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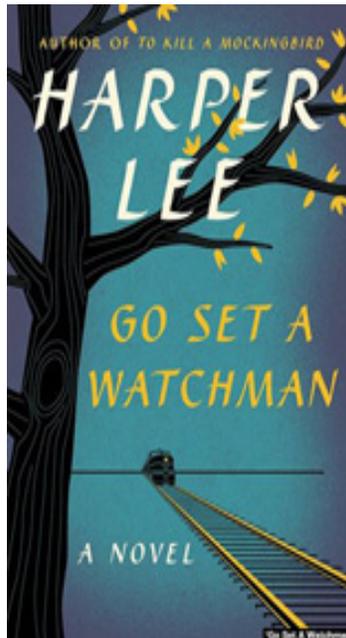
## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### *Gifts from past may brighten the future*

Happy summer! A good book and a patio, poolside or beach chair....marvelous. Enjoy!

The power of a single book, "Go Set A Watchman" by Harper Lee, reminds us how precious books are. This long awaited second novel by Lee has generated significant media attention and reviews by some of the nation's finest literary minds.

For me personally, I recall a long ago summer of my youth reading "To Kill A Mockingbird." This touching story enlightened many, including myself, on our civil rights history in the Southern states. This book generated many thoughtful conversations. I remember one in particular that had a profound impact on me. This summer, many years later, I look forward to reading Harper Lee's second novel and this



companion literary journey.

On another note, we value the support of our Friends of the Modesto Library members. Your membership dollars provide for services for children, teens and adults as well as supplies and equipment that the Modesto Library's tight budget could not accommodate without the assistance of Friends of the Modesto Library.

It has come to my attention that some of our members have not renewed their memberships.

Please review your most recent annual membership and if you missed the May renewal send in your membership renewal now so that we may take this latest journey together. Thank you.

*Christine Brereton,  
president, Friends of the Modesto Library*

## QUICK STARTS

### First sentences from the New Books section

*"The twins suspected it was alive, but they weren't exactly sure if it was plant or animal."*

- "Act of God" by Jill Ciment

*"Most people think cows don't think."*

- "Holy Cow" by David Duchovny

*"The Roman Empire fell after eighteen centuries, the Ottoman Empire in six."*

- "Traitors Gate" by Charlie Newton

*"American Ghost: It began late at night, as these stories do"*

- "A Family's Haunted Past in the Desert Family's Southwest"

by Hannah Nordhaus

# Books will be popping up all over

The WIC Pop Up Library begins in August at the Modesto WIC office. The WIC program, also known as the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, is a federally operated assistance program that is designed to assist low-income women, infants, and children in obtaining access to nutritious foods, education and health-care screenings and referrals.

This new service is a way to bring library services to people who cannot come into the Stanislaus County libraries. Look for more information in our newsletters on this project and other outreach opportunities coming in the future from our Stanislaus County libraries.

## Programs for vets

Coming to the Modesto Library this fall is the project "Veterans Connect at the Library." This project is through a grant to create a collection of books and other resources for military veterans. Volunteers will assist our veterans. We will provide more information as the program develops.

## Monthly calendars

Be sure to pick up the Stanislaus County Libraries' monthly calendars for children and family, teen, and adult programming. These handy schedules allow all county library users to know of special events, programs, educational and fun



Day of the Child  
Day of the Book



Día de los Niños  
Día de los Libros

activities occurring in all of our Stanislaus County Library branches for the month. You will find these calendars near the circulation desk at the front of the library and at the desk in the Children's Department of the Modesto Library. [http://www.stanislauslibrary.org/involve\\_events.shtml](http://www.stanislauslibrary.org/involve_events.shtml)

## Look for changes in fall

The Modesto Library will be seeing some changes to the exterior of the building. The portico area around the building will have the aggregate squares replaced with tile. This project has been in the planning for

a while and work should begin in the near future. The improvements will enhance our library and welcome visitors.

## Thanks, Friends

The Friends of the Modesto Library (FOML) is our support group. Though small in number, the members make a definite difference for the library. For example, close to 300 new books were earned by 26 volunteers in May at the discount Scholastic sale. Many of the books will be used to supplement the library's lending collection by adding copies of popular titles. The rest will be used as reading incentives in library programs like Summer Reading or to promote reading in the home at the annual Día de los Niños/Libros celebration sponsored by FOML. That Day of the Child/Book celebration is now a decade old for Modesto and the funding for it is made possible by FOML member dues. Thank you for your support -- whether it is as a volunteer or as a paying member. You are the ones who make it happen!

-Anne Britton

*We've got a lot to celebrate!*

# PARTY

*All Superheroes have their day*

The Stanislaus Library Foundation is throwing a party! And what a party it will be. On Friday, August 14, at 5:30 the "Superheroes" will join together with Foundation members and other supporters to acknowledge the hard work of these people and this organization.

The program will recognize support given by this team to the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program, the countywide Summer Reading program for preschoolers through adults, the new Board Members, and the fantastic business partners who provide financial support.

Those business partners include: Wells Fargo Bank; Beard Land Improvement Company; Crawford Financial; Gallo Family Winery; Bright Foundation; Gould Medical Group; Mraz, Amerine, and Associates, Inc; Bank of the West; Pacific Southwest Container; MOCSE; Don's Mobile Glass; and many more to come!



The program will include speakers whose lives have been affected by a foundation-funded program such as two moms with children enrolled in 1000 Books Before Kindergarten.

A Turlock teen will also talk about the importance of the library in supporting him through school with research projects and computers, which led to his success in high school and now, college.

Speakers will talk about how they've benefited from the summer reading programs that the foundation supports countywide. The Foundation's "Superheroes" may come in all shapes and sizes but they are larger than life in their support of all the libraries and so many of their programs.

Thanks to all of you!

## *Dinner theater returning to library thanks to Omega Nu*

With a grant from the hard working local chapter of Omega Nu, a philanthropic non-profit, Children's Dinner Theater will be returning to the lineup of live performances at the Modesto Library this coming year. The \$1,000 grant to the Friends of the Modesto Library will help us fund three quality professional events

for families. Held in the library auditorium, families bring their own dinners. We provide the drinks and the entertainment.

The experience helps to develop social skills, while the children are entertained for the evening with stories and interactive performances that stimulate their imaginations.

This gives parents a chance to model good listening and audience participation.

Check future library calendars of events for upcoming shows from troupes of national distinction, be they folksingers, readers theater ensembles, multicultural or bilingual performers. Thank you, women of Omega Nu!

# Reaching out to all library users is her passion and joy

Not a reader? Not a library user? Then, you've come to the right person. Hi! My name is Olga Cardenas and I'm the new bilingual outreach librarian. I'll let you in on a secret: I'm not your traditional librarian who grew up loving books and being an avid reader. In fact, I was a reluctant reader for most of my young and young adult life. I was 20 when I first read a novel for pleasure and didn't really become a reader until 18 years ago, while in the teaching credential program at California State University, Stanislaus. Something else that might be atypical for a public librarian is that I didn't become an active library user until 15 years ago. It really is a thrilling opportunity to be able to reach out to non- and inactive users alike! As a bilingual outreach librarian, I will be working with various community agencies helping bring Story Time, early literacy and library services information to families throughout Stanislaus County. I will also provide support to libraries across the county during major library events. One unique project beginning in August is the Pop Up Library at WIC (Women Infant and Child) on Hackett Road. This Pop Up Library will offer traditional library services including issuing library cards, check out/return services as well as Story Time and informational services. I'm really looking forward to bringing library services to underserved families!



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## Foundation Garden Gala to feature Paula Treick DeBoard

The Library Foundation's Author's Garden Gala will be held in the Saturday, Sept. 26 in the garden of Ginger and Kent Johnson's home. Chef John Surla will prepare the gourmet dinner; wines will be provided by the Gallo family; a dessert auction will follow.

The evening will be highlighted with an appearance by the bestselling author Paula Treick DeBoard. She is the author of two novels, "The Fragile World" (2014) and "The Mourning Hours" (2013), a literary award



Local author  
Paula Treick DeBoard

winner. A third novel, "The Drowning Girls," will be published in 2016. Her writing has been described as emotionally powerful

from beginning to end.

Funds raised through corporate sponsorship and ticket sales will help the Foundation support the 13-branch library system.

The emphasis is on a collaborative community effort to improve literacy for all, by providing children and teen reading programs, helping to sustain the library's adult literacy programs, and the expansion of the library's electronic mobile resources, including computer training, eBooks, and eMagazines as free resources for the community.

# CALLING ALL



# VOLUNTEERS

A variety of volunteer opportunities exist for the Friends of the Modesto Library.

**RECRUITMENT.** Approximately half of the Friends budget comes from membership dues. If you can recruit new members—friends, neighbors, family, co-workers, book club members, etc.—we will have more money available to fund the library’s requests. A membership form can be downloaded by clicking the “Join Us” link at <http://modestolibraryfriends.org> or picking one up at the library.

**GROCERY AFFINITY PROGRAMS.** Sign up to participate in our grocery affinity programs—and recruit others to do the same. This is the easiest fund raising we do. If you or someone you know shops at Save Mart, FoodMaxx, Lucky, Raley’s, Nob Hill, Bel Air or O’Brien’s, please click the “Grocery Cards” link at <http://modestolibraryfriends.org> for more information. It costs you nothing; just go online to designate Friends of the Modesto Library to receive a donation every time you shop at Raley’s. For Save Mart and O’Brien’s, you show a card to the clerk each time you shop. These programs can raise up to \$100 per

person annually.

**NEWSLETTER.** Do you like to write? Consider contributing articles to this quarterly newsletter. Contact Judy Pierce at 578-1041.

**USED BOOK SALE.** FOML holds an annual used book sale the first Saturday in May. We can always use help. Additionally, we are in need of someone to handle publicity for the sale. Might you be that person? Contact Clare Noonan at 522-5054.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK SALES.** Each November and May we host a Scholastic Book Fair for 4-5 days. We always need people to donate about three hours of their time to set up the fair, take a shift selling books, or pack up the fair. Contact Anne Britton at 996-1531.

**THE LITTLE SHOP.** Still looking for your niche? Look no further than The Little Shop, a gift shop in the library. Help is needed to work 3-hour shifts once a week. Contact Kristine Ezovski at [littleshop@modestolibraryfriends.org](mailto:littleshop@modestolibraryfriends.org) or come by the shop to pick up an application.

**FUN STUFF.** Throughout the year Friends members volunteer at fun events like the All Kids Craft Fair, El día de los niños/ El día de los libros, and the Halloween parade. Contact Christine Brereton at [president@modestolibraryfriends.org](mailto:president@modestolibraryfriends.org).

**PHOTOGRAPHY.** The Friends could use a photographer to take pictures at Friends events such as those described above. The job would require less than an hour each month. Contact Christine Brereton at [president@modestolibraryfriends.org](mailto:president@modestolibraryfriends.org).

**SALES.** Are you comfortable selling items on eBay and Amazon? Occasionally books deemed valuable are donated to the Friends. We need someone to list them on eBay or Amazon, mail items and collect money. Contact Christine Brereton at [president@modestolibraryfriends.org](mailto:president@modestolibraryfriends.org).

**CRAFTS AND SCRAPBOOK.** Are you creative and crafty? Maybe you would consider maintaining our scrapbook of Friends activities. Contact Christine Brereton at [president@modestolibraryfriends.org](mailto:president@modestolibraryfriends.org).

The Friends board meets quarterly. Meetings are open to all members. After joining us a few times, you might even be inspired to accept a board position! The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, in the Modesto Conference Room. No need to notify us; just show up.

The Friends of the Modesto Library is a successful organization because of the people who donate money, of course, but more important is the donation of time and talent. Please consider sharing yours.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## AUGUST

**Saturday, August 1 1 p.m. Summer Fun with the Funstrummers:** Join us for a fun musical experience for the whole family with the Funstrummers Ukulele Band! Sing along to summer songs and stay afterwards for the ukulele petting zoo. Following the music, attendees will have the opportunity to learn about, hold, and play a ukulele. Drop in when available. Modesto Library Auditorium.

**Tuesday, August 4** Last Day to pick up Summer Reading prizes.

**Wednesday, August 5 3:30 p.m. LEGO Play:** Children ages 4-18 will have the opportunity to build LEGO displays for the library! Children under 4 must have direct parental supervision. Modesto Library Auditorium. Call 558-7810 for details.

**Wednesday, August 12 3:30 p.m. LEGO Play:** Children ages 4-18 will have the opportunity to build LEGO displays for the library! Children under 4 must have direct parental supervision. Modesto Library Auditorium. Call 558-7810 for details.

**Wednesday, August 12 5 p.m. Estate Planning:** Learn about the basic tools of estate planning, such as wills, trusts, and powers of attorney at this free workshop presented by local attorney Julie Richardson from Legal Pathways. No registration necessary. Modesto Library Auditorium.

**Wednesday, August 19 3:30 p.m. LEGO Play:** Children ages 4-18 will have the opportunity to build LEGO displays for the library! Children under 4 must have direct parental supervision. Modesto Library Auditorium. Call 558-7810 for details.

**Saturday, August 22 12:30 pm-4:30pm. Scrapbooking Fun.** Free program to learn about and practice scrapbooking. This program is open to scrapbookers of all levels. Participants will learn techniques with free time afterwards to work on your own scrapbook. Some materials will be provided but you are encouraged to bring your own. This

program occurs regularly and you are welcome to drop in at any time. Prizes are given out at every meeting. Modesto Library Auditorium.

**Saturday, August 22 12-4 p.m. Anime Day:** Celebrate with an anime party! Dress as your favorite comic or anime character (or not!); it's up to you! Watch a movie, create some crafts, and have fun! At the Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library.

**Wednesday, August 26 3:30 p.m. LEGO Play:** Children ages 4-18 will have the opportunity to build LEGO displays for the library! Children under 4 must have direct parental supervision. Modesto Library Auditorium. Call 558-7810 for details.

**Monday, August 31 6 p.m. Hope for Parents of College Bound Students:** Learn how to make your college plans and savings become a reality at this free workshop. Local financial educator Michael Howell will cover the current college cost landscape, the college savings and funding dilemma, the basics of financial aid and the secrets to reducing the cost of college. Registration is required by calling the Modesto Library Reference Desk at (209)558-7814 or emailing [refquest@scfl.lib.ca.us](mailto:refquest@scfl.lib.ca.us). Modesto Library Auditorium.

**August 31-September 12 STORY TIMES SESSIONS AT MODESTO LIBRARY ON BREAK**

**August 31-September 26 BILINGUAL AND SPANISH STORY TIMES SESSIONS ON BREAK.**

## SEPTEMBER

**Tuesday, September 1 -30 All Kid's Craft Fair Sign-up** for October 17 sale. Information and application in the Children's Room.

**Wednesday, September 2 6:30 p.m. FOML Board Meeting.** Library Conference Room.

**Monday, September 7 LIBRARY CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY**

**Monday, September 14 SESSIONS RESUME FOR REGULAR STORY TIMES**

**Mondays, September 14, 21, & 28 3:30 p.m. LEGO Play:** Children ages 4-18 will have the opportunity to build LEGO displays for the library each Monday in September! Children under 4 must have direct parental supervision. Modesto Library Auditorium. Call 558-7810 for details.

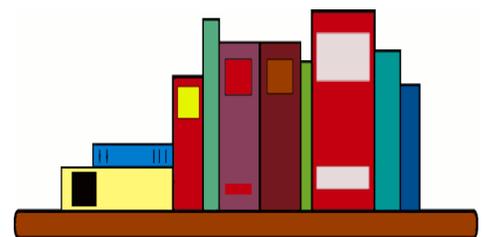
## OCTOBER

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**Saturday, October 17 All Kid's Craft Fair:** Sign up September 1-30 in the Children's Room.

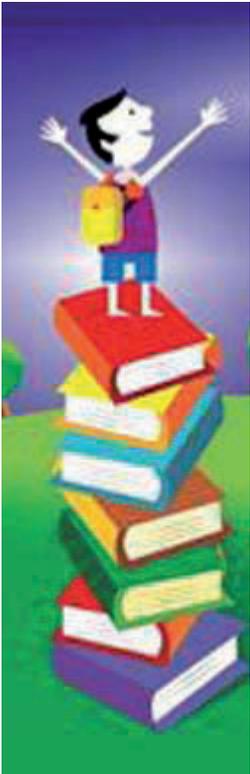
**October 28 10:15 a.m. Halloween Storytime and Costume Parade** in the Modesto Library Auditorium. Sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library.



## PLANNING AHEAD

**November 4, 5, 7 Scholastic Book Fair:** Mark your calendars for a Monster Book Fair! Friends of the Modesto Library fall fundraiser with new high-quality, low-cost new books for children and teens.

## Be our Friend



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