

Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library



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FRIENDS OF THE RIDGECREST BRANCH LIBRARY



Saturday, May 6

10 am - 4pm

Members' Early Access - 9am

**Sierra Vista Shopping Center
Behind North Albertsons**

Proceeds support programs and resources for the
Ridgecrest Branch Library

Back by popular demand!

Organized by category!
Hardback fiction, paperback
mystery, romance, western, sci fi
and fantasy.

Non-fiction in history, military,
science, math, nature, animals,
travel, foreign language DIY,
crafts, spiritual, health,
philosophy, children, young adult
and everything in between.

Hardback books \$0.75,
paperbacks \$0.25, CDs \$1.00,
Books on CD \$1.00. Special
books and collectibles from
\$1.00 and up.

These books have not been on
sale before. Something for
everyone!

Get to the sale for the best
deals!

Volunteers needed! Anyone
willing to help set up tables and
carry boxes Saturday morning
(or late Saturday afternoon),
please contact me, Jil Richards
VP Book Sales. Email -
booksandcatsohmy@gmail.com

Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library is a 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit organization.

President's Message May 2023

Visit the County Library web site at www.kerncountylibrary.org

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Board Meeting Calendar

May 17, 2023

August 16, 2023

September 20, 2023

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 11am-7pm

Friday 11am-6pm

Saturday 10am-4pm

Phone: (760) 384-5870

Greetings!

Our major issue continues to be a lack of suitable long-term storage for our inventory of books. Due to uncertainty regarding storage options, we are continuing our policy of not accepting additional book donations and reducing our inventory through book sales. We are in need of an indoor space of at least 2000 square feet in which to store, sort and possibly sell donated books. Ideally, that space would have lighting, be heated and cooled, and be easily accessible to our volunteers and the public. We wish to maximize the amount of funds going to help our library. So, we would hope that use of this space would be donated. Depending on the facility, we would consider paying for any utility costs we might incur. Please let us know if you are aware of a possible site to meet our long-term need for space. ridgecrestlibraryfriends@gmail.com

Our April "By the Bag" book sale was very successful, thanks to all of the volunteers that helped with set up, tear down, and sales. Also, a big thank you to all of the members and other customers that bought books. After the sale one member, with plans to open a local book store, purchased the remaining sale inventory. So, we reduced our inventory by almost 500 boxes! (Don't worry, we still have lots of books!) Plus, we plan to have another book sale in May. That sale will feature an entirely new group of individually priced, quality books. These books will be sorted by category to make it easy to find your favorites. We are also trying something new as a fundraiser. In June, we will participate in the Community Yard Sale at the fairgrounds. So, we look forward to your continued support at these functions.

As many of you know, the FRBL is now a separate 501(C)(3) non-profit corporation. Before we operated under the umbrella of the Friends of the Kern County Library. Although being a separate corporation offers us some advantages, such as being eligible to apply for certain grants, it also places additional financial and reporting burdens upon us. Thanks to all of the efforts of our Treasurer and Secretary, we have identified and met all of our new reporting and filing requirements with multiple State and Federal agencies.

We continue to support the Ridgecrest Branch Library by funding several activities and purchasing needed equipment. We are currently funding numerous youth activities, periodical purchases, and the summer reading program. We also plan to replace some of (or all, if we receive enough donations) the badly worn furniture this year.

Thanks for your ongoing support,

Jerry Bradley, President FRBL

Librarian's Corner

Charissa Wagner, Branch Supervisor

So far 2023 is off to a good start for the Ridgecrest Branch Library!

Our annual spring reading challenge for kids is the In-N-Out Burger Cover to Cover Club. Kids ages 4-12 earn reward cards for a free hamburger, cheeseburger, or grilled cheese for every 5 books read or listened to (up to 3 reward cards each). This year, we had several kindergarten classes participate (Mrs. Jensen at Immanuel Christian School and Mrs. Siebert at Ridgecrest Montessori Children's House) and next year we hope to have more.

In the last newsletter, we had our first new staff alert in quite a few years. We have another new staff alert for **Angela Davis**, our new Departmental Aide who started on April 22. We look forward to having her help provide excellent customer service to our community!

Our monthly calendars feature programming for all ages, from toddlers through adults! They are available on paper and online via our branch Facebook page (search for Ridgecrest Branch Library) or our website <https://kerncountylibrary.org/events/> and select Ridgecrest. We are starting Money Matters with financial coach Rukiyah Polk, who is working with other Kern County Library branches. Join us on these Saturdays from 2:30-4 pm: May 6- Personal Finance Basics, May 13- Investing Strategies for Building Wealth, May 20- Credit and Debt Management, June 3- Retirement Planning and Long Term Financial Security, June 10- Real Estate Investment and Home Ownership.

Summer Reading Challenge



If you read or listen to books, support us by logging your books or hours (or have us do it for you) this summer!

To be a finisher, read or listen to 10 books or for 10 hours (you choose). Last summer, we had 52 adult finishers and this summer we are hoping for 60!

Summer is approaching quickly! If you read or listen to books, PLEASE support us by logging your books (or let us log them for you) to be a Summer Reading Challenge finisher (10 books or 10 hours). Last summer we had 52 adult finishers and this summer we hope to have 60. We will offer Lunch at the Library again this summer for all of June and July at NO COST to all 18 and under from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm on Tuesdays through Fridays from June 1 through July 28. Adult meals can be purchased for a small fee (cash only, exact amount preferred).

We are still looking for sponsors for bonus finisher drawing prizes, program sponsors (\$20-\$50 can provide supplies for a child, teen, or adult program), or performance sponsors (of which we can have multiple sponsors). All sponsor individuals, organizations, or businesses will be listed at a minimum on our Facebook page and will be

announced at the start of the program or performance (if desired). We also have an Amazon Wish List, found at the bottom of our website under "Supporting The Library" then "Wish Lists" and "Ridgecrest". Items are sent to Bakersfield, since they own the Wish List and then they will be sent to our branch. [cont. p.4]



If you have been to the branch recently, you have seen the beautiful, large desert-themed bookdrop. The bookdrop and desert-themed wrap were paid for by the Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library and will be a great asset during the summer when we see a lot more people checking out (and returning) library materials.

We remain grateful for the support of library lovers and our Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library. We have a busy summer planned with many fun, educational programs and performances for all ages in our community with most of the items provided by the Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library. (The large Lunch at the Library grant and the Friends of the Kern County Library Inc., will provide a few of the performances this summer.) We hope to see your name on our Summer Reading Challenge finisher list this year!

Bibliophiles' Beneficial Bits

Remember when you buy something from **Pizza Factory** or **Beansters** on the third Wednesday of any month, be sure to MENTION that you are participating in the FRBL fundraiser. They will donate a percentage of your bill to FRBL.

The Sorter Group

Are you interested in sorting donated books into categories? The Sorter Group meets every Wednesday from 1 - 3PM at the Annex behind old Albertsons (except for the day of the Friends Board Meeting). It also meets on flex Fridays from 1 - 3PM. This is not a book sale or perusal. This group is for those who enjoy sorting books. Come and join us. If you have questions, contact Jil at BooksAndCatsOhMy@gmail.com.

Membership News

By Carol Pearson, Vice President-Membership

We are pleased to welcome the following new members to our library support group. These folks have joined our group since our book sale last fall.

Natalia Casco	Valerie Giroux	Charles Quinlan
Tazzie Cowic	Linden Gue	Rex & Donna Randolph
Patricia Donnelly	Janis Lindgren	Avery Santiago
Hunter Dowler	Sam Martino	Lynn Seely
Kim Fielding	JoAnna Montgomery	Donald Zhang
Katie Francom	Erin Noonan	
Sandy Giroux	Mariecar Pha	

Your renewal date should appear on your mailing address. As always, I will send renewal notices via postcard or email to remind you but it helps a lot when you notice it and respond. **When you do renew, please address to our library and include "Friends" on your envelope address so library staff can quickly route it to us.**

Membership Application for Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library

Date: *Memberships are renewable annually*

Miss Ms. Mrs. Mr.

Individual name:

Organization/Business Name:
(Business memberships start at \$50.)

Mailing address:

Phone: Email:

Type of Membership (check one):

- | | | |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual - \$5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Family - \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> New Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining - \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsoring - \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor - \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Contribution - \$_____ | |

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Please mail or bring to:

Ridgecrest Branch Library 131 E. Las Flores Ridgecrest, CA 93555

I am interested in helping in Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library activities. I am especially interested in (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Book Sales | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet Book Sales |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing Book Sale in the Library | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing Magazine Sale in the Library | <input type="checkbox"/> Answering E-mail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pricing Books for Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Becoming a Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writing for the Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know what I'm interested in, please call me |

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