Ceres Library

Cookie Decorating (For Teens!) Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 3:30 p.m.
Teens are invited to join us for cookie decorating! Come ready to satisfy your sweet tooth and show off your creative decorating skills. Store-bought cookies, frosting, sprinkles, and other supplies will be provided while supplies last. Additional refreshments will also be provided while supplies last.

Ceres LEGO® Day Thursday, Dec. 5 at 3:30 p.m.
Plastic Plate Snow Globe Craft Thursday, Dec. 12 at 3:30 p.m.
Make your own winter time "snow globe!"

Denair Library

Drawing Club: Animals Tuesdays, Dec. 3, 10 & 17 from 3 to 5 p.m.
This month we're focusing on animals. Materials will be provided for these events, but feel free to bring your own supplies as well.

LEGØ® DUPLO® Day Wednesdays, Dec. 4, 11 & 18 from 12 to 3 p.m.
Chess Club Wednesdays, Dec. 4, 11 & 18 from 3 to 5 p.m.
Come play chess at the library! All experience levels welcome.

Craft Day: Winter Stocking Craft Thursday, Dec. 5 at 4 p.m.
Make a cute winter stocking out of festive paper and sew the outside up with yarn.

Empire Library

Minute to Win It Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 3:30 p.m.
Think you can defeat all the challenges with only one short, pressure-filled minute on the clock? If you like fast-paced fun, you won't want to miss this event!

Snowmen Wreath Thursday, Dec. 5 at 3:30 p.m.
Kids can make a wreath of snowflakes and snowmen using paper, foam and ribbon.

Wii Smash Brothers Brawl Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 3:30 p.m.
Play Super Smash Bros. for Nintendo Wii. Pick your favorite character and battle with your friends! All players are welcome.

Keyes Library

Foam Ball Ornament Friday, Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Make an ornament by painting and decorating a foam ball in your own unique style.

Decorate a Paper Tree Thursday, Dec. 12 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Making your own tree is easy to do! Join us as we cut out our own paper trees and decorate them for the holidays.

Stanislaus County Library
Calendar of Events

December 2019

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Snowy Scavenger Hunt Thursday, Dec. 12 at 4 p.m.
Can you find all the hidden animals in the library? Find them all to win a prize!

Craft Day: Candy Cane Mice Thursday, Dec. 19 at 4 p.m.
Make a mouse or two out of a candy cane and crafting foam.

Empire Library (cont.)

Fluffy Polar Bear Craft Thursday, Dec. 26 at 3:30 p.m.
Kids can enjoy making polar bears using paper products, cotton balls, and pom-poms.

Build It! Tuesday, Dec. 31 at 3:30 p.m.
Kids can design masterpieces with foam blocks, magnetic tiles and other building materials.

Hughson Library

Mitten Making Fun Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 3 p.m.
Come make different paper mitten crafts, and check out mitten-themed picture books. We will make mitten wreaths, window hanging mittens, and sparkly mittens. Open to all children, this activity is perfect for the littlest hands.

Reindeer Games Thursday, Dec. 12 at 3 p.m.
Join us for our annual Reindeer Games Party. Make classic crafts inspired by the red-nosed reindeer, including a candy cane reindeer, clothespin ornament, reindeer handprint, and a reindeer paper ball. Play a round of Rudolph bingo and find out your reindeer name.

Hughson Library Snow Day Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 3 p.m.
Join us for a snow day at the Hughson Library. We will be making different types of snowmen, including a paper plate snowman, snowglobes, a melted snowman, and a pine cone skiing snowman. End the day with a fun and safe snowball fight.

Paper Bag Gingerbread Crafts Thursday, Dec. 19 at 3 p.m.
Create a gingerbread house and gingerbread man out of paper bags embellished by an array of supplies.

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Ages 4 and under are welcome to participate in children’s programs, however they must have direct parental supervision at all times.
Keyes Library (cont.)

Make a Snowflake
Thursday, Dec. 19 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Bring the magic of winter into your home by making decorative snowflakes. Make a second snowflake to help decorate our library.

Modesto Library

During the closure:
- The Modesto Library's curb side book return will remain open.
- Materials on hold may be picked up Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at a temporary walk-up location adjacent to the parking lot.
- You may opt to have holds sent to another community library by calling 209-558-7808.
- Library phones will be staffed Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- All other Stanislaus County Libraries will remain open.

Glow-in-the-Dark Story Time
Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 6:15 p.m.
It's dark outside but we'll light up the auditorium with stories that glow! We will turn the lights out for most of this Story Time but we'll bring out the glow sticks, too!

Modesto LEGO® Days
Wednesdays, Dec. 11 & 18 at 3:30 p.m.
There will be hands-on opportunities with different rocks and minerals. Best for school aged children.

DIY Kids: Quilling
Friday, Dec. 27 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Families can make winter cards using quilling tools, q-tips, and chopsticks. Come enjoy this fascinating paper art! Materials will be provided. Best for ages 8 and up.

Noon Year’s Eve
Tuesday, Dec. 31 at 11:15 a.m.
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Newman Library

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Dec. 3 through 20
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Friends of the Library Meeting
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Closed for Remodel!
DEC. 2 – 8

Modesto Library will be closed for a remodel Monday, Dec. 2 through Sunday, Dec. 8.

The library’s front entry will be remodeled to maximize the available space. Additional work will be done to establish a more convenient layout for customers. We’re excited for you to experience the inviting atmosphere of our new remodeled entryway when we reopen on Monday, Dec. 9.

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Read to a Dog
Saturday, Dec. 14 from 10 to 11 a.m.
Stop by the auditorium to read a story to a dog from the Therapy Dogs Alliance! Designed for independent readers up to age 12. No sign-ups required.

Scrapbooking Fun!
Saturday, Dec. 14 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Learn scrapbooking techniques, with free time to work on your scrapbook. Some materials will be provided but you are encouraged to bring your own.

TEEN VR Game Day
Monday, Dec. 16 at 3:30 p.m.
TEENS! The Oculus Rift virtual reality gear will be available for ages 13 & up in the Teen Zone.

Happy Birthday, Jane!
Monday, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m.
Celebrate Jane Austen’s birthday with stories, a skit, and, of course, birthday cake while supplies last. A Jane Austen themed photo booth will be available for selfies. Fun for the whole family! Sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library & the Becoming Jane Austen Book Club.

Great Valley Museum:
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Oakdale Library

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Kids Craft: Snowman Craft
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Toddler & Preschool Dance Fun!
Monday, Dec. 23 at 11 a.m.
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STEAM* Kids: DIY Guitar
Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 3:30 p.m.
Make a mini-guitar with recycled tissue boxes and rubber bands in different sizes. Then, bling it up with accessories, gems, and stickers.

Teddy Bear Sleepover Party
Friday, Dec. 6 at 3:30 p.m.
Drop off your favorite teddy bear or stuffed animal for a sleepover at the library. Before leaving your teddy bear for the night, enjoy Story Time, fun crafts, and a snack together. You can pick up your teddy bear and a sleepover memory book the next day.

Moms Club
Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 10 a.m.
This program is for stay-at-home moms and their children to meet other stay-at-home moms.

Patterson LEGO® Day
Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 3:30 p.m.

Family Story Night
Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 6 p.m.
Story Time followed by coloring or a fun craft.

West Side Readers Book Club
Thursday, Dec. 12 at 1 p.m.

Crochet Club
Friday, Dec. 13 at 3 p.m.
Learn basic crochet techniques or just come hang out with fellow enthusiasts. Please bring crochet hooks. Yarn will be provided.

Kids Craft: Skiing Snowman
Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 3:30 p.m.
Create a snowy scene with a moveable skiing snowman using paper plates and craft sticks.

Gingerbread Man Ornament Craft
Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 3:30 p.m.
Join us at the library for a fun, festive craft. We will be decorating gingerbread man ornaments made of salt dough.

Cork Gnomes Craft
Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 3:30 p.m.
Give your home some whimsical charm with these cute gnomes made from wine corks.

Friends of the Library Meeting
Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 5 p.m.

Riverbank Library Book Club
Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 4 p.m.
Featuring Jacqueline Winspear's Maisie Dobbs.

Salida Library

Winter BINGO
Dec. 2 through Jan. 4
Ages 18 and under: Pick up your Bingo card at the library’s Information Desk. Then, read for 30 minutes, according to the instructions in each square, or complete the action described. When you hit Bingo (5 squares in a column), you can choose a prize. When you reach Black Out (all squares filled), you can enter a raffle for prizes.

Central Valley Fiber Artists
Tuesdays, Dec. 3, 10, 17 & 31 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Bring your current project and join us for a morning of laughs and friendship. Rather than a classroom setting this is a collaborative, community oriented group setting to get together and work on individual projects.

Sensory Play Time
Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 4 p.m.
For ages 5 and under. Babies, toddlers, and their caregivers are invited to sensory play time at the library. Let your child get messy, play, and learn with their senses. Pop bubble wrap, throw confetti, play with water beads, and more! Caregivers must be present at all times.

Computer Basics
Thursdays, Dec. 5 and 19 at 10:30 a.m.
Registration is required. Call 209-543-7315.

Salida LEGO® Days
Fridays at 3 p.m.

Salida Library Book Club
Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 10 a.m.
Featuring The Light Between Oceans by M.L. Stedman.

Preschool & Toddler Dance & Play!
Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 4 p.m.
Enjoy shakers, scarves, and Story Time music in this musical event for kids.

Snowman Slime
Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 4 p.m.
Join us as we make slime! Make a melted snowman, or some snowman snot.

Teen Game Day
Thursday, Dec. 12 at 4 p.m.
Gear up for some friendly competitions. We’ve got Mario Kart and Super Smash Brothers on the Nintendo Switch, as well as awesome board games like Boss Monster, Throw Throw Burrito and more. Don’t forget to check out our Oculus Rift virtual reality headset. The virtual reality headset may only be worn by ages 13 and up.

Glow-in-the-Dark Story Time
Monday, Dec. 16 at 4 p.m.
It’s dark outside, but we’ll light up the Story Time Room with stories that glow! We will turn the lights out for most of this Story Time, however glow sticks will be provided. Free tickets will be available at the Information Desk one hour prior to the start of this program.

Ages 4 and under are welcome to participate in children’s programs, however they must have direct parental supervision at all times.

*STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math

Turlock Library

STEAM* Works: Snow
Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 4 p.m.
Join us for a reading of Toys Meet Snow by Emily Jenkins, about a trio of toys who encounter snow for the first time. After the story, we will make pretend snow out of baking soda and shaving cream. STEAM* Works is designed for children in kindergarten and older.

Turlock Library Book Club
Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 10:30 a.m.
Featuring Night Road by Kristin Hannah.

Stained Glass Ornaments
Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 1 p.m.
We will use special ink to stain glass, making one-of-a-kind patterns! Each crafter can select a candle holder or an ornament to stain. All materials provided! For ages 18 and older.

Friends of the Library Board Meeting
Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Turlock Teens Talk Books
Saturday, Dec. 7 at 3 p.m.
Join fellow bibliophiles for monthly book chats.
Seasonal Wreath Craft
Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 4 p.m.
Craft a seasonal wreath using a variety of festive ribbon and cardboard tubes. All ages welcome.

Sensory Play
Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 10 a.m.
Join us for fun, self-guided play that allows young children to explore different textures and activities. Designed for children ages 5 and younger. Each child must be directly supervised by a parent or adult guardian.

DIY: Take-Away Hot Chocolate Wedneday, Dec. 11 at 1 p.m.
Crafters can make mason-jars full of hot chocolate mix! Impress a friend or family member with this wonderful DIY gift. Created using a simple hot chocolate mix, chocolate, peppermint, and marshmallows, this is the perfect winter pick-me-up for a treasured friend - or for yourself! All materials are provided. This craft is for ages 18 and older.

Read to a Dog
Wednesday, Dec. 11 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.
Stop by the library to read a story to a certified therapy dog! Designed for independent readers up to age 12. No sign-ups required.

Turlock Teen Advisory Board
Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 4 p.m.
Share ideas and earn community service credit.

Mystery Lovers Book Club
Friday, Dec. 13 at 10:30 a.m.
Featuring Desert Heat by J.A. Jance.

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Story Times and Community Library Information

Ceres – 2250 Magnolia St. 209-537-8938
Mon: 10-8  Tues-Thurs: 10-6  Fri & Sat: 10-5
Story Times will resume in Jan. 2020.

Denair – 4801 Kersey Rd. 209-634-1283
Tues-Thurs: 12-6  Fri & Sat: 11-5
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Empire – 18 South Abbie 209-524-5505
Tues-Thurs: 12-6  Fri & Sat: 11-5
Story Times will resume in Jan. 2020.

Hughson – 2412 A Third St. 209-883-2293
Tues-Thurs: 12-6  Fri & Sat: 11-5
Story Times will resume in Jan. 2020.

Keyes – 4420 Maud Ave. 209-664-8006
Mon-Wed: 9-5:30  Thurs: 9-7:30  Fri: 9-5
Preschool Story Time – Wed. Dec. 4, 11 & 18 at 11:50 a.m.

Modesto – 1500 I St. 209-558-7800
Mon-Thurs: 10-8  Fri & Sat: 10-5
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Newman Library – 1305 Kern St. 209-862-2010
Tues: 12-8  Wed-Sat: 10-5
Story Times will resume in Jan. 2020.

Oakdale – 151 S. First Ave. 209-847-4204
Mon: 10-6  Tues: 10-8  Wed: 10-6  Thurs: 10-8  Fri & Sat: 10-5
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Patterson – 46 North Salado 209-892-6473
Mon & Tues: 10-6  Wed: 10-8  Thurs & Fri: 10-5
Sat: 12-5
Story Times will resume in Jan. 2020.

Riverbank – 3442 Santa Fe St. 209-869-7008
Mon: 10-5  Tues: 10-6  Wed: 10-8  Thurs: 10-6  Fri: 10-5
Story Times will resume in Jan. 2020.

Salida – 4835 Sisk Rd. 209-543-7353
Mon & Tues: 10-8  Wed & Thurs: 10-6  Fri & Sat: 10-5
Story Times will resume in Jan. 2020.

Turlock – 550 Minaret Ave. 209-664-8100
Mon-Wed: 10-8  Thurs-Sat: 10-5
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Waterford – 324 E St. 209-874-2191
Mon & Tues: 10-6  Wed: 10-8  Thurs & Fri: 10-5  Sat: 12-5
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Turlock Library (cont.)

Craft-a-palooza
Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 4 p.m.
Help us clean out our craft closet and make some crafts from the past! We will have a variety of craft supplies out while they last. All ages welcome.

Whine & Chocolate Tasting
Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 1 p.m.
Start 2020 with inner peace by letting go of the problems and irritations of 2019! Write down whatever bothered you about the past year and let it go... into the shredder! Relax, while tasting a variety of chocolates, and let go of the stress caused by 2019. This event is for ages 18 and older.

Little Women Celebration
Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 4 p.m.
Celebrate Louisa May Alcott's classic novel Little Women with crafts, games, Reader's Theater, and refreshments. In keeping with the novel's theme of caring for others, we are accepting new gloves and beanies which will be donated to the United Samaritans Foundation. For ages 10 to 18.

Hobbit Themed Escape Room
Friday, Dec. 27 at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 & 3 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 28 at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 & 3 p.m.
Find the Arkenstone and escape before Smaug awakens! Follow clues and solve puzzles to unlock the locks that hide a special "jewel." This program is designed for ages 9 and older, and sign-ups are required. Call 209-664-8100 to reserve your spot at one of the sessions.

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Merry & Bright Cookie Decorating
Tuesday, Dec. 17 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Decorate delicious sugar cookies with frosting, marshmallows, sprinkles, and candies to brighten your holiday while supplies last. For questions regarding allergies or food restrictions, please call 209-874-2191.

Friends of the Library Meeting
Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 4 p.m.

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Turlock Library (cont.)

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