Stanislaus County Library



1500 I Street, Modesto, CA 95354 209.558.7801 Fax: 209.529.4779 www.stanislauslibrary.org

Stanislaus County

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE July 1, 2019

For more information, contact:

Laura Ferrell, 209-558-7817 Susan Lilly, 209-558-4813 or 209-613-3672

Local libraries to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing

Customers at the Ceres, Modesto, and Hughson Libraries can take part in educational space-themed programs

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the lunar landing, staff at local Stanislaus County Libraries will host themed programs for children and teens. These programs will give young participants an opportunity to learn about and explore a moment in history not witnessed by their generation.

On Monday, July 15 the Ceres Library will offer a STEM* program for teens and tweens from 1 to 3 p.m. (*Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) A member of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Solar System Ambassador program will speak to participants about some of NASA's voyages, and discuss some of the scientists who played leading roles in the American space program.

"We want to inspire curiosity in the subject of space exploration," said Megan Mizuno, Ceres Library supervisor. "50 years ago, children around the world watched as astronauts landed on the moon, but space exploration is not a thing of the past. The scientists of tomorrow will explore further reaches of our universe, and programs such as these can help spark interest in participants to become part of that future exploration."

The Ceres Library is located at 2250 Magnolia Street. For more information about the upcoming STEM program, please contact Megan Mizuno at 209-537-8938.

The Modesto Library will screen NASA's special anniversary presentation of the moon landing on Monday, July 15 from 1 to 2 p.m. Customers can stop by to watch it live on a TV screen in the library's Teen Area. The Modesto Library is located at 1500 I Street. For more information, please contact the Children's and Teen Services Dept. at 209-558-7810.

Customers at the Hughson Library will have an opportunity to celebrate the anniversary of the moon landing with special crafts on Wednesday, July 17 from 2 to 4 p.m. Crafters can make tin foil moons, build moon landing modules out of paper cups, and learn how to make DIY moon rocks. The Hughson Library is located at 2412 A Third Street. For more information, please contact Heather Bailey, Hughson Library supervisor, at 209-883-2293.

Information about regularly occurring library programs can be found at <u>www.stanislauslibrary.org</u>, 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 <u>www.stanislauslibrary.org</u>.

#