

## New Master Librarians

By Maree Hawkins

Congratulations to the five Stanislaus County Library employees who earned their Master of Library and Information Science degrees from California State University San Jose this year. They are Michele Machado and Christin Hutsell, Children's Librarians-Modesto; Yvonne Reagers, Reference Librarian-Modesto; Megan Mizuno, Library Branch Supervisor-Ceres and Karina Mendoza, Library Branch Supervisor-Oakdale.

CSU San Jose offered its first library science class in 1928. Since 2009 the classes have been 100 percent online. The needed 43 units can be customized to fit interests and career goals and usually are completed in two to three years. The program is accredited by the American Library Association.

A check-in with the three Modesto librarians was revealing. Christin Hutsell started her library career as a county library substitute, then moved into a permanent job in Denair and finally her current position as a Children's Librarian in Modesto. She feels that she learned so much throughout the CSU San Jose program. One of the surprising discussions focused on how important Friends of the Library groups are to libraries, big and small, throughout the United States-- important for funds and volunteers. Based on her classes, Christin foresees more integration of technology throughout the library. "Just look at the community outreach classes the Reference Department does now and the Maker Space we have in the works," she adds. She enjoys working on children's programming and story time, adding that children's literature, including the artwork, is very appealing to her. Christin is glad to be done with homework so now she'll have time to read for fun. She has a seven-year-old daughter who also loves to read.

Michele Machado admits that it is exciting and a relief to have her graduate degree. In 2006 she began her library career as a page. While working her way up through the ranks, she realized the library was going to be her career. She remembers being shocked during one graduate level discussion that her classmates all agreed that people do not realize that libraries are so much more than books. Michele is encouraged that our



Left to right: Christin Hutsell, Michele Machado, and Yvonne Reagers.

county library has the resources to let people know what today's library can do for them, including improving its social media presence. She believes libraries will continue to embrace technology and librarians can help library patrons grow technically. Michele is working with other library personnel to ensure that the library responds to digital communications promptly and with some personality. Michele thinks that she'll use her newly found free time to get back being herself and find her hobbies, plus give her husband and dog more Michele time.

Yvonne Reagers was in college when she started at the library three years ago. She knew then that she wanted to get a master's degree, but hadn't decided on her career goal. Yvonne recalls always wanting to work in a library, but along the way many people had told her that there wouldn't be jobs in that field. But her Modesto library job put her on a path to complete a master's degree and work as a Reference Librarian. Yvonne admits to being worried about the digital takeover of libraries, but her classes helped her realize that libraries can offer the community something they can't get elsewhere, such as free computer classes and the use of computers. She noted how many people need to use a computer to find a job and that not everyone has a computer at home. "We are a vital hub in the community," Yvonne declares, "providing free services and a free place to meet."



From Book Riot.com:

These ten great books about libraries highlight important libraries, librarians, and even library cats. Encompassing fiction and nonfiction alike, the books on this list celebrate the magic of the library experience.

1. **Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian And Storyteller Pura Belpré** by Anika A. Denise
2. **Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library** by Chris Grabenstein
3. **The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu: and Their Race to Save the World's Most Precious Manuscripts** by Joshua Hammer
4. **The Library at Mount Char** by Scott Hawkins
5. **Evil Librarian** by Michelle Knudsen
6. **The Borrower** by Rebecca Makkai
7. **The Strange Library** by Haruki Murakami
8. **Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World** by Vicki Myron
9. **The Library Book** by Susan Orlean
10. **Regina Anderson Andrews, Harlem Renaissance Librarian** by Ethelene Whitmire

(<https://bookriot.com/2019/05/07/books-about-libraries/>)

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The Friends promotes goodwill and community support for the Modesto Library, stimulates public awareness of Modesto Library needs, and seeks sources of cultural and educational programs for the Modesto Library.

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of March, June, September and December and are open to all members or interested individuals.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Summer is sizzling, but one look at the Friends of the Modesto Library calendar indicates that Fall will be on fire! So much is happening in the next few months, and the Friends of the Modesto Library are in the thick of things. A Scholastic Book Sale, a new 2 for \$1 Children's Book sale, Jane Austen-related events, *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* at The State Theatre, and more... we hope you'll join us!



The highlight for me each year is our June Board of Directors meeting, when we have the joy and privilege of saying "YES!!" to the annual funding requests from the library. This year, our donation will fund, among other things, new furnishings in the children's and teen areas, a new and larger fish tank in the main area, and children's and adult programs throughout the year.

Denise Nordell, President

## Membership update

*By Ellen Dambrosio, Membership Director*

I want to thank all of you who continue to support the Friends with your annual donations. Without your membership dues, we couldn't fulfill the many requests made by the library staff each year. My 2019 membership goal is 175. As I write this at the beginning of July, we have 120 paid members. That's a good start, but I need your help to meet my goal.

- If you are one of the sixty 2018 members who have not yet renewed this year, please consider doing so today.
- If you are not a member, please make 2019 your first year of membership.
- If you know people who use and value the Modesto Library, tell them about the Friends. Share this newsletter which contains a membership form. Or point them to our website (<http://modestolibraryfriends.org>) where they can learn about us and donate or join online. I'm confident many more people would join the Friends--if only they knew about us. Help us spread the word.

Thank you for supporting the Modesto Library and the Friends!

## Affinity program reminder

Friends of the Modesto Library is enrolled in three fundraising programs, also known as affinity programs. Each generates money - at no cost to you - for the Friends when you make a purchase, sometimes in person, but more often online. The trick is to get a large number of participants. More participants means more money for the Friends--with no effort on our part. Sweet, right? For details about how to sign up or get involved in all of our fundraising activities, go to <http://modestolibraryfriends.org/fundraising-projects/>.



The greatest potential for the Friends to make money is probably from iGive.com. iGive is a free service where shopping online at 2,117 stores like Walmart, Travelocity, Overstock, Expedia and many more, means a donation to the Friends of up to 4% or more. All you have to do is sign up and shop.

Another program is eScrip. With eScrip, you can earn money for the Friends when you make purchases at O'Brien's Markets or Mountain Mike's Pizza locations in Modesto.



And the one more people know about is AmazonSmile. The AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers. I hope you'll sign up today and, of course, designate Friends of the Modesto Library as your charitable organization.

It takes a little bit of time to enroll in one or more of these programs, but after the initial investment of time, it requires almost nothing of you—other than that you shop! If you have any problem enrolling in, or participating in, any of these programs, please contact Ellen at [membership@modestolibraryfriends.org](mailto:membership@modestolibraryfriends.org).

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Miriam Bermann, Olga Castañeda, Mary Anne Sumaraga, and Sanford Tanenbaum.

We're so glad to have you!

# County Librarian Diane McDonnell to Retire in September



County Librarian Diane McDonnell recently announced her impending retirement. We asked Diane to share some thoughts about her time at the Stanislaus County Library.

## **Diane, when did you become Stanislaus County Librarian? What about the position and the County attracted you?**

I began serving as Stanislaus County Librarian in June 2014. My goal was to join a progressive organization that put customers first, and which offered services and resources designed to meet the needs of the communities served. My philosophy as a librarian centers on public service and maintaining an accessible connection between people and information.

When first considering this leadership role at SCL, I researched the library online, toured each of the library sites, and spoke with colleagues familiar with the library system. I was impressed by the potential to introduce innovative programs and services, the engaged level of service I saw staff providing, and the level of community support for the library, apparent in the local funding model. I also recognized the diverse demographics of the county and the focus on family. It was clear to me early on how important this library system is to local residents. These factors, combined with the positive interactions I experienced with the library staff I met, led me to know I would be fortunate to join SCL.

## **What surprised you about Stanislaus County?**

I discovered that Stanislaus County's central location is perfect for exploring in all directions, restaurant and entertainment options are tremendous, and the incredible locally grown produce available year-around is amazing. As we know, Stanislaus County is a great place to live with really nice people. Though this was not necessarily a surprise, it definitely contributes to my feeling at home here.

## **What are some of the changes you have seen during your tenure?**

As County Librarian, I brought a fresh new set of "eyes" to library operations. I believe this instilled a renewed sense of energy and enthusiasm to the library. An understanding of community priorities is important, as well as being responsive to customer input. This has continued to guide the expansion of desired services and resources.

SCL staff have experienced lots of changes since I arrived, and most have done so with a can-do and forward-thinking approach. Our staff have a good understanding of the positive and collective impact these service enhancements have for our customers.

For example, in the pursuit of innovative learning opportunities, I expanded 24-7 access to e-Resources, restored Friday hours, introduced Link+, Zip Books and Discover & Go, expanded STEM opportunities, and delivered library services beyond the four walls.

## **What accomplishments are you proudest of?**

My vision for SCL relates to access, and finding ways in which we can expand access to services without boundaries. By utilizing new technologies, a fresh approach to delivering services out in the community, and redesigning our buildings to modernize and create welcoming spaces, we continue to amaze.

I arrived at SCL with a collection of ideas for new services and resources I hoped to introduce, based on experience in other public library systems. But first, I got to know our communities and listened to staff. Additionally, the development of a new 5-year Strategic Plan served to guide us in a smart growth approach. I am proud of all that we have accomplished in a few short years. Here are some highlights.

Measure S was approved by voters for the longest term in the history of SCL's sales tax funding, and by the highest margin. In addition to the success of Measure S, one of my biggest accomplishments has been to amplify our services and resources! As we provide more value to the community, the all-important sales tax funding becomes more secure. In addition, supplemental sources of funding are crucial. My success in procuring a diverse collection of grants has enabled us to offer innovative new services, and a strategic approach to budgeting has led to new initiatives designed to make a positive impact for local communities.

When I began serving as County Librarian, one of my initial goals was to support local families by creating a program dedicated to providing early literacy services out in the community. With the support of County Leadership, I introduced this important initiative and selected a group of talented staff to implement the service. We continue to see excellent outcomes related to this Youth Services Outreach program.

Successfully reopening on Fridays met a long-term goal in meeting customer needs, and developing a new community library for Grayson residents allowed the library to reach an underserved community.

Students at the Juvenile Justice Center are supported by caring library staff as they make changes for a brighter future, thanks to a new on-site Pop-up Library. The idea for this new service was inspired by a similar model I experienced while working with another county library system.

Flagged as an opportunity to bring in a potentially new group of library users who are accustomed to 24-7 access to information, we have directed priorities to expanding the library's collection of innovative e-Resources and added self-service options for services within the library.

And I am also immensely proud of two important library projects underway that will result in beautiful and functional new libraries for the Turlock and Empire communities. Sometimes the biggest challenge with a project is getting it launched!

I do regret that we have been unable to implement plans for a MakerSpace technology lab at the Modesto Library during my tenure. Creative workarounds, led by the library's IT staff, have enabled us to introduce many of the new technologies to our customers without this centralized setting, but it remains a disappointment.

## **What advice would you give to the next librarian?**

Having a vision is essential to success. A strong vision helps guide priorities, which tend to compete for our attention! To continue to shape SCL with a strong customer focus, I would say it's important to recognize that staff are our greatest resource and to value their expertise, to listen to our customers, and to take a creative approach to enhancing services and resources while maintaining and enriching core services.

## **What future do you foresee for public libraries in general and Stanislaus County in particular, say, over the next 10 or 20 years?**

We are living in transformational times. Public libraries are in a state of constant evolution and embracing change is essential. A vision for SCL must include creativity, innovation and adaptation.

As we have seen over the past few years, library service is no longer confined to a physical structure. Moving forward, the demand for 24-7 access to digital resources will continue to grow, and the need to deliver library services to residents out in the community will become ever more crucial.

## **What are your plans for retirement?**

In addition to having MORE TIME to play, read and explore the globe with my husband Jon and our large family, opportunities in the library field abound. I have no doubt more personal and professional adventures await.



# Join the Friends Today!

Friends of the Modesto Library provides funds to enhance the programs and services at the Modesto Library. Dues are paid on a calendar-year basis (Jan. 1-Dec. 31). Please select a membership level and indicate the amount of your donation.

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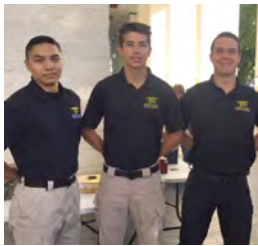
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## Friends Book Sales Reach New Heights

Our hats are off to Pat Glattke (Used Book Sale) and Anne Britton (Scholastic Sale) whose over-the-top efforts in May resulted in more than \$5,000 for library programs. Here are highlights from their reports.

### Used Book Sale

More than 20 Friends volunteers helped at the sale and beforehand, sorting books. Friends member Michael Leamy's online efforts yielded more than \$1,500. Ed and Jean Haven stepped up to co-chair the sale, heading up several sorting parties and picking up (literally) tons of donated books.



McGrath Moving & Storage transported the books to the library on sale day, where Library Manager Chris Moreno and his staff were waiting to help set up. Key Club members and Jr. Navy Seals from area high schools donated their time throughout the day. In all, more than \$4,300 was raised.



sale was held May 9 – 13 at the library. The sale draws buyers from schools, libraries and friends groups who use their earned Scholastic Dollars credits at this sale. Eighteen Friends volunteers helped at the sale, which earned \$1,000 cash and nearly \$2,000 in books for the library and Friends programs.

**Note:** Our next Scholastic sale takes place in November. Mark your calendars for a blizzard of books at the Arctic Adventure Book Fair: *Snow Much to Read!* – the Friends of the Modesto Library's fall fundraiser with new high-quality, low-cost books for children and teens.

### Scholastic Customer Appreciation Warehouse Sale

2019 marks the 14th year that FOML has hosted Scholastic discount sales events. Scholastic pays FOML to host the sale, and, at the Warehouse sale, volunteers are "paid" in books in a Buy 1, Get 1 Free system. The 4-day

## Library funding approved

At the June Board of Directors meeting, Friends of the Modesto Library approved the library's request for \$16,500 in funding for library programs and materials in 2019-20. Our core purpose is to support library programs and support the Modesto Library's mission.

### A note from Modesto Library Supervisor Chris Moreno:

Dear Friends of the Modesto Library,

The Modesto Library will continue to offer free community programs for children, teens, and adults thanks to your generous support. Friends-supported programs such Día de los niños/Libros, Harry Potter Yule Ball, book giveaways at the County Fair, the Library Halloween Parade, and monthly crafting programs which continue to see an increase in community participation and popularity. With the help of the Friends, we will be able to send two Modesto library staff members to the annual California Library Association conference in Pasadena. This is a valuable professional development experience for those who attend.

For several decades, the Modesto Library fish tank has been a memorable centerpiece attraction for library visitors. With the Friends support, we will be updating the fish tank and surrounding teen area furniture this year! The Friends contributions will also ensure that we have adequate supplies to continue creating informative and creative book and program displays throughout the library.

Thank you for your continued financial support, advocacy, and enthusiasm to volunteer your time to our community. Your efforts help make the Modesto Library a better place for all.

Sincerely,

Chris Moreno, Modesto Library Supervisor

Friends of the Modesto Library invites you and your book club to attend...

**SAVE THE DATE!**

# All Things Jane

A program for Jane Austen fans and all readers.

Friday, Jan. 3, 2020

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

At the Modesto Library, downtown Modesto

Join us for a discussion of Jane Austen works and a preview of Opera Modesto's Story Into Song production, "Mansfield Park," coming in January 2020.

Door prizes—Library Tours—Free Admission



## Readers ARE Superheroes!

More than 200 avid young readers – including this superhero in training! – and their families descended on The State Theatre on July 13 to see "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse." It was their reward for completing the Summer Reading Challenge at the Modesto Library. The first 100 guests to arrive also received vouchers for popcorn and a drink... all thanks to Alfred Matthews, whose generous sponsorship made the event possible.



**Modesto Film Society presents**

## Page to Screen Series A Tree Grows in Brooklyn

Book discussion moderated by Stella Beratlis, Modesto's Poet Laureate



Gather your book club members together for a memorable evening sharing the beloved American classic novel by Betty Smith and 1943 film starring Dorothy McGuire.

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For tickets: [www.thestate.org](http://www.thestate.org)

The State Theatre 1307 J St. Modesto

**OCTOBER 1, 2019  
6:30 p.m.**



# MAGIC READING CARPET TAKES FLIGHT!

by Anne Britton

In June, Friends member Olga Castañeda came to the Friends of the Modesto Library and floated the idea for a new literacy project to the FOML board for consideration – and it took flight!

With a grant of \$200 from FOML and in collaboration with the owner of El Rematito Flea Market at the corner of Hackett & Crows Landing, volunteer “Friends” read to children and handed out “forever” books on June and July Saturdays this summer.

Olga and Anna María Magallón, both bilingual speakers, organized and supervised the new literacy effort. They realized that hundreds of families visit El Rematito on a weekly basis. Approximately 75% of adults are Spanish speakers and 85% of children are English speakers. Market owner Orlando Márquez agreed to provide use of the stage area on Saturdays. He also provided help transporting books and two free parking spaces for the volunteers.

Olga put on her networking cap and found a printer for a collapsible sign with the project name in Spanish and English – La Alfombra Mágica de la Lectura ~ Magic Reading Carpet – and convinced the printer,



Ramiro Laiton of Signs and Banners Express, to do it pro bono at no cost to FOML!

Many of the new books handed out came from the library’s Youth Services Outreach Department, through a grant. Their staff also visited and added to the fun on some of the Saturdays.

Other new and gently used books came from individual donors. A small starter selection of about 35 new picture books and beginning reader books came courtesy of volunteers’ earnings at the May Scholastic BOGO sale, hosted by FOML. And Pat Glattke organized sorting out another selection of children’s books donated for next year’s Used Book Sale. That added to the trove of the

300+ books sent home with families who wanted books.

Olga said two brothers became regulars after the first week. “The youngest is an entering 1st grader and his brother is a 3rd grader. Both are struggling readers. After their reading session, they bring other kids to us, too. Two weeks ago, I was busy and couldn’t read to either brother. To my pleasure, I noticed the older brother began reading and tutoring his younger brother for he had been

observing how we do shared reading. He displayed such gentleness as he worked with him; I was deeply moved! I’m sure his new acquired skill will serve them both well. Books transform lives!”

The Magic Reading Carpet is a collaborative project based on the belief that our county’s current literacy rates can be positively affected by informing parents about the consequences of low reading levels and by empowering them with simple tips on how to help the children under their care. The books they take home can give them wings to keep them flying toward success.

## BARNES & NOBLE OCT. BOOKFAIR

### Save the Date

In April, Barnes & Noble hosted the Friends for a very successful bookfair, earning \$942 in B & N gift cards, most of which we resold to put cash in our coffers.

**Guest what? That’s right, we’re doing it again. Mark your calendar now and shop Barnes & Noble in-store on Oct. 19 or online Oct. 19 through 25.**

Think: Holiday gifts!

## Barnes & Noble Bookfair

Benefits Friends of the Modesto Library

Saturday, Oct. 19 in store

3501 McHenry Ave. Modesto

9 a.m.—9 p.m.

Sale continues online thru 10/25



Be sure to mention Friends of the Modesto Library or promo code 12543781.



# 2 FOR \$1

## KIDS BOOK SALE!

Picture Books -- Chapter Books  
Beginning Readers  
Non-fiction -- Classics

### Saturday, Sept. 7 10a.m.-1p.m.

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# EVENTS

## Regular Programs

**LEGO Play**  
Wednesdays @ 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

**Game Day**  
First Thursday @ 3:30 p.m.

**Coloring Day**  
Second Friday during open hours

**DIY Kids!**  
Fourth Friday, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

**Family Book Club**  
Last Thursday, 4 p.m.

**Wiggle Worms Story Time**  
Mondays & Tuesdays @ 10:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

**Preschool Story Time**  
Wednesdays @ 10:15 a.m.

**Bilingual Story Time**  
Thursdays @ 6:15 p.m.

**Saturdays @ 10:15 a.m.**



## AUGUST 2019

**Thursday, Aug 1, 3:30-4:30 p.m.**  
**Game Day**  
Get your game on! Bring the family and play Jenga, Dominoes, and more! In the Children's Dept.

**August 4 – Sept 2**  
**All Story Times on Summer Break until Tuesday, Sept. 3.**

**Tuesday, Aug. 6**  
**Summer Reading Challenge ends**  
Last day to pick up prizes and enter drawings.

**Monday, Aug. 5, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Movie Night @ the Modesto Library.**  
Join us for a musical about P.T. Barnum and the creation of "The Greatest Show on Earth." Rated PG.

**Friday, Aug. 9 (Open Hours)**  
**Coloring Day**  
Add some color to your world! All ages can join us to unwind and have fun in a comfortable environment. Crayons and a variety of artistic designs will be available! In the Children's Room

**Monday, Aug 12, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.**  
**Dance & Play!**  
We're breaking out the shakers, scarves, and Story Time music for a music-filled half hour of fun for kids!

**Saturday, August 17, 1-3 p.m.**  
**The MoSt Summer Poetry Workshop Series.**  
Gillian Wegener will lead a workshop on the poetry of place.

**Monday, Aug 19, 3:30 p.m.**  
**TEEN Game Day: Oculus Rift**  
The Oculus Rift Virtual Reality gear will be available for ages 13 & up. We'll be playing the collaborative puzzle game, Keep Talking and Nobody Explodes. 13 and up. In the Teen Zone.

**Tuesday, Aug. 20, 6:15 p.m.**  
**Stuffed Animal Sleepover**  
Bring your favorite stuffed animal to the library for story time. After that, it's time to say goodbye and goodnight to your little buddy while they stay overnight at the library. Come back the next day to pick up your stuffed animal and see what mischief they got into. Pajamas encouraged.

**Friday, Aug. 23, 3:30-4:30 p.m.**  
**DIY Kids: Paper craft beads**  
Origami, paper bead necklaces and more! Children must be supervised by an adult. In the Children's Room.

**Saturday, Aug 24, 1-3 p.m.**  
**Read-to-a-Dog**  
Practice reading aloud to a dog certified by Therapy Dogs Alliance. For independent readers 12 and under. 558-7810.

**August 27 – October 1**  
**Anime Day Bookmark Contest**  
Love anime? Love to draw? Show off your skills by designing our next Anime Day bookmark! Entry forms available starting Aug. 1. Winner announced during Anime Day activities on Oct. 19.

**Tuesday, August 27, 4:30 pm.**  
**NEW! Teen Health and Wellness: Empathy.**  
New monthly series. Join local teen Avni Parmar and a special guest to discuss the important topic of empathy. Teen Area.

**Thursday, Aug 29, 4 p.m.**  
**Modesto Family Book Club: Frindle**  
Fun family read-aloud discussion and activities related to Andrew Clements's book, Frindle. In the Children's Room.

## SEPTEMBER 2019

**Wiggle Worms Story Time**  
Mondays & Tuesdays @ 10:15 am & 11:15 am

**Preschool Story Time**  
Wednesdays @ 10:15 am

**Bilingual Story Time**  
Thursdays @ 6:15 pm and Saturdays @ 10:15 am

**Monday, Sept. 2**  
**LIBRARY CLOSED for Labor Day**

**Tuesday, September 3**  
**All Story Times resume.**

**September 4 - 30**  
**All-Kids Craft Fair Sign up**  
For young crafters, age 7-14, will learn about sales, customer service and business, while having fun! Sign up in the Children's Room or online. Craft Fair takes place Oct. 13.

**Monday, Sept. 9, 3:30 & 5 p.m.**  
**Escape Room: Toy Story**  
Bad news: you've been caught by Sid. Good news: you have 45 minutes before he returns to his room. Decipher codes and solve classic puzzles in order to escape. Ages 8 and up. Reservations are required and space is limited, so call 209-558-7810 to reserve your place for one of these sessions.

**Tuesday, Sept. 10, 6:15 p.m.**  
**Family Story Time**  
Arr maties, pirate shenanigans be afoot! Hear some pirate stories then walk the plank. It's sure to be fun for all!

**Saturday, Sept. 14, 1-3 p.m.**  
**The MoSt Summer Poetry Workshop Series: Social Justice**  
All experience levels welcome.

**Monday, Sept 16, 3:30 p.m.**  
**TEEN Game Day: Oculus Rift**  
The Oculus Rift Virtual Reality gear will be available for ages 13 & up. Experience the tutorial and other fun VR programs. 13 and up. In the Teen Zone.

**Thursday, Sept. 19, Open Hours**  
**Talk Like a Pirate Day**  
Ahoj, matesy! Find the pirate hat in the Children's Department to get a prize!

**Thursday, Sept. 19, 1 p.m.**  
**Medicare Basics**  
Healthcare advisor Denise Cagle will discuss basic information regarding Medicare.

**Saturday, Sept. 21, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Author Visit: Robert Liu-Trujillo**  
Joins us at Bilingual Story Time as the author reads his book Furquan's First Flat Top and talks about his work.

**Tuesday, Sept. 24, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.**  
**Hour of Code**  
Log onto Code.org for an hour of fun coding activities. Bring your own device. Don't have a computer? A limited number of laptops will be available.

**Thursday, Sept. 26, 4 p.m.**  
**Modesto Family Book Club: The Golden Age of Pirates**  
In the Children's Room.

**Friday, Sept 27, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.**  
**DIY Kids: Kumihimo**  
Make a keychain using the traditional Japanese braiding technique, kumihimo. Children must be supervised by an adult. In the Children's Room.



## OCTOBER 2019

**Tuesday, Oct. 1**  
**Last day to turn in Anime Bookmark Contest Entries**

**Tuesday, Oct. 1, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Page to Screen: A Tree Grows in Brooklyn**  
Film and book discussion at The State Theatre. Tickets: www.thestate.org or (209) 527-4697. Benefits Friends of the Modesto Library.

**Thursday, Oct. 3, 3:30 p.m.**  
**Game Day: Giant Candy Land**  
Play a life-sized game of Candy Land. Other giant games will be available as well.

**Tuesday, Oct. 8, 6:15 p.m.**  
**Family Story Time: Pajama Party**  
Put on your PJ's, get comfy, and enjoy some stories.

**Friday, Oct. 11**  
**Coloring Day, All Day**  
In the Children's Room.



**Saturday, Oct. 12, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.**  
**All-Kids Craft Fair**  
Young entrepreneurs will be selling their crafts. Modesto Library Portico

**Monday, Oct. 14, 3:30 p.m.**  
**TEEN Game Day: Oculus Rift**  
The Oculus Rift Virtual Reality gear will be available for ages 13 and up. In the Teen Zone.

**Saturday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.**  
**Barnes & Noble Modesto Bookfair**  
All sales in-store benefit Friends of the Modesto Library as do online sales through Oct. 25. Just mention Friends of the Modesto Library or promo code 12543781. Info: [modestolibraryfriends.org/events/](http://modestolibraryfriends.org/events/)

**Saturday, Oct. 19, 12-4 p.m.**  
**Teen Anime Day**  
FOOD! FUN! COSTUMES? (We'll leave the last one up to you.) Watch a movie, make some crafts, and eat some pizza! Salida Library

**Thursday, Oct. 24, 4 p.m.**  
**Family Book Club: Bunnicula**  
Family read-aloud discussion and activities related to the month's book, Bunnicula. In the Children's Room.

**Friday, Oct. 25, 3:30 p.m.**  
**DIY Kids: Halloween Spooktacular!**  
A Halloween activity sure to thrill! In the Children's Room.

**Wednesday, Oct. 30**  
**10:15 Story Time; 10:45 Parade**  
**Halloween Story Time & Parade**  
Listen to some not-too-spooky stories, and then stay for a Halloween Parade sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library. Costumes encouraged but not required.

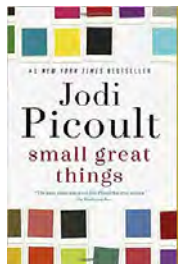
**Thursday, Oct. 31, 6:15 p.m.**  
**Halloween Stories & Craft**  
**Cuentos bilingües/Bilingual Story Time**  
¡Les invitamos a venir con la cara pintada y en disfraz, pero no es requerido para participar! Costumes are encouraged but not required.

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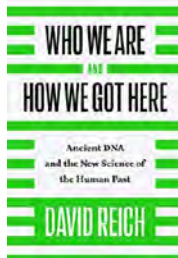
## WHAT ARE YOU READING?



### ***Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult**

This book is now my favorite Jodi Picoult novel to date. It deals with the moral dilemmas of race, privilege, prejudice, compassion and justice, which all come into play by way of a murder trial that takes place in this compelling and research-rich story. The novel's ending surprised me, but also left me revisiting my own thoughts about the issues raised in this remarkable novel.

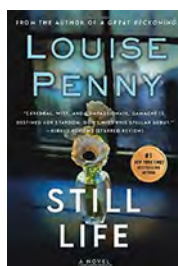
– Marilyn Drew



### ***Who We Are and How We Got Here* by David Reich**

New technology opens up the history of our ancestors from the dawn of our species to more recent times. Combining personal views and new DNA “hard science,” Harvard geneticist David Reich peels back time to show the relationships of ancient and modern human populations world-wide.

– Anne Britton



### ***Still Life* by Louise Penny**

I am reading a mystery novel by Louise Penny in the Inspector Armand Gamache series set in the Quebec region of Canada. Gamache is highly skilled in detection and an astute observer of human nature and its strengths and weaknesses. The added benefit is learning more about the history and cultures of the region. The first book in the series is *Still Life*. The stories build in each succeeding book, improving as Penny develops her characters. It is best to read this series in chronological order if at all possible.

– Christine Brereton