

### Stanislaus County Library

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# Local libraries to host dance parties for toddlers and preschoolers

Tiny feet can rock out in a big way at the Modesto, Oakdale, and Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Libraries

Three Stanislaus County community libraries will offer dance parties designed for toddlers and preschoolers this month, beginning with the Dance and Play event at the Modesto Library on Monday, Aug. 12 from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.

Children and their caregivers are invited to join Modesto Library staff as they break out shakers, scarves and Story Time music for 30 minutes of musical playtime. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library, and will be held in the Modesto Library auditorium, located at 1500 I Street. 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.

"Dance and Play gives kids the chance to practice their gross motor skills without driving their parents crazy," said Christin Hutsell, children's librarian at the Modesto Library. "It also helps them get used to transitioning from one activity to the next on cue – a vital skill for success in school."

A Dance and Play event will also be held at the Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library on Tuesday, Aug. 13 at 4 p.m. Toddlers, preschoolers and their caregivers can enjoy playtime featuring popular music from Story Time, shakers and scarves. This event is held monthly and is sponsored by the Friends of the Salida Library. The Salida Library is located at 4835 Sisk Road. For more information, please contact the library supervisor, Wayne Philbrook, at 209-543-7353.

The Oakdale Library's Preschool Dance Fun event will be held on Monday, Aug. 26 at 11 a.m. Young dancers will have a chance to "rock out" to popular Story Time tunes and try the hula, the Twist, and a limbo. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Oakdale Library. The Oakdale Library is located at 151 S. First Ave. For more information, please contact the library supervisor, Karina Mendoza, at 847-4204.

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 free access to a diverse collection of 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.