

## STANISLAUS COUNTY LIBRARY

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## January Events at the Modesto Library

Community members of all ages are invited to enjoy variety of free programs taking place at the Modesto Library this January, beginning with LEGO days on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. Children are invited to build LEGO creations, which will be placed on display in the library for one week. DUPLO blocks will be available for children under the age of 4, however, they must have direct parental supervision.

The library will offer a number of free computer classes this month, beginning with Internet Basics on Thursday, Jan. 5 at 1:30 p.m. Computer Basics will take place on Monday, Jan. 9 at 10 a.m. and Monday, Jan. 23 at 10:30 a.m. Word Intermediate will be offered on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 5 p.m. Email Basics will take place on Thursday, Jan. 19 at 1:30 p.m. Email Basics participants will need to create an email account prior to the beginning of class. Community members may visit the Modesto Library Reference Desk for help setting up an email account. On Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 5 p.m. participants can take Excel Intermediate. Advance registration is required for all computer classes; please contact the Modesto Library Reference Department at (209) 558-7814 to sign up.

"Color Yourself Calm: Coloring for Grown Ups" on will be held on Saturday, Jan. 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. The library will provide coloring sheets designed for adults, as well as colored pencils and crayons. Light refreshments will be provided.

Teens and adults are invited to the "Hope for Parents of College Bound Students" program on Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 6 p.m. Participants will learn how to financially position themselves for successful college planning. Please visit blomassociates.com/events or call (209) 857-5207 to reserve a seat for this program.

The library will offer a STEAM\* Story Time on Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 11:15 a.m. (STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) This Story Time program will explore STEAM elements through new and classic picture books, flannelboard and puppet stories, fingerplays, and music and dancing.

Cake Decorating 2 will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 6:30 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring their own frosted cakes to decorate. Pastry bags, decorating frosting, and specialty tips will be supplied. This program is designed for adults and teens ages 12 and up. Advance registration is required; please register online at www.stanislauslibrary.org or call (209) 558-7814 to sign up.

The library will host a free magic show on Saturday, Jan. 21 at 12:30 p.m. Magic Dan will entertain children and their families, while encouraging kids to embrace reading and feel good about themselves. This program is open to all ages, and is ideal for preschool age children and older.

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Monday, Jan. 23 through Saturday Jan. 28 is Gamer Week at the library. Throughout the week, visitors to the Children's Room can enjoy coloring pages and a scavenger hunt inspired by popular video games. On Monday, Jan. 23 at 4 p.m. children and teens can take part in the Games Activate program. Participants can bring their favorite video games to life by participating in crafts and activities inspired by Pokémon, Angry Birds, and Minecraft.

Tech Connect: Twitter basics will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 6 p.m. Beginning Twitter users will learn how to create an account, post messages, find other users, understand Twitter terminology, and more. Participants are required to bring their own laptop or device and must have an email account create prior to the class. Advance registration is required; please call the Modesto Library Reference Department at (209) 558-7814.

The first meeting of the Modesto Library's Comix Club will meet on Thursday, Jan. 26 at 4 p.m. Participants are invited to visit the library on the last Thursday of every month for discussions, games and activities featuring the comic of the month. During the meeting, participants can also vote for the comic the club will read next. This month's comic is *Amulet: The Stonekeeper* by Kazu Kibuishi. This program is suggested for ages 8 and up.

Children are invited to Yoga Play on Friday, Jan. 27 at 3:30 p.m. Participants will learn simple yoga poses. This program is recommended for ages 3 and up.

Scrapbooking Fun will take place on Saturday, Jan. 28 from 12:30 to 4 p.m. This drop-in program will teach scrapbooking techniques, while offering time for participants to work on their own scrapbooks. Some materials will be provided, however participants are encouraged to bring their own. Free prizes are given out at every meeting.

LEGO days, Color Yourself Calm, Hope for Parents of College Bound Students, Cake Decorating 2, Twitter Basics, Yoga Play, and Scrapbooking Fun are sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library. The Modesto Library is located at 1500 I St. in Modesto. Free parking is available in the parking lot behind the library and on surrounding streets. For more information, please contact the Modesto Library's Children and Teen Services Department at (209) 558-7810 or the Modesto Library Reference Department at (209) 558-7814.

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