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December 2026

Adults' EVENTS GUIDE

Southwest Branch Library



KERN COUNTY LIBRARY

Events For Adults

Handweavers of the Valley Guild Presents: Spinning Circle

Ages 19+ **Wednesday, December 2nd | 12:00pm-2:00pm | Community Room**

Not the bicycle variety, this class will be about spinning yarn! If you're interested in learning more about the textile arts, this is a good class to take! Bring your own spinning wheel.

CSUB 60+ Club

Ages 60+ **Tuesday, December 8th | 2:00pm-3:30pm | Community Room**

Unwind with paper crafts! Perfect for seniors who want to explore their artistic side, this program is an excellent way to stay active, social, and connected through the art of paper crafting.

ALS Network Presents: Connection Groups

Ages 19+ **Tuesday, December 8th | 4:30pm-6:30pm | Community Room**

Connection groups provide opportunities for people living with ALS and their loved ones to share their personal experiences and learn more about strategies for preserving independence and maximizing quality of life.

Hand Sewing Club

Ages 19+ **Wednesday, December 9th | 5:00pm-6:15pm | Community Room**

Join our Adult Handsewn Club at the library. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced crafter, this club is the perfect space to explore the art of hand sewing.

Snow Globes For Grown Ups

Ages 19+ **Thursday, December 10th | 4:00pm-5:00pm | Community Room**

Create your very own snow globe ornament to add on your Christmas tree. Explore the different mediums of making an ornament. Bring families and friends for this holiday special event. - While supplies last.

Volunteer Orientation

Ages 19+ **Monday, December 14th | 5:30pm-6:30pm | Community Room**

Sign-up on the Kern County Library Website to join the Southwest Branch Volunteer Orientation. Learn about what volunteering involves and take a comprehensive tour of the library building!



When The Library Is Closed, These Apps Are Still Open!

Libby

The Libby App is a fun and user-friendly resource that provides Kern County Residents with access to a large selection of eBooks and eAudiobooks. Checkout periods are for 21 days, and you can checkout up to 30 titles at a time, as well as place requests for up to 20 items at a time. If you need help setting it up on your phone or tablet, please contact the library to make an appointment so that staff can walk you through the process.

cloudLibrary

The cloudLibrary App is another great resource that provides San Joaquin Valley Residents with access to a large selection of eBooks and eAudiobooks. Checkout periods are for 14 days, and you can checkout up to 3 titles at a time, as well as place requests for up to 5 items at a time. Start expanding your horizons and check out something new from cloudLibrary today!

ValleyCat

Have you downloaded the ValleyCat App yet? It's the easiest way to keep track of your library account. The ValleyCat app is available on Google Play and Apple app stores, just search "SVJLS" or "ValleyCat." With ValleyCat, you can search our Library's catalog, place requests & renew items already checked out, download eBooks or eAudiobooks, view account fines & fees, discover the nearest Kern County Library location, and even scan ISBN barcodes to search our catalog! You'll always have your library card's barcode on hand! Check ValleyCat out today!

Important Notices

Closure Notice

All Kern County Library branches will be closed on Friday, December 4th, 2026 for a Staff In-Service Day and will resume regular branch hours on Saturday, December 5th, 2026. Thank you for your patience!



Winter Break Notice

All Kern County Library branches will be closed from Thursday, December 24th through Sunday, January 3rd. We will reopen for normal branch hours on Monday, January 4th, 2027. Happy Holidays!



Parking Lot Notice

Construction work will begin in the Southwest Branch Library parking lot on Monday, December 28, and continue through Friday, January 8. The branch will be closed during this time to accommodate the work.
We anticipate reopening on Saturday, January 9, at the latest, but hope to welcome everyone back sooner if construction is completed ahead of schedule.
Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to make these improvements!



Events For Adults

Indoor Seed Starting Workshop

Ages 19+ Tuesday, December 15th | 5:30pm-6:30pm | Community Room

Join us for an informative presentation by Joel Kirksey, Coordinator for the Edible Garden at CSU Bakersfield, on how to sprout seeds in preparation for springtime!

Junk Journaling

Ages 19+ Wednesday, December 16th | 5:00pm-6:30pm | Community Room

Join us for an evening of relaxation at the library, where we will enjoy creating art together by archiving nostalgic memories in personalized journals!

Trivia & Hot Mocklate

Ages 19+ Thursday, December 17th | 5:30pm-6:30pm | Community Room

It's an epic contest to see who knows the most about the mundane! Join us for a fun night of trivia and non-alcoholic seasonal beverages!

Knit With Us

Ages 19+ Saturday, December 19th | 10:00am-1:00pm | Community Room

Knitters of all levels, join this social knitting community to exchange ideas and get help from others. Bring your own yarn, knitting needles, and imagination!

BC Jazz Alumni Trio

Ages 19+ Tuesday, December 22nd | 5:00pm-6:30pm | Community Room

The BC Jazz Alumni Trio is back and will perform holiday music. Join us at the library and enjoy festive music and get into the holiday spirit.



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

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SOUTHWEST BRANCH LIBRARY

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	1.	2. Weaver's Guild Spinning Circle 12:00pm-2:00pm	3.	4. CLOSED	5.
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21.	22. BC Jazz Alumni Trio 5:00pm-6:30pm	23.	24. CLOSED	25.	26.
28. CLOSED	29.	30.	31.		

Branch Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 10am-7pm

Fri. 10am-6pm

Sat. 10am-4pm