

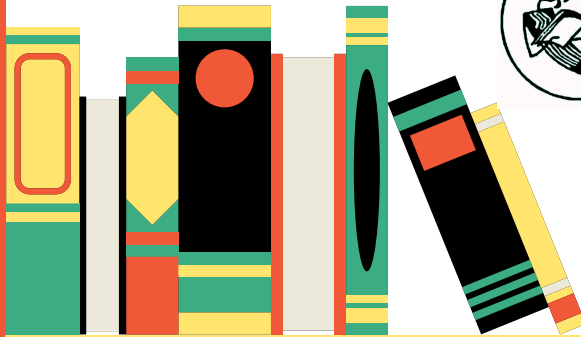


Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library

131 E. Las Flores Avenue Ridgecrest, California 93555
Home Page: www.ridgecrestfriends.org

**FALL USED
BOOK SALE**

**FRIENDS OF THE RIDGECREST
BRANCH LIBRARY**



SATURDAY, 2 NOVEMBER
9:00AM - 5:00PM

SUNDAY, 3 NOVEMBER
9:00AM - 3:00PM

**SIERRA VISTA
SHOPPING CENTER
BEHIND THE NORTH ALBERTSONS**

**GREAT DEALS
ON FICTION
AND NON-
FICTION**

Proceeds support programs
and provide resources for the
Ridgecrest Branch Library.

Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library is a 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit organization. Visit the County Library web site at www.kerncountylibrary.org

President's Message November 2024

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Board Meeting Calendar

November 20, 2024
January 15, 2024
February 19, 2024
No meetings in June, July, or December

Meetings are held in the Library's Community Room at 1:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Use the Community Room entrance on the west side of the Library
To attend via Zoom, call Sandy Bradley at (760) 371-3590 or email at sandy.bradley@verizon.net

Library Hours

Tue-Thurs 10am-7pm
Friday 10am-6pm
Saturday 10am-4pm
Curbside service still available

Phone: (760) 384-5870

TOTALLY TABLES FUNDRAISER – The Friends were fortunate to be selected by the Rotary Club of China Lake as their non-profit organization to support at this year's event, Totally Tables. This event was held on September 14th at the Springhill Suites Conference Center and featured a yummy catered dinner, beautifully decorated tables, a bucket auction of donated items, and a 50/50 raffle. There were 11 tables, 2 of which were sponsored by Friends supporters, including the Ridge Writers Board. Although we do not have an exact total, it appears the Friends will receive a donation of approximately \$6500.00! This is one of our most successful fundraisers to date. We thank Rotary and Betty Miller for making this happen.

BOOK SALE – The Fall book sale will be held November 2nd and 3rd. As something new, members will receive coupons to reduce the cost of their purchases. There is more information on page 5 in this newsletter, and flyers will be posted on Facebook and our Web Page. See you all at the sale!

BOOK FACILITY -- We continue to search for an affordable facility that meets our requirements. Board Member John Freeman and I are working to schedule a follow up meeting with Cody Criswell, assistant to Kern County 1st District Supervisor Phillip Peters, to review possible County options for a new facility. We are still pursuing a great possibility that would meet our requirement for a storefront in which we can sort, display and sell books but have not made any further progress. Again, if any of you are aware of possible facilities, please let us know.

DONATIONS -- As you know, most of the funds that we use to support the library come from book sales and donations. We are now honoring major donors in each newsletter. (Obviously, we added the Rotary Club of China Lake to the list!) Hopefully, this section will remind us to make a donation to the Friends. If you wish to donate now, please send a check or log onto our website ([Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library \(ridgecrestfriends.org\)](http://Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library (ridgecrestfriends.org))) to donate via credit card, debit card or bank transfer.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES – The Friends currently support three Little Free Libraries (LFLs) in Ridgecrest by supplying books and repairing damage by vandals. Sadly, all three LFLs were vandalized since the last newsletter. Vandals tore off the doors from all three. Two doors were so badly damaged that they needed to be replaced. Thanks to Board Member Nancy Saxton's son for rebuilding the door to LFL in Pearson Park. One LFL will be relocated to a (hopefully) safer site. If anyone is interested in assisting in the repair and maintenance of these LFLs, please let me know at ridgecrestlibraryfriends@gmail.com

Your Board and I thank you for your continuing support of the Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library. Please let us know of any suggestions you might have regarding how we may better serve our members and the Library. Kern County Libraries continue to be woefully underfunded at a level that is less than 20% of the median funding in California. That is why the support provided by the Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library is so vital.

Librarian's Corner

Charissa Wagner, Branch Supervisor

Can you believe that we are coming up on the end of 2024 in a couple short months?!? While there are some lovely graphics being included to showcase our summer *Lunch at the Library* visitors along with *Summer Reading Challenge* finisher numbers, prize sponsors, and program sponsors, I wanted to make a couple of points. Our 270 book finishers read or listened to 7,966 books and our 60 hours finishers read or listened to 86,027 minutes (or 1,433 hours)!

If you didn't help us with our numbers for this past summer, I'd love for you to consider helping us for next summer. Branch staff are happy to log the books or hours for you as long as we know what you read or listened to (you can even give us your due date receipts when you are done).

This summer was filled with big performances: **Omnipresent Puppet Theater** (sponsored by RidgeWriters), **The Magic of Josiah** (sponsored by Friends of the Kern County Library, Inc.), **Michael Albert Pop Art Experience** (sponsored by Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library), **Magic Napoleon** (sponsored by Roadrunner Ridge Community Foundation), **Wild Man Dan** (sponsored by Lunch at the Library), **Rudy Parris** (sponsored by Lunch at the Library), and **The Butterfly Effect** (sponsored by Lunch at the Library).



Ridgecrest Branch Library
Read. Renew. Repeat.
 #2024SummerReadingChallenge

Finishers: 66% (330/501) Bonus finishers: 130

Books: 270 people	Minutes: 60 people
Early Learner (0-5yrs): 100	Child (6-8yrs): 63
Tween (9-12yrs): 64	Teen (13-17yrs): 26
Adult: 77	*Staff: 86% (6/7)

Prizes: 12 items, 86 gift cards, 66 boxes of Girl Scout cookies



ALL ages can participate!

I also want to thank the generosity of our **Summer Reading Challenge prize sponsors**, who provided 12 items, 86 gift cards, 3 cake decorating classes from Mamma Mia's Cupcakes and Treats, and 66 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies to our bonus finisher winners (with some finishers winning Girl Scout cookies) along with Pizza Factory, who provided 253 mini pizza and drink coupons for all child and teen finisher bags! We also had some incredibly generous donations from our branch Amazon Wish List that funded a lot of our summer programs involving craft supplies.

We had a temporary closure during the first week of October to get some HVAC work done as part of the Building Forward Library Facilities Infrastructure Grant from the CA State Library. There is still more work to come in 2025 for our branch, so stay tuned to see what work we will be getting next. We HOPEFULLY will not be temporarily closed for future [cont.p.4]



2024 Summer Reading Challenge Sponsors

These businesses and organizations generously donated:

 Ridgecrest United Methodist Church Prizes	 Schu-Fu Martial Arts Dojo #119 Prize	 Ridgecrest Pizza Factory Finisher bag coupons	 Roadrunner Ridge Community Foundation Bonus Finisher Prizes	 Ridgecrest Lions Club Bonus Finisher Prizes
 Ridgecrest Toys for Tots Foundation Bonus Finisher Prizes	 Conveying Awareness with Jessica David Bonus Finisher Prizes	 Girl Scout Troop (in Ridgecrest) Bonus and Finisher Prizes	 Mamma Mia's Cakes and Treats Bonus Finisher Prizes	

MANY thanks to our generous community members!

Closures: here are the upcoming closures for the next few months. In November, we will be closed for Thanksgiving (Thu 11/28, Fri 11/29, and Sat 11/30). In December, we will be closed on Fri 12/6 for our annual All Staff Training Day, along with Tue 12/24, Wed 12/25, Thu 12/26, Fri 12/27, Sat 12/28, and Tue 12/31 for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Winter Recess, and New Year's Eve. We will also be closed on Wed 1/1. Due dates and hold expiration dates will be shifted until after the new year, and, of course, the book drops will still be emptied.

We have shifted to a new format for providing programming information and instead of a calendar, which was color coded by age group but was getting cluttered due to the MANY programs we offer for all ages, we are offering age group targeted brochures. We have one for Early Learners (0-5 years old), Kids (6-11 years old), Teen (13-18 years old), and Adults (18+). This means that adults who are only interested in adult programming will be able to look through a brochure that showcases anything they can attend, instead of having to pore over the monthly calendar.

2024 Summer Reading Challenge Program Sponsors

Police and Community Together	Maturango Museum
NAWS Environmental Management	Ridgecrest Youth Symphony
Burroughs High School Band	East Sierra Branch- CA Writers Club
Sierra Amateur Radio Club WA6YBN	
Lori Morris Certified Zentangle Instructor	Friends of the Kern County Library, Inc.
[RIDG]Gaming	China Lake Mountain Rescue Group
Lunch at the Library	Ridgecrest Toys for Tots
Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library	Children's Burn Foundation
Roadrunner Ridge Community Foundation	Fractal Flow Tie Dye Co.
Aguabonita Flyfishers	Botany's Desire

As usual, we have a full calendar in November and December. Two programs in November that you might want to participate in: our annual Thank-A-Veteran program, where we collect coloring pages, thank you cards, and letters for local veterans and Thanksgiving Cards for Seniors, where we help a local moms group (MAEVE Ridgecrest) collect Thanksgiving cards for local seniors at High Desert Haven and Bella Serra. (Please note that we also help MAEVE Ridgecrest collect Easter cards, and they usually alternate which location receives the cards each year. If they have enough for both locations, they will deliver to both locations.)

As the season of being thankful and reflecting on the past year draws closer, I would like to thank all of you for everything that you do to support the Ridgecrest Branch Library in whatever capacity you can! We truly appreciate all of the support we get from our wonderful community that helps us offer the many things that we do for our community. If you have any ideas for future programs, feel free to let us know. We exist because of our community, and we try to provide what our community wants.

2024 Lunch at the Library Visitors

Backyard Beekeeper	CERT - Community Emergency Response Team of Kern County	Children's Burn Foundation	Kern County Fire Department Station #84
Liberty Ambulance Services	Navy Federal Credit Union	FACT - Police and Community Together	Ridge Writers- East Sierra Branch of the California Writers Club
Sierra Academy of Dance	Waste Management		

Book Sale News

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Are you ready for the Fall Book Sale? We have MANY, MANY books for sale that you have not seen. The China Lake Museum donated boxes of books on **military history, world history, politics and biographies**. We also received an estate donation: 100+ Louis L'Amour collectible paperback **westerns** in near-new condition; the entire Hank Mitchum Stagecoach collection of 52 books; a super collection of **hardback books** (last 6+ years) by King, Patterson, Cussler, Grisham, Griffith, Clancy, Roberts and other popular authors in near-new condition. We have at least 20 boxes of **science fiction and paranormal** books that have not been out for sale yet. We are attempting to get all of our fiction out on tables for this sale. Many of our regular non-fiction books are labeled **BARGAIN 25¢** especially in the categories of science, math, legal/law, literature/writing, and computers. We have an entire table of **large "coffee table" books** on a variety of subjects for \$1 each, and an entire area of **collectibles** at prices from \$3 to \$200. This book sale has something for everyone!

Two more things to mention. **1.** The Friends hope to start accepting book donations after the first of the year. There will be restrictions on what we will accept. Stay tuned for future donation criteria and drop-off times and place. **2.** I'd like to update the list of people wanting to volunteer with book sales and sorting as our database is out of date. Please send me an email with your name, phone number, email address, and what you would like to do, and I will contact you after the holidays. I promise!



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Member's COUPON for the Fall Used Book Sale

2 & 3 November 2024

Clip and bring or show in your electronic newsletter

for **◆\$3 OFF◆**

Limit 1 coupon per purchase, per customer



Membership News

By Carol Pearson, Vice President-Membership

Where possible, we will send you our newsletters via email. For those who do not have an email address or prefer the mailed paper version, we are requesting an additional \$10 in the Individual and Family categories. If you have an email address that you did not submit on your membership application, please email it to me at capears66@iwvisp.com If you have questions about this you can also phone me at 760-375-7258. **When you do renew your membership, please address it to our library and include "Friends" on your envelope address so library staff can quickly route it to us.** For email newsletter members I will email you a notice re renewing. You may also renew your membership on our website:

<https://www.ridgecrestfriends.org/>

The Friends Thank These Donors Who Have Contributed, as of October 14, 2024:

\$10,000 + (Lifetime)

Anonymous
 Elizabeth Starr Estate
 Nancy George Estate
 Sierra Sands School District**

\$5,000-\$9,999 (Over 5 years)

Mary & Dan Kus
 Rotary Club of China Lake**
 United Way of IWV**

\$1,000-\$4,999 (Over 5 years)

Barbara Lupei
 Deborah Buffum
 Dr. Victoria Schauf
 Gifts That Give Hope Alternative Fair**
 Jerry & Sandy Bradley
 Kern Recovers Nonprofit Grant Covid**
 Peck Family Foundation
 Pizza Factory **
 Richard Carmer
 Ridgecrest Cinemas **
 Roadrunner Ridge Community Foundation**
 WACOM**

\$250-\$990 (Over 5 years)

Alta One**
 Gregory & Ann Lenz
 Barbara Bane
 Bob Kirchmeier
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 Charles & Clarice Moody
 Elaine Miller
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 Sharon Juarez
 T.J. Frisbee Bicycles**
 Vincent Avalos (Edward Jones)**

**Organization

NOTE: If you see an error on this list, please contact our treasurer at (760) 371-2583 so we can make corrections before the next newsletter.



2024 Pizza Factory fundraiser.

The fundraiser is every third Wednesday of the month:

November 20, December 18, and January 15!

Mention the Friends when you order.



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