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December 2026

Kids' EVENTS GUIDE

Southwest Branch Library



KERN COUNTY LIBRARY

Events for Kids

Gingerbread Houses
Ages 6-12

Wednesday, Dec. 2nd | 3:00pm-4:00pm | Library Center

Get into the holiday spirit at the library, we'll be making ginger bread houses.

First come first serve to the first 50 kids.





Family Silent Game Night

Tuesday, Dec 8th | 4:00pm-5:00pm | Library Center

In Family Silent Game Night, people can learn to use sign language and communication boards to play games.

Family Flix & Craft
Ages 6-12

Every Thursday | 4:00pm-5:00pm | Library Center

Join us for a movie and a fun craft!





LEGO League
Ages 6-12

Every Friday | 4:00pm-5:00pm | Library Center

Join the LEGO League for a new themed LEGO build each week. Whose creation will be the coolest?

Board Games

Every day upon request. Please see staff at circulation desk for your board games.



Storytimes

Baby Bounce

Ages: 0-12 Months

Fri. Dec. 11th, & 18th
10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
Library Center

Rhymes, songs, bounces and books just right for your little one! Build a foundation for lifelong reading and learning with this engaging story time.

Preschool Storytime

Themes: Cookies, Christmas

Ages: 4-5 Years

Mon. Dec. 7th, 14th, 21st
10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
Library center

Music, movement, visual literacy and language development in a fun class that teaches social skills.

Toddler Time

Themes: Bears, Christmas, Counting through the Winter Holidays, Snow

Ages: 1-4Years

Tues. Dec, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd
Session 1: 10:00 A.M - 11:00 A.M.
Session 2: 11:15 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.
Library Center

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

Family Storytime

Themes: Santa,

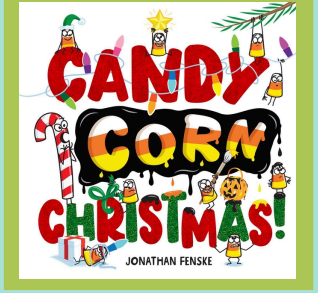
Ages: 5-8 Years

Sat. Dec 5th, 12th, 19th
10:30 A.M - 11:30 A.M.
Library Center

Enjoy stories, finger plays, rhymes, and more.

Holiday Reads







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.



Pom Pom Ornaments

Wednesday, Dec 16th | 4-5:30pm | Library Center

Kids can create their very own ornaments out of popsicle sticks, pipe cleaners, and other ordinary materials. No tools or experience required to participate. While supplies last.



Staff In-Service Day

All Kern County Libraries are closed Friday, Dec. 4, 2026 for Staff In-Service Day.

Approved by the Kern County Board of Supervisors, Resolution # 2025-191



Winter Recess

All Kern County Library locations will be closed from December 24, 2026 through January 3, 2027 in observance of Winter Recess. We will reopen with regular hours on January 4, 2027.

Approved by the Kern County Board of Supervisors, Resolution # 2015-318



Parking Lot Closure

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!

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Supper & Snacks

Supper & Snacks in the Stacks

In partnership with the Kern County Superintendent of Schools, the Kern County Library is offering FREE meals, resources, and a space for children & teens to do their homework!

MONDAY - FRIDAY

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

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Kern County Superintendent of Schools
Office of John G. Mendiburu, Ed.D. — Advocates for Children

Southwest Branch Library -Kids

DECEMBER 2026

KERN COUNTY LIBRARY

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	1. Toddler Time Session 1: 10:00am-11:00am Session 2: 11:15-12:15pm Supper & Snacks 3:00pm-6:00pm	2. Gingerbread Houses 3:00pm-4:00pm Supper & Snacks 3:00pm-6:00pm	3. Supper & Snacks 3:00pm-6:00pm Family Flix & Craft 4:00pm-5:00pm	4. CLOSED	5. Family Storytime 10:30am-11:30am
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Branch Hours:

Monday - Thursday	10am-7pm
Friday	10am-6pm
Saturday	10am-4pm