



Wrapping Up The Year

Enriching Our Community

YOUR COUNTY BY THE NUMBERS

Kern County Census Stats*

*(2013)

864,124 Population

13.9% Adults lack basic literacy skills

28.1% Adults can't read enough English to function

22.5% Residents below poverty level



The One Book, One Bakersfield, One Kern Project engaged 11,000+ community members through book discussions, panels, and community events surrounding Sonia Nazario's bestselling book, *Enrique's Journey*. The book's theme of immigration journeys was timely and relevant to our community.



The Veterans Resource Center at the Beale Memorial Library was upgraded with new comfortable seating and furniture. Also added to the collection were 100s of veteran-themed resources in a variety of formats. This project was part of a state-wide initiative to create community conversations on veterans issues.



The Lunch @ the Library Program was launched this past Summer at the Beale Memorial Library. More than 3,500+ meals were served to children and families and 5,000+ families attended related programming, including Stories with Kern County Board of Supervisors, Chairman Leticia Perez, which was attended by 157 people.

Kern County Library has been engaging, enhancing, and educating our community for over

100 years, and that's merely the beginning.

YOUR LIBRARY BY THE NUMBERS

Kern County Libraries: A Yearly Snapshot*

*(July 2013 - June 2014)

31,392 New Borrowers

156,327 Computer Hours Used

215,377 Holds on Titles

1,350,507 Total Circulation

53,181 eBook Circulation

2,488 Total Programs & Events

56,104 Total Programs Attendees

Increasing Literacy



1200+ Storytime (Toddler Time, Preschool, Family, Bilingual, Online, & more) were offered to children to promote early learning and a love of reading.



65+ Local Author Events and Book Groups were held at multiple Kern County Library locations, furthering our support of local writers and literacy in our community.



100+ Technology Workshops were offered for Tablets & eBooks, Computer Coaching, Blogging, and Microsoft Excel across the county to help community members increase digital literacy.

Expanding Technology



Self Checkout service was implemented across the county in the majority of Kern County Library locations, which further provides efficiency and saves our customers' time.



3,700+ eBooks and eAudiobooks were added to the Kern County Library collection. eBooks are delivered directly to your device, are portable, and most importantly, there are **NO** late fees!



WiFi Access continues to be expanded across the county in multiple Kern County Library locations, connecting users to vital online resources and allowing customers to utilize their own devices.

Improving Our Places & Spaces



The Shafter Branch Library was renovated through an innovative partnership between the Kern County Library, Richland School District, and the City of Shafter. The Shafter Education Partnership combines the Shafter Branch Library and the Shafter Learning Center into one building to further enrich educational opportunities in the Shafter area.



Beale Memorial Library's 25th Anniversary was celebrated with new carpeting and flooring throughout the building. Additionally, the Adopt-a-Chair program was launched to assist in the reupholstering of chairs at the Beale Memorial Library. The program is ongoing and continues to accept donations.



The Buttonwillow Branch Library moved from its former adobe building on Buttonwillow Drive to centrally-located 101 Main Street, with more space to hold storytimes and family activities.

Wrapping Up 2014

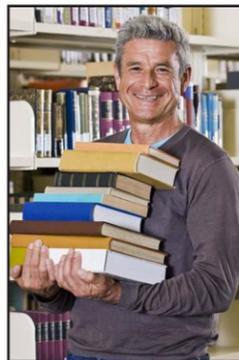
Partnering with the Community



The Kern County Library partnered with multiple community organizations throughout the year:

- CSU Bakersfield
- Kern County Animal Services
- KC Superintendent of Schools
- Univision 39 Bakersfield
- Kern County Veterans Services
- PG&E
- Bakersfield Condors
- Kern County Public Health
- Bakersfield College
- H.E.A.R.T.S. Connection
- KC Genealogical Society
- Marley's Mutts
- Russo's Books
- Historic Union Cemetery
- & many more!

Volunteering



780+ Volunteers donated **25,000+ Hours** of their time to the Kern County Library by shelving, mending, presenting, and more.

Interested in volunteering? Contact your local library branch for opportunities.

Friends of the Kern County Library, Inc. - Thank You!

FRIENDS BY THE NUMBERS

*(Made in 2014)

\$30,000+ in Used Book Sales

\$3,000+ in Surplus Sales

\$5,000+ in Magazine Sales

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Since 1952, the Friends of the Kern County Library, Inc. has actively enriched and supported the activities of the Kern County Library through the sales of used books, magazines, and online. Funds from these sales financially support the Summer Reading Program.

Every Summer, the Friends fund two major events at every branch. Please support your local Friends groups, by volunteering, attending sales, or donating. When you support the Friends, you support your local library.

Supporting the Summer Reading Program

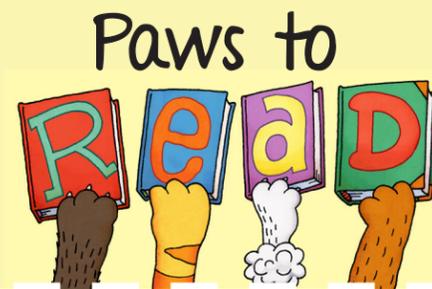
Benefits of Summer Reading:

- Foster a love of reading
- Involve parents and families
- Advance reading literacy
- Encourage self-selected reading
- Prevent Summer learning loss

Children who don't read during the Summer can lose up to two months of learning by the time they return to school in the Fall. Young people experience learning loss when they don't engage in educational activities during the Summer. Research spanning 100 years shows that students typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of Summer vacation, than they do on the same tests at the beginning of the Summer.

To succeed in school and life, children and young adults need ongoing opportunities to learn and practice essential skills. The Kern County Library's Summer Reading Program reminds kids that reading is fun.

Parents of children who enrolled in the Kern County Library Summer Reading Program reported that their children spent more time reading over the Summer, read more books, were well prepared for school in the Fall, and read more confidently.



2014 SUMMER READING HIGHLIGHTS

- 20,000+ families attended Summer Reading Programs, including Reptiles Shows, Storytimes, & more!
- 12,000+ children & teens signed up!
- 350+ Family Programs Countywide
- 30,000+ books were READ!

PREVENTING

SUMMER

SLIDE

Libraries are a part of the solution.

Coming Soon: 2015 Summer Reading Program

Read to the Rhythm!

Interested in participating? Want more info? Contact Andie Apple, (661) 868.0723



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