Stanislaus County Library

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## July Events at the Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library

All ages are invited to enjoy free events at the Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library this July, beginning with a seasonal craft on Monday, July 2 at 1 p.m. Children will make a patriotic craft that will help get them ready to celebrate Independence Day.

Children ages 9 and up are invited to learn how to create websites and code games as part of the library's Coding Club program, held every Monday at 3 p.m. through August 6. Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops, or sign up to use one of the library's laptops. Registration is required; call 209-543-7353 to sign up.

Families can enjoy a free performance from ventriloquist Tony Borders on Tuesday, July 3 at 4 p.m. This imaginative show will feature a talkative map, animals from around the world, music and more. This program is sponsored by the Stanislaus Library Foundation.

Wiggle Worms, a special Story Time for babies, active toddlers, and adult caregivers, will be offered on Wednesdays at 10 and 11 a.m. Wiggle Worms participants can enjoy stories, lap bounces, music, dancing, rhythm activities, fingerplays and more. All ages are welcome.

Preschool Story Time will be held on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Story Times feature new and classic picture books, flannel board and puppet stories, fingerplays, music and dancing, for preschoolers ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers, however all ages are welcome. Story Times are followed by "Wee Move and Play" at 10:30 a.m. Toddlers and preschoolers can enjoy unstructured playtime full of music, movement and sensory play.

Free Computer Basics classes will be offered on Thursdays, July 5 and 19 at 10:30 a.m. Advance registration is required; please call 209-543-7315 to sign up.

Children can build and play with LEGO<sup>®</sup> bricks on Fridays at 3 p.m. Children under 4 are welcome to participate, however they must have direct parental supervision.

A special Story Time event will be held at Salida Park on Monday, July 9 at 10 a.m. Children and their families are invited to enjoy the fun of the library's traditional Story Time underneath the shaded picnic area of the park, located on Flint Avenue. Summer Reading Challenge logs and prizes will be available.

Ages 13 to 18 are invited to experience virtual gaming technology with the library's Oculus Rift virtual reality headset on Monday, July 9 at 4 p.m. This event will be first come, first served.

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The Salida Library Book Club will meet on Tuesday, July 10 at 10 a.m. to discuss *The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey* by Candice Millard. A limited number of copies will be available for checkout at the library's Circulation Desk. Please call 209-543-7315 for more information.

Preschoolers and toddlers are invited to dance and play on Tuesday, July 10 at 4 p.m. The program will feature shakers, scarves and Story Time music.

Realtor Cyndy Hackett will lead a workshop for home buyers on Tuesday, July 10 at 6 p.m. Participants will learn about credit score numbers, and how to buy a home with little-to-no money down. Hackett will also share tips on how to get offers accepted.

The Salida Library Teen Advisory Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 11 at 4 p.m. Teens can share their ideas on teen library programs and services, while earning community service credit.

Children can learn about flags with a game on Thursday, July 12 at 4 p.m. Participants will explore the flags of other countries through a game of Bingo.

Volunteers from the Humane Society of Stanislaus will host a free informational program on Saturday, July 14 at 1 p.m. Participants will learn what the Humane Society does in the community, what to do when a pet is lost or found, how and where to adopt, and how community members can help.

The Modesto Money Mavens will offer a free couponing class on Saturday, July 14 at 3 p.m. Participants will learn how to find bargains and save money.

Family Dinner and Movie Night will take place on Tuesday, July 17 at 6 p.m. Families are invited to bring a picnic dinner to a showing of the film *Wonder*. Participants are encouraged to bring a blanket on which to sit, and children may come in pajamas. The library will provide a beverage and popcorn.

Teens and tweens can enjoy a "T(w)een Movie Afternoon" on Wednesday, July 18 at 3 p.m. The library will screen *A Wrinkle in Time*, rated PG. A beverage and popcorn will be served.

Children can create works of art on Thursday, July 19 at 4 p.m. Participants will make masterpieces using torn pieces of paper.

July 23 through 28 is Shark Week. Children who find the shark in the children's library will win a prize.

The library will host a ninja day on Tuesday, July 24 at 4 p.m. Children can test their ninja skills in an obstacle course, craft ninja headbands, and more.

The Salida Tween Book Club will meet on Thursday, July 26 at 4 p.m. The program will feature a discussion of *Swing It Sunny* by Jennifer L. Holm, as well as games and activities. The Tween Book Club is designed for ages 9 to 12. Please contact the Salida Library at 209-543-7353 to reserve a copy of the graphic novel.

Children and teens can celebrate Harry Potter's birthday on Tuesday, July 31 at 4 p.m. Participants can enjoy games, activities and crafts.

In celebration of the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J.K. Rowling, ages 15 and up are invited to a Harry Potter pub-style trivia night. The program will feature a trivia quiz, snacks, and alcohol-free drinks. Prizes will be given for best costume, team name, and quiz score. Registration is required and begins June 30. Please call 209-543-7315 or register online at www.stanislauslibrary.org to sign up.

Children's programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Salida Library. The Salida Library is located at 4835 Sisk Road. For more information, please call the Salida Library supervisor, Wayne Philbrook, at 209-543-7353.

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