STANISLAUS COUNTY LIBRARY



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Students invited to learn about natural science and the environment

Libraries will host learning opportunities presented by the Mother Lode Mineral Society, Great Valley Museum and the Environmental Protection Agency

Rocks and fossils will be featured in a presentation at the Oakdale Library on Friday, Jan. 3 at 11 a.m. The Mother Lode Mineral Society will share information about geology and the formation of fossils.

The Great Valley Museum will offer presentations at libraries in Modesto and Turlock in January. Students will learn about the different types of volcanoes, how volcanoes are formed, and will have an opportunity to create their own volcanoes at the Turlock Library on Tuesday, Jan. 14, 4 p.m. This program is designed for children in third through sixth grades; younger children must have direct adult supervision. On Friday, Jan. 17, 3:30 p.m. at the Modesto Library, schoolage children will step back 65 million years and explore some of the creatures that once roamed the Earth. The discussion will include learning about how dinosaurs differed from other animals and students will have the opportunity to learn about and see real fossils.

Over the next five months, the Environmental Protection Agency will present EcoLearn, a series of environmental enrichment activities for students in preschool through fifth grade. In January students will learn about air pollution and the environment:

Friday, Jan. 10, 3:30 p.m. at the Modesto Library

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 4 p.m. at the Salida Library

Wednesday, Jan 22, 4 p.m. at the Turlock Library

This program follows Second Grade Common Core Standards, as well as Next Generation Science Standards, but younger and older grades are welcome to attend.

For more information, please contact the Oakdale Library at 209-847-4204, the Turlock Library at 209-664-8100, the Modesto Library Children and Teen Services Department at 209-558-7810 or the Salida Library at 209-543-7315. Information on regularly occurring 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, computers 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>.

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