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February Events at the Modesto Library

The Modesto Library will offer a number of free programs for all ages this February, beginning with "Color Yourself Calm: Coloring for Grown Ups" on Saturday, Feb. 6 at 1 p.m. This month's program will feature coloring book creator, and local artist, Linda Knoll. Knoll will discuss the creation of her first coloring book and will give out free coloring pages. Following the discussion, adults are invited to enjoy coloring and a free raffle. "Color Yourself Calm" is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

The library will celebrate Mo Willems Week Feb. 8 through 13 in the Children's Room. Participants can stop by throughout the week to find Pigeon hiding in the room, enjoy coloring pages, and to take a picture inside of a giant book. During the week, Modesto Library Story Times will feature Mo Willems' books.

LEGO play will take place on Monday, Feb. 8 and 29 at 3:30 p.m. Finished LEGO creations will be placed on display in the library for one week. Duplo blocks will be available for children under the age of 4, however they must have direct parental supervision.

Community members can celebrate Valentine's Day early with a classic movie of love and adventure on Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. The library will screen a 1987 cult classic, starring Cary Elwes and Robin Wright, of a farmhand out to rescue Princess Buttercup. The film is rated PG for Parental Guidance. Participants can enjoy a variety of chocolate samplings during the film. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

Community members can take advantage of free computer classes at the library this month. Excel Intermediate, a continuation of Excel Basics, will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 6 p.m. Email Basics will be offered on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 1:30 p.m. Participants will learn the basics of creating and sending an email. Email Basics participants will need to create an email account prior to the beginning of the class.

The library, in partnership with the Modesto Symphony Orchestra, will host a special Story Time edition of Musical Monday on Feb. 22 at 6:15 p.m. This one-hour program is designed to teach children and their families about a variety of musical instruments. A library storyteller will read *Duck on a Bike* by David Shannon and *Wow! Said the Owl* by Tim Hopgood. A brass quartet from the Modesto Symphony Youth Orchestra will help to enhance this Story Time experience. Following the stories, participants are invited try a variety of instruments in the Instrument Petting Zoo. The library will also provide a craft and coloring pages for participants to enjoy.

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Scrapbooking Fun will take place on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 12:30 to 4 p.m. This drop-in program will teach scrapbooking techniques while offering time for participants to work on their own scrapbooks. Some materials will be provided, however participants are encouraged to bring their own. Free prizes are given out at every meeting. Scrapbooking Fun is 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 Desk at (209) 558-7814.

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