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## News Release

### *Kern County Library Awarded \$95K Grant for “Pop-Up Goes the Library”*

Have you signed-up for a library card at the soccer park? Have you checked out books at the Farmer’s Market? Now you can with our upcoming Pop-Up Library! Starting this Fall, the Kern County Library (KCL) will be popping up in unexpected locations – bringing the Library and its materials to the people – wherever they are. With a \$95K Library Services and Technology grant awarded by the California State Library, the new Kern County Pop-Up Library addresses the need to surpass barriers that Kern County residents face to traditional library service, aiming to introduce Spanish-speaking populations to resources and materials.

Complete with Spanish-language books, a mobile Wi-Fi hotspot, devices for learning, and bilingual volunteers, the Kern County Pop-Up Library will be making monthly appearances at non-traditional venues, inserting KCL into regions where community members already congregate and among Spanish-speaking areas where KCL does not currently have a presence. “Pop-Up Goes the Library” is designed to provide learning experiences and showcase resources for a migrant population that is often afraid, sometimes undocumented, and generally undereducated.

Kern County Library staff will demonstrate in real time, inviting the public to experiment, interact with, and practice using digital resources – inspiring them and their families to connect with KCL both online and in person. KCL encourages sharing pictures and experiences at the Pop-Up Library via social media, using hashtag #KCLPopUp to connect!

If you or your organization would like to partner with the Kern County Library in connecting people with information and educational opportunities, email [info@kernlibrary.org](mailto:info@kernlibrary.org).

*For more information or to check out the events schedule, visit [kerncountylibrary.org](http://kerncountylibrary.org).*