

## Tell Friends, Neighbors and All Who Read

### *Don't Keep the May 6 Used Book Sale a Secret!*



The FOML Used Book Sale is just around the corner: Saturday, May 6, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Modesto Library, 1500 I Street. Prices: hardbacks, \$2; paperbacks, \$1; children's \$1 each or three for \$2. Many genres are available for readers of all ages, including teens. All proceeds benefit the Modesto library.

We need your help to spread the word about the sale. Share our used book sale info with a Facebook posting, email, in person contact or a phone call. Just copy and paste the first paragraph of this story for Facebook or email. People are looking for bargains these days, and the used book sale will have bargains!

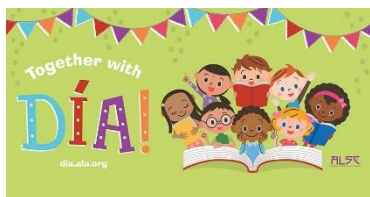
The book sale crew has sorted thousands of nonfiction books by category and fiction books by author. Final sorting and boxing are winding up. Donations will be called off on April 15 so the sorting/boxing crew can finish on time for the sale.

If you would like to volunteer at the sale, please email Marilyn Drew at [WalkingMD@pacbell.net](mailto:WalkingMD@pacbell.net). Members also got an email from Marilyn to use the Sign-Up Genius app.

## Putting Books in Children's Hands

Modesto Library celebrates one day in the year to put books into children's home libraries: "forever" books, theirs to keep. "Día" is that day. It will be April 29 this year at the Modesto Library (Check the library calendar for Dia events in other branches).

Friends of the Modesto Library supports this program with over 600 new books to make sure more kids benefit.



If you want to celebrate "Día" and help kids "eat up" books, you can "eat up" at Panda Express on Friday, April 28 when the library's collaborator, Imagination Library of

Stanislaus County, and Panda Express are holding a one-day fundraiser. Online orders only at

[www.pandaexpress.com](http://www.pandaexpress.com) or via the Panda Express App. Apply code 913152 in the "Fundraiser Code" box during checkout, and 28 percent goes to books for children. You can order up to a week ahead of time for pickup or delivery on April 28 or order the same day.

Thank You to Dittos for printing our newsletter.

## **Stock Up at the Scholastic Book Fair – May 31 to June 5**

The Scholastic Book Fair offers high-quality, low-cost books to stock up for summer reading at grandma's, on vacation, or right at home. Plan ahead for birthday and holiday presents, bonus treats for good behavior, or stocking your local Little Free Library.

Proceeds benefit the library through the Friends of the Modesto Library, including hundreds of free "forever" books distributed to children at Dia. Hours:

Wednesday, May 31: 1 – 6 p.m.

Thursday, June 1: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Friday, June 2: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, June 3: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday, June 5: noon – 7 p.m.

Online shopping:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/modestopubliclibrary>

May 31 through June 13.

**The Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County and the Modesto Library will hold a free genealogy class Saturday, April 29, at 2 p.m. in the Makerspace Room. Register at [www.stanislauslibrary.org](http://www.stanislauslibrary.org)**



# Our Star -- A Quiet Worker, Tutor

In 2004, the Stanislaus Library Foundation began recognizing individuals, businesses and Friends of the Library members for their support of the library. The Shining Star Award honors people throughout Stanislaus County for their commitment and work with the county libraries.

This year, Friends of the Modesto Library has selected Linda Owen as our nominee. Linda avoids the spotlight and quietly provides services to the library and a literacy program. She is involved in getting printed copies of our newsletter to members and various locations. She is a member of the Dewey Crew, which weekly works in the children's library making sure books are in their right place and neatly shelved, and she volunteers for most Friends' events, including book sales and children's programs. This retired teacher also serves as a KidsQuest tutor, bringing her lifelong love of learning and reading to students.

Linda dreamed of becoming a librarian or a teacher. She has always loved the library, so when she retired from teaching it was a natural move to Friends of the Modesto Library.

Her favorite part of volunteering is seeing kids enjoying books. When she isn't volunteering at the library, Linda enjoys reading historical fiction or mysteries.

Linda Owen is a Shining Star, and we thank her for all she has given to our community.

## Two Non-profits With Distinct Priorities

**Q.** Both the Friends of the Modesto Library (FOML) and the Stanislaus Library Foundation seem to focus on libraries. How do they differ?

**A.** FOML is a non-profit organization established in 1974 to raise funds and friends for the Modesto Library. Money raised through events, donations and memberships annually provides for numerous things that are not a part of the Modesto Library budget. Recently FOML funds have been used to purchase shelving and furniture for the children's area, children's books to hand out free at library events, the Juvenile Justice Center book club and programming for children and adults. Our members volunteer at special events and some help weekly to make sure the children's books are in their proper places.

The Stanislaus Library Foundation, also a non-profit, was organized in 1994 to raise funds for all 13 libraries within the Stanislaus library system. The Foundation supports programs such as the summer readings programs at all 13 libraries, Book Club in a Box and 1000 Books Before Kindergarten.

**Save the date: The Stanislaus Library Foundation will hold its annual Author's Garden Gala on Saturday, Sept. 23.**

## Getting Books To All Children From Day 1

Beginning in June, the State Library will provide 50 percent of the funding so that every young child in California can receive books through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. The other half will need to be covered through grants and donations.

Currently, there is no local government support. More than 2,000 children living in Stanislaus County are currently enrolled in this program, which costs about \$30 per child. Children can be enrolled at birth and receive a book per month to age 5.

At story hours, the Modesto Library will encourage parents and caregivers to sign up their children for Imagination Library. Friends of the Modesto Library is providing volunteers to help with enrollments. FOML also donates money to this effort.

For more information, to donate, or to enroll a child go to <https://www.stancoe.org/division/administrative-services/imagination-library> Donations are made through the Stanislaus County Education Foundation and are tax deductible as allowed by law.



## President's Message: Help Tell Our Story

The newly amended mission statement of Friends of the Modesto Library confirms our commitment to increase public awareness of the library and its needs. In other words, we are advocates, and our role is to tell the library's story in such a way that the public understands the vital role libraries play in a strong community.

One way we do this is by acting as guides for public tours of the library. With the pandemic in our rearview mirrors, the library is reinvigorating the tour program. Are you passionate about telling the library's story? Curious about what goes on behind the scenes? Want to share the story with others? Consider becoming a tour docent! Contact me at [dnordell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dnordell@sbcglobal.net) if you'd like to know more.

The theme for 2023 National Library Week (April 23-29) is, "There's more to the story." You can help us tell it.

-- Denise Nordell

*Our Mission Statement - Friends of the Modesto Library promotes community goodwill and support for the Modesto Library; stimulates public awareness of the library and its needs; encourages gifts of money and time that are used to provide materials and services to the library; and seeks sources of cultural and educational programs for the library.*