | 2:30-3:30 P.M.

Learn the tiles and card before trying to play! We should get through game set up (but likely won't finish it). We have ONE set (for 4 players), so feel free to bring your set.

Quick STEM Challenge: Silent Bell (in Makerspace)

Ages 6+ TUE., DEC. 8 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

The Quick STEM Challenge for the month is the Silent Bell Challenge. We will offer a variety of materials to choose from to see if you will be able to silence a jingle bell.

Teen & Adult Dungeons & Dragons

Ages 13+ TUE., DEC. 8 | 4:00-6:00 P.M.

Join our adventuring party! We have pre-made characters to choose from.



BRANCH CLOSURE NOTICE:

We will be CLOSED on Friday, December 4 for our annual Staff In-Service Day in Bakersfield.

We will reopen with our regular hours on Saturday, December 5.

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.

Tweens (9-12 yrs) Teens (13-18 yrs)

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