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April Events at the Modesto Library

This April, the Modesto Library will host a variety of free programs for all ages, beginning with a celebration of Día de los niños/Día de los libros, or Day of the Child/Day of the Book, on Saturday, April 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children can enjoy a special bilingual Story Time, performers, crafts, games and activities. This year's theme is "One World, Many Rhythms." A variety of service organizations will be available to provide information to participants. Each child will receive an activity book and a free new book provided by the Friends of the Modesto Library, while supplies last.

Community members can take part in free computer classes this month, beginning with Computer Basics on Mondays, April 3 and 17 at 10 a.m. Word Intermediate will be held on Monday, April 3 at 5 p.m. Excel Intermediate will take place on Monday, April 17 at 10 a.m. Advance registration is required for all computer classes; please contact the Modesto Library Reference Department at 209-558-7814 to sign up.

Rosemary Wells, renowned children's book author and illustrator of the Ruby and Max, and Yoko Cat series, will visit the library on Monday, April 3 at 11:15 a.m. Children and their families are invited to enjoy a reading and book signing by the author. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library and Stanislaus Community Foundation.

The Healthy Aging Association will present "A Matter of Balance" on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. beginning April 6. This award-winning program is designed to help older adults manage falls and increase activity levels. This eight-week course will be held in the auditorium. Please call Master Trainer Kim Viviano at 209-523-2800 for more details or to sign up.

"Introduction to Finding Grants" will be held on Friday, April 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. This program, sponsored by the Foundation Center, will provide information for non-profit organizations in the field of grant seeking. Participants will gain knowledge to help them get started in finding potential funders.

Great Valley Museum will host the "Eggs are Everywhere" program at the library on Wednesday, April 12 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.

Children and their families are invited to "Saturday Stories and Art" on Saturday, April 15 at 1 p.m. Following a reading of Emily Hughes' *The Little Gardener*, all ages can enjoy a flower garden painting/printmaking project. This program will be held outside on the library portico.

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Families are invited to the free Act!vated Story Theatre program on Saturday, April 15 at 2 p.m. The Goza family will perform two multicultural folk tales featuring physical comedy, music, song, dance, American Sign Language, and audience participation. Free tickets will be available one hour before the show.

“Unicorns Present: Once Upon a Story” will be held on Friday, April 21 at 3 p.m. Following a special Story Time, children can embark on a crafting extravaganza. Fairy tale costumes are welcome, but not required.

“Color Yourself Calm: Coloring for Grown-Ups” on will be held on Saturday, April 22 from 1 to 3 p.m. The library will provide coloring sheets designed for adults, as well as colored pencils and crayons. Light refreshments will be provided.

This month’s Comix Club will meet on Thursday, April 27 at 4 p.m. and will feature a “unicorns versus aliens” theme. This month participants are invited to read graphic novels about unicorns or aliens and take part in discussions, games and activities about the theme. The Comix Club is suggested for ages 8 and up.

All ages are invited to participate in International Tabletop Day on Saturday, April 29 with games at the library from 12 to 4 p.m. Participants are invited to bring in their favorite games to play, or choose from a selection of games provided by the library.

The Modesto Money Mavens will lead a Couponing class on Saturday, April 29 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Participants will learn couponing tips and gain insight on ways to save money. This program is part of Money Smart Week, April 22 through 29.

A Matter of Balance, Saturday Stories and Art, Color Yourself Calm, International Tabletop Day, and Couponing are sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library. The Modesto Library is located at 1500 I St. in Modesto. Free parking is available in the parking lot behind the library and on surrounding streets. For more information, please contact the Modesto Library’s Children and Teen Services Department at 209-558-7810 or the Modesto Library Reference Department at 209-558-7814.

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