



## **STANISLAUS COUNTY LIBRARY**

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# **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Will James, Cowboy Author Extraordinaire at the Oakdale Library**

Join the Oakdale Library and the Friends of the Oakdale Library on Tuesday, July 9 at 3:30 p.m. for the program, "Will James, Cowboy Author Extraordinaire." During this event, the Oakdale Library will accept a donation of seven Will James books from the Will James Society. James was a working cowboy himself and his books and stories illustrate life in the American West as he and others like him experienced it. Sharon Arpoika, President of the Friends of the Oakdale Library, and a retired librarian will discuss this cowboy turned author and read an excerpt from his best known story, Smoky the Cowhorse, which won the Newberry Award for the best children's book in 1927 and was filmed three times. The public is invited to attend this event and be the first to check out these "new" books. The Modesto and Turlock libraries are also receiving collections of these books from the Will James Society Book Gifting Program.

For more information, please call the Oakdale Library at 847-4204.

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