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May Events at the Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library

Community members can enjoy a number of free programs at the Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library this month, beginning with "Wee Move and Play" on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. This program features unstructured play time during which toddlers and preschoolers can enjoy music, movement, and sensory play.

Children ages 10 to 14 can take part in free STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) programs this month. On Thursday, May 12 at 4 p.m. participants can build remote-control vehicles. Participants can learn about Magnets and Electricity on Thursday, May 19 at 4 p.m. Children will conduct experiments with magnets and learn about magnetic levitation. Each participant can also build electric circuits to create an electromagnetic field. The Snap Circuits program will be held on Thursday, May 26 at 4 p.m. during which children will assemble electrical circuits to power a voice changer and other toys. These programs are supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

Community members are invited to attend "The Raising of America: Early Childhood and the Future of Our Nation" on Thursday, May 12 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The program will feature a conversation on early childhood education and care, based on the PBS documentary series, *The Raising of America*. Guests will have an opportunity to preview the episode entitled "Are we crazy about our kids?" Participants will hear insights from the local panelists and have an opportunity to contribute to the dialog.

The Modesto Money Mavens will host a free couponing class on Saturday, May 14 at 3:30 p.m. Participants will learn how to find bargains and save money.

Family Dinner and Movie Night will take place on Tuesday, May 17 at 6 p.m. Families are invited to bring a picnic dinner to a showing of the film, *Wreck-It Ralph*. 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.

A free Computer Basics class will be held on Thursday, May 19 at 10:30 a.m. This basic introduction to computers will include an explanation of the parts of the computer, a tour of Windows, and simple tasks. Advance registration for these classes is required; please contact the Salida Library at (209) 543-7315.

Children are invited to build and play with LEGOs on Tuesday, May 24 at 4 p.m. DUPLO blocks will be available for children under the age of 4, however they must be supervised by a parent or adult guardian.

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Bedtime Math: March of the Stuffed Animals will take place on Tuesday, May 31 at 4 p.m. Children are invited to parade in their pajamas and enjoy fun activities involving numbers. Participants can bring their favorite stuffed animal to be counted in the Crazy Creature Census and solve stuffed animal tangram puzzles. Children can take home colorful stickers and games.

Wee Move and Play, Family Dinner and Movie Night, and LEGO 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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