



Stanislaus County Library

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Children invited to read to a dog at libraries in Modesto and Oakdale

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, Feb. 23 from 2 to 4 p.m., and at the Oakdale Library on Tuesday, Feb. 26 from 3 to 5 p.m. This program is designed to help children gain confidence in their reading skills by reading aloud to certified therapy dogs.

“The Read to a Dog program returned to the Modesto Library last August,” said Elisa McDaniel, library assistant in the Modesto Library Children’s and Teen Services Department. “It has expanded to three of our 13 libraries and is thoroughly enjoyed by many children and adults. Often times the same kids come to read to the dogs and wait patiently for their turn. The kids can write thank you notes to the dogs and the handlers when they come to the library.”

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 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 free access to a diverse collection of materials, computers 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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