



Stanislaus County Library

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Children invited to read to a dog at the Modesto Library

Children can practice their reading skills by sharing a story with a four-legged friend

Independent readers up to age 12 are invited to practice their reading skills with the special Read to a Dog program at the Modesto Library on Saturday, Aug. 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. This program is designed to help children gain confidence in their reading skills by reading aloud to certified therapy dogs.

“Children tend to naturally love animals and pairing them together just makes sense,” said Elisa McDaniel, library assistant in the Modesto Library Children’s and Teen Services Department. “Read to a Dog also benefits the handlers, as they are giving back to the community by sharing their dog with young library customers. It is a positive experience for all involved.”

The Read to a Dog program gives children an opportunity to practice reading aloud in a relaxed, non-judgmental atmosphere. Advance registration is not required for this event. Children and their parents or caregivers should check in at the Children’s and Teen Services Desk upon arrival.

The Modesto Library is located at 1500 I St. Free parking is available in the parking lot behind the library and on surrounding streets. For more information, please contact the Modesto Library Children’s and Teen Services Department at 209-558-7810. Information on regularly occurring programs can be found at www.stanislauslibrary.org, under the “Events and Classes” tab.

About the Stanislaus County Library

The Stanislaus County Library engages all members of the community and offers access to information, knowledge, and the tools for innovation and personal development. With 13 locations throughout the county, the Library offers a diverse collection of free materials, computer access and Wi-Fi, Story Times, programming for all ages, and more. To learn more about the Library’s wide array of programs and services, visit www.stanislauslibrary.org.

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