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Stanislaus County Libraries to offer coding opportunities for local youth

In an effort to provide children and teens an opportunity to explore technology and technological concepts, the Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library, Empire Library, and Modesto Library and will offer free coding-themed programs teens this September.

The Salida Library's Coding Club will continue to meet on Mondays at 4 p.m. through Oct. 28. Ages 9 to 14 will learn to create animations, interactive artwork, and other artistic projects using computer science and Scratch programming.

"Teaching kids and teens to code can not only encourages youth to go into computer science fields, it can help students increase their problem solving and math skills in a fun, hands-on way," said Jessica Geiss, children's librarian at the Salida Library.

The Coding Club is sponsored by the Friends of the Salida Library. Space is limited and advance registration is required. The Salida Library is located at 4835 Sisk Road. For more information, please call the library supervisor, Wayne Philbrook, at 209-543-7353.

Children can explore coding concepts at the Empire Library on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 3:30 p.m. with the "Coding Fun" program. Participants will take part in engaging educational games that relate to the coding process. The Empire Library is located at 18 South Abbie. For more information, please contact the library supervisor, Diane Ramirez, at 209-524-5505.

The Modesto Library will host an "Hour of Code" on Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 3:30 p.m. School-aged children are invited to bring their own devices to the library will they will have an opportunity to enjoy an hour of coding activities through code.org. For those unable to bring their own computer, a limited number of laptops and non-computer coding activities will be available. "Hour of Code" is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library, and will be held in the auditorium of the Modesto Library, located in the basement 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 Children's and Teen Services Department at 209-558-7810.

Information on regularly occurring library 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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