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Books in Motion 2026 Locations

Kern County Libraries

Arvin Branch
201 Campus Drive
Arvin, CA 93203

Baker Branch
1400 Baker Street
Bakersfield, CA 93305

Beale Memorial Library
701 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Buttonwillow Branch
101 North Main Street
Buttonwillow, CA 93206

Delano Branch
925 10th Avenue
Delano, CA 93215

Holloway-Gonzales Branch
506 East Brundage Lane
Bakersfield, CA 93307

Lamont Branch
8304 Segrue Road
Lamont, CA 93241

McFarland Branch
500 West Kern Avenue
McFarland, CA 93250

Northeast Branch
2671 Oswell Street, Suite B
Bakersfield, CA 93306

Rathbun Branch
200 West China Grade Loop
Bakersfield, CA 93308

Rosamond Branch
3611 Rosamond Boulevard
Rosamond, CA 93560

Southwest Branch
8301 Ming Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93311

Taft Branch
27 Cougar Court
Taft, CA 93268

Tehachapi Branch
212 S. Green Street
Tehachapi, CA 93561

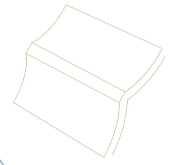
Wasco Branch
1102 7th Street
Wasco, CA 93280

Wilson Branch
1901 Wilson Road
Bakersfield, CA 93304

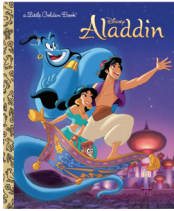
Alternate Community Facilities

We've outgrown the Shafter Library & Learning Center.
Please note the following alternate location:

Shafter Veteran's Hall
309 California Ave
Shafter, CA 93263



Books in Motion 2026 Stories & Performers



ALADDIN

Author: Michael Teitelbaum Illustrator: Sue DiCicco
Performed by Civic Dance Center

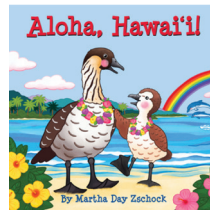


THE LITTLE MERMAID

Author: Michael Teitelbaum Illustrator: Sue DiCicco
Performed by Spotlight Academy of the Arts

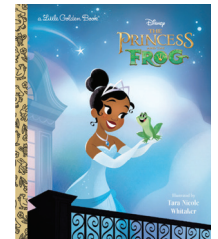
ALOHA, HAWAII

Author & Illustrator: Martha Day Zschock
Performed by Aloha Entertainment



THE PRINCESS & THE FROG

Author: Victoria Saxon Illustrator: Tara Nicole Whitaker
Performed by DAT Krew Academy



BLUEY: BOB BILBY

Publisher: Random House
Performed by Spotlight Dance Academy



I GOT THE SCHOOL SPIRIT

Author: Connie Schofield-Morrison
Illustrator: Frank Morrison
Performed by Liberty High School Spirit Team

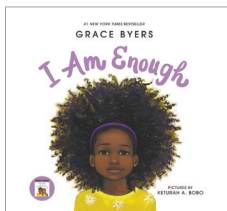
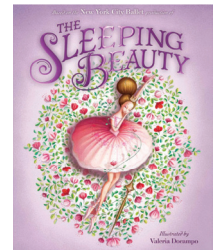
COCO

Adapted By Adrian Molina Illustrator: Fabiola Garza
Performed by Ballet Folklorico Huastecalli



SLEEPING BEAUTY

Author: New York City Ballet
Illustrator: Valeria Docampo
Performed by Bakersfield City Ballet



I AM ENOUGH

Author: Grace Byers Illustrator: Keturah A. Bobo
Performed by Lion's Elite

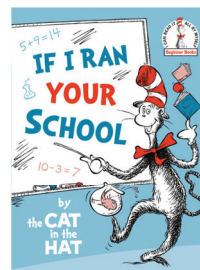


TEAM UP! TOY STORY

Author: RH Disney
Illustrator: Disney Storybook Art Team
Performed by

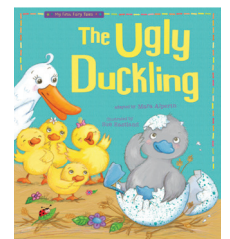
IF I RAN YOUR SCHOOL

Author: Cat in the Hat
Illustrator: Random House
Performed by McLaughlin Dance Collective



THE UGLY DUCKLING

Author: Tiger Tales
Illustrator: Sue Eastland
Performed by Sosa Creatives Dance Academy



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- Children, ages 2-18, can receive a free meal at the library.
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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
6 JULY <i>Sleeping Beauty (BCB)</i> 2 PM BEALE †	7 <i>I Got The School Spirit (LHS)</i> 2 PM BAKER	8 <i>Bluey: Bob Bilby (SDA)</i> 12 PM HOLLOWAY-GONZALES ‡ <i>Coco (BFH)</i> 4 PM SOUTHWEST *	9 <i>Bluey: Bob Bilby (SDA)</i> 12 PM BEALE * <i>The Princess & the Frog (DAT)</i> 2 PM NORTHEAST †	10 <i>Sleeping Beauty (BCB)</i> 12 PM BAKER <i>Bluey: Bob Bilby (SDA)</i> 3 PM RATHBUN *	11 <i>I Am Enough (LE)</i> 10:30 AM ARVIN † <i>Coco (BFH)</i> 2 PM LAMONT *
13 <i>The Ugly Duckling (SCDA)</i> 12 PM WASCO <i>The Princess & the Frog (DAT)</i> 4 PM SOUTHWEST	14 <i>The Little Mermaid (SAA)</i> 11 AM BAKER † <i>Team Up! Toy Story (JM)</i> 4 PM TEHACHAPI †	15 <i>The Little Mermaid (SAA)</i> 11 AM HOLLOWAY-GONZALES <i>The Little Mermaid (SAA)</i> 3 PM WILSON	16 <i>Team Up! Toy Story (JM)</i> 12 PM ROSAMOND	17 <i>I Got The School Spirit (LHS)</i> 12 PM DELANO †	18 <i>Aloha, Hawaii (AE)</i> 10:30 AM HOLLOWAY-GONZALES <i>Aloha, Hawaii (AE)</i> 2 PM NORTHEAST
20 <i>Sleeping Beauty (BCB)</i> 10:30 AM SOUTHWEST <i>Aloha, Hawaii (AE)</i> 4 PM TAFT †	21 <i>Coco (BFH)</i> 4 PM BUTTONWILLOW ‡	22 <i>I Got The School Spirit (LHS)</i> 12 PM WILSON <i>If I Ran Your School (MDC)</i> 4 PM NORTHEAST	23 <i>The Princess & the Frog (DAT)</i> 10 AM SHAFTER <i>If I Ran Your School (MDC)</i> 4 PM RATHBUN	24 <i>Team Up! Toy Story (JM)</i> 12:30 PM BEALE <i>If I Ran Your School (MDC)</i> 3:30 PM WILSON †	25 <i>I Am Enough (LE)</i> 10:30 AM BAKER <i>The Princess & the Frog (DAT)</i> 2 PM BEALE
27 <i>Aladdin (CDC)</i> 12 PM WASCO	28 <i>The Ugly Duckling (SCDA)</i> 10 AM SHAFTER <i>Aladdin (CDC)</i> 4 PM McFARLAND †	29 <i>The Ugly Duckling (SCDA)</i> 4 PM SOUTHWEST †	30 <i>Aladdin (CDC)</i> 10 AM SHAFTER <i>I Am Enough (LE)</i> 3 PM DELANO	31 	1 AUGUST <i>Coco (BFH)</i> 12 PM BEALE *



* Bilingual: English & Spanish † Bilingual: English & ASL ‡ Multilingual: English, Spanish & ASL



Books in Motion 2026 Dance Organizations



ALOHA ENTERTAINMENT BY POLYNESIAN SPICE (AE) Aloha Entertainment by Polynesian Spice is a family owned and operated group that has been bringing island entertainment to Bakersfield for over 25 years. Their mission is to share their appreciation and love of the culture, songs, and dances of the Pacific Islands. As a halau (Hawaiian dance school) comprised of family (ohana) and Polynesians at heart, their goal is to preserve and exhibit the authenticity of the Hawaiian culture and dance by sharing their Aloha Spirit throughout the community. They offer classes for all ages. They hope you will join them for a culturally educational experience and a fun way to exercise! Aloha Entertainment by Polynesian Spice has participated in BIM since 2020. alohaentertainmentps.com



BAKERSFIELD CITY BALLET (BCB) Bakersfield City Ballet is Bakersfield's premier pre-professional ballet company. Our mission is to inspire and enrich our community and foster a love for the arts in youth through dance. As a pre-professional company, BCB serves as a stepping stone between studio training and a college dance program or professional contract. Their annual performances provide a live artistic cultural experience for our community, with an emphasis on classical and contemporary styles of dance. Bakersfield City Ballet is committed to making dance accessible to the widest possible audience through annual performances, educational programs, media, and other outreach efforts. Bakersfield City Ballet has participated in BIM since 2019. www.bakersfieldcityballet.org



BALLET FOLKLORICO HUAZTECALLI (BFH) Ballet Folklorico Huaztecalli is a local Bakersfield group filled with passionate and dedicated dancers united by love for the art of dance. We enjoy sharing traditional Mexican folk dancing throughout the community. Founded in 1994 by Jerry Fierro, our dance team is made up of diverse and talented kids, youth, and adults. Each bring a unique perspective and energy to every performance. Deeply committed to enrich the community through cultural preservation, and celebration through the universal language of dance.



CIVIC DANCE CENTER (CDC) Civic Dance Center focuses on developing well rounded dancers through exposure to a variety of styles with an emphasis on classical ballet technique. All perspectives and individual talents are welcome to work constructively to achieve our shared values of discipline, imagination, and collaboration elevating our behavior both in and out of the studio by treating each other with professionalism, kindness, and respect. Throughout the year, dancers are offered meaningful performance opportunities that support artistic growth, build confidence, and foster a sense of community, allowing students to bring their training to life on stage. 2023 was Civic Dance Center's first time participating in BIM. cividdancecenter.com



DAT KREW ACADEMY (DAT) DAT Krew Academy is a non-profit dance and performing arts organization located in Bakersfield, Ca founded in 2014 by owner/instructor, Luther Gray and assistant Brushay Taylor. DAT Krew's mission is to inspire today's youth through art and expression by providing a healthy, creative and social alternative to gang violence, crime, and addiction worldwide. DAT Krew has participated in BIM since 2021. datkrew661.com



J & M DANCE ACADEMY (JM) J&M Dance Academy is award-winning dance studio located in Tehachapi, CA offering professional instruction from experienced dance educators. Offering classes to students 2 and up, J&M offers instruction in ballet modern, jazz, tap, hop hip, just to name a few. The studio participates annually in state and national dance competitions, often achieving the highest awards and rankings at many nationally-recognized dance conventions. J&M is proud to serve the high desert communities and has been participating in BIM since 2023. jmdance.center

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LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL SPIRIT TEAM (LHS) The Liberty Spirit Team at Liberty High School is a unified cheer and dance team that embodies school pride, energy, and leadership on campus and throughout the community. As both cheerleaders and dancers, team members support athletic events, perform at school functions, and represent Liberty with enthusiasm and professionalism. The program was developed to create opportunities for students to grow in both cheer and dance, blending athleticism, artistry, and teamwork into one dynamic group. The team has helped expand dance opportunities on campus, even contributing to the growth of dance as a formal pathway and activity at the school. Through dedication, school involvement, and community engagement, the Liberty Spirit Team plays a vital role in building school culture, promoting unity, and inspiring Patriot pride both on and off the field. 2026 marks the first year The Liberty Spirit Team at Liberty High School has participated in BIM.



LION'S ELITE (LE) is a non-profit organization that provides no-cost competitive cheer and mentorship programs for underserved youth, supporting their growth across civic, athletic, educational, and cultural development. 2026 marks the first year Lions Elite has participated in BIM. lionselitecheer.org



MCLAUGHLIN DANCE COLLECTIVE (MCD) is dedicated to empowering Bakersfield dancers to pursue their dreams, share their talents with the community, and spread joy throughout Kern County through vibrant performances and events. We celebrate the individuality of each dancer, encouraging authentic self-expression—whether through powerful contemporary choreography or whimsical story ballets. Since 2021, we've proudly participated in Kern Dance Alliance's Books in Motion and have performed as guest artists with Ballet California and the North County Dance and Performing Arts Foundation. Led by Artistic Director Kristen McLaughlin and Assistant Director Jenai Wilcox, our community-focused company is expanding its reach with exciting new events planned for the 2025/26 season. Follow us [@mclaughlindancecollective](https://www.instagram.com/mclaughlindancecollective)



SPOTLIGHT ACADEMY OF THE ARTS (SAA) Since 2011, Spotlight Dance Academy's main goal has been to provide quality dance education and a positive outlet at an affordable cost for the youth of Kern County. Proudly a subdivision of a full performing and visual arts school, Spotlight Academy of the Arts, SDA offers an expanded curriculum and takes pride in setting the bar high for our students in order to help them achieve their personal goals in the performing arts. Spotlight Dance Academy has participated in BIM since 2018. SpotlightBakersfield.com

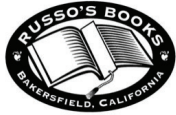


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SOSA CREATIVES DANCE ACADEMY (SCDA) Sosa Creatives Dance Academy is Kern County's newest dance organization focused on promoting classical ballet throughout the Central Valley. Directed by Pamela Sosa, Sosa Creatives Dance Academy intends to reach diverse audiences and promote the love of dance through the diverse representation of dancing bodies. 2024 was Sosa Creatives Dance Academy first time participating in BIM.

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