

STANISLAUS COUNTY LIBRARY

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March Events at the Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library

Community members are invited to take part in a variety of programs at the Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library this March, beginning with "Wee Move and Play" on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and Tuesday, March 14 at 4 p.m. This program features unstructured playtime, during which toddlers and preschoolers can enjoy music, movement and sensory play.

Free Computer Basics classes will be offered on Thursdays, March 2 and 16 at 10:30 a.m. Participants will be introduced to the parts of a computer, receive a tour of Windows, and learn simple tasks. Advance registration is required; please call (209) 543-7315 to sign up.

The public is invited to receive free tax preparation assistance from Volunteer Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers, trained by the IRS. Sessions will be held through March 27 on Mondays from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Please call the library at (209) 543-7353 to reserve a spot, as space is limited.

Great Valley Museum will host the "Eggs are Everywhere" program at the library on Tuesday, March 7 at 4:30 p.m. Children will discover many different kinds of eggs, including insect, chicken, quail and spider eggs. Participants will learn about a variety of egg life cycles and observe diverse eggs. This program will feature hands-on activities, and is recommended for ages 4 to 8.

Tweens are invited to an origami craft on Thursday, March 9 at 4 p.m. Crafters may choose from a supply of colorful origami paper to make a variety of projects, including Star Wars and Pokémon characters. This program is designed for ages 9 to 12.

The Friends of the Salida Library will host a used book sale on Friday, March 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, March 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Shoppers can choose from a wide range of items for all ages, at bargain prices. Hardcover books can be purchased for a dollar each, and paperback books are each fifty cents. Books on CD are two dollars each, as are videos and DVDs.

The Modesto Money Mavens will offer a free couponing class on Saturday, March 11 at 3 p.m. Participants will learn how to find bargains and save money.

The Salida Library Book Club will meet on Tuesday, March 14 at 10 a.m. to discuss *The Women* by T.C. Boyle. Interested parties can visit the library's circulation desk to take advantage of the copies available for checkout, though please note that supplies are limited. Call Isabel at (209) 284-2327 for more information.

The Pinterest for Beginners class will be held on Saturday, March 18 at 1:30 p.m. Community members will learn the basics of Pinterest, including how to open an account, create boards and start pinning. Each participant should bring his or her email address, password, and mobile device. Advance registration is required. Please call (209) 543-7315, or sign up at the library's Information Desk.

Family Dinner and Movie Night will take place on Tuesday, March 21 at 6 p.m. Families are invited to bring a picnic dinner to a showing of the film *Kubo and the Two Strings*. 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.

The Salida Tween Book Club will meet on Thursday, March 23 at 4 p.m. This month's program will feature a discussion of the graphic novel *Cleopatra in Space: Target Practice* by Mike Maihack, 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 *Cleopatra in Space: Target Practice*.

Children can build and play with LEGO® bricks on Tuesday, March 28 at 4 p.m. LEGO® play helps children develop fine motor skills. Children under 4 are welcome to participate, however they must have direct parental supervision.

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's branch supervisor, Carol Blomquist, at (209) 543-7353.

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