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November 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.

= One Book Project Program: A countywide reading and discussion project that fosters empathy, promotes awareness, and strengthens the fabric of our community.



= in celebration of DiNovember, attend this program to get a dinosaur themed item (as supply lasts). NOTE: Program may not be dinosaur-themed.

Pokemon Learn & Play with Fistful of Cards

Ages 6+ TUE., NOV. 3 | 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.

Things Teens Should Know: Taxes

Ages 13-18 TUE., NOV. 3 | 5:30-6:30 P.M.

Learn about working age requirements, how to fill out a proper W4 and DE4, and what to consider to prepare for the future regarding taxes from a local tax professional.

Homeschool Hangout

Ages 3+ WED., NOV. 4 | 2:00-3:30 P.M.

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

Reading Dragons Party

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



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

Expressive Art with River Sage Revival

Ages 3+ WEDNESDAYS | 5:30-6:30 P.M.

Join a facilitator from River Sage Revival for an art related session. November will focus on drawing and there will be no formal instruction, just time to draw and chat.

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Learn BEFORE Playing American Mahjong

Ages 13+ SAT., NOV. 21 | 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

Learn the basics of tiles and the card before you try to play! We should get through setting up a game (but likely won't finish it before the next program). We have ONE set (for 4 players), so feel free to bring your set. There MAY be space to extend the American Mahjong program (depending on how many attend Junk Journal Decorating) but no guarantees.

Junk Journal Decorating (monthly)

Ages 16+ SAT., NOV. 21 | 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.

Crafternoon: Fall and Dinosaurs

Ages 3+ TUE., NOV. 24 | 12:00-3:00 P.M.

Stop by to work on a variety of crafts. Choose from some fall crafts and some dinosaur themed crafts for DiNovember.

Unplugged Game Time

Ages 3+ WED., NOV. 25 | 10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

Stop by to play any of our games. We have a variety from classics (Jenga, Candyland, chess) to newer games (Shark Bite, Kollide, Uzzle). Feel free to bring your own.

Catch Up Crafts (monthly)

Ages 3+ WED., NOV. 25 | 12:30-2:30 P.M.

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



All Kern County Library branches will be CLOSED from Thursday, November 26 through Saturday, November 28 in observance of Thanksgiving and will re-open for regular operating hours on Tuesday, December 1.

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Book Bingo (monthly)

Ages 3+ FRI., NOV. 13 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Winners choose a book to build a home library, small prize, or 3 seed packets from our mini Seed Library. NOTE: We use magnetic bingo chips (potential choking hazard).

Conversation Detectives: Hear the Clues, Share Your Views

Ages 6+ SAT., NOV. 14 | 12:00-1:30 P.M.

Kids, teens, and adults work together as Conversation Detectives. Instead of fingerprints and footprints, they search for conversational "clues" by listening carefully, asking good questions, noticing details, and discovering things about others through the art of conversation with Ridgecrest Possibilitarians Toastmasters group.

Lotus Flower Lantern Making with Meditation

Ages 8+ SAT., NOV. 14 | 2:00-4:00 P.M.

Learn about the significance of the lotus flower and make a lotus flower lantern. Experience a guided mindfulness meditation, do personal reflection, and explore the concept of Searching for the MindLight with Oneness Meditation Temple.

Layer by Layer Painting: Outer Space

Ages 10+ TUE., NOV. 17 | 5:30-6:30 P.M.

Our friend Will returns with another GUIDED layer by layer painting project. This painting will be outer space themed and we have lowered the minimum participating age. **Please be on time** so that you can stay with the group and complete your painting and get cleaned up before the library closes.

Fiber Art Friends

Ages 16+ THU., NOV. 19 | 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.

LEGO Challenge (monthly)

Ages 8+ FRI., NOV. 20 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.
WED., NOV. 25 | 3:00-5:00 P.M.

Stop by to try the LEGO Challenge of the day or build anything you want.
11/20 Food; 11/25 Vehicle

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Middle School Harry Potter Fan Club

Ages 11-14 THU., NOV. 5 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

A local middle schooler and Harry Potter enthusiast welcomes middle schoolers to discuss their favorite characters and houses. Feel free to dress up. Snacks provided.

Casual Conversations

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

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

ChompSaw Academy

Ages 6+ FRI., NOV. 6 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.
TUE., NOV. 24 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Learn to use a safe cardboard cutter before making a cardboard creation.

Family Bingo (monthly)

Ages 3+ SAT., NOV. 7 | 10:30-11:30 A.M.

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

Chess Learn & Play

Ages 8+ SAT., NOV. 7 | 12:00-2:00 P.M.

Play chess or learn how to play with a volunteer. We will set up other chess boards too.

Quick STEM Challenge (in Makerspace)

Ages 6+ TUE., NOV. 10 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Make a freestanding dinosaur from marshmallows and toothpicks in our Makerspace area.

Teen & Adult Dungeons & Dragons

Ages 13+ TUE., NOV. 10 | 4:00-6:00 P.M.

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



All Kern County Library branches are CLOSED on Wednesday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day and will re-open for regular operating hours on Thursday, November 12.

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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