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November Events at the Modesto Library

Community members can take advantage of a variety of free programs at the Modesto Library this month, beginning with the Thankful Tree program through Nov. 30. All ages are invited to visit the library and write a note on a fall leaf to add to the library's Thankful Tree.

Children are invited to Yoga Play on Friday, Nov. 4 at 3:30 p.m. Participants will learn simple yoga poses. This program is recommended for ages 3 and up.

"Python Ron" McGee will bring some of his lizards and snakes to the library on Saturday, Nov. 5 at 1 and 3 p.m. This educational, hands-on show is open to all ages.

The library will offer a number of free computer classes this month, beginning with Computer Basics will take place on Mondays, Nov. 7 and 21 at 10 a.m. Word Intermediate will be offered on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 5 p.m. On Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 5 p.m. participants can take Excel Intermediate. Email Basics will take place on Thursday, Nov. 17 at 1:30 p.m. Email Basics participants will need to create an email account prior to the beginning of class. Community members may visit the Modesto Library Reference Desk for help setting up an email account. Advance registration is required for all computer classes; please contact the Modesto Library Reference Department at (209) 558-7814 to sign up.

Shoppers are invited to the Scholastic Book Fair, taking place in the Modesto Library Auditorium. The Book Fair will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 9 from 3 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov, 10 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants can browse from a collection of new books for kids. Clifford the Big Red Dog will make an appearance at the Book Fair on Saturday, Nov. 12 at 1:30 p.m. Participants are invited to bring their cameras to take pictures with Clifford.

In celebration of the new movie *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*, the library will host Hogwarts Week Nov. 14 through 18. There will be drop-in activities throughout the week in the Modesto Library's Children's Room. During the week, community members can pick up free tickets in the Children's Room for a special Hogwarts Yule Ball, taking place on Nov. 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. The Yule Ball is a special after-hours event designed for children and teens ages 11 to 19, however families and other Harry Potter fans are invited. Tickets are required for this event, and are available while supplies last.

The Great Valley Museum will host "Phases of Matter" on Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 4:30 p.m. Children will learn how mixing, cooling and heating can change matter from one form to another. This program will feature

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demonstrations and hands-on activities. The Phases of Matter program is recommended for ages 5 to 10.

Adults are invited to join Kim Viviano of the Healthy Aging Association for “Healthy Eating During the Holidays” on Friday, Nov. 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Participants will learn how to make good food choices and prepare old favorites that are both healthy and tasty. Please call the Modesto Library Reference Department at (209) 558-7814 for more information.

All ages are invited to celebrate International Games Day on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 12 to 4 p.m. The library will provide a selection of games, however participants are welcome to bring their own.

Local community members and professional actors from the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival will rehearse and prepare a production of Shakespeare's comedy *Twelfth Night* on Wednesday, Nov. 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. The play will be performed for the public at the Modesto Library on Monday, Dec. 12.

The Modesto Library is located at 1500 I St. in Modesto. Free parking is available in the parking lot behind the library and on surrounding streets. For more information, please contact the Modesto Library's Children and Teen Services Department at (209) 558-7810 or the Modesto Library Reference Department at (209) 558-7814.

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