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February Events at the Modesto Library

All ages are invited to enjoy crafts, activities, and informational programs at the Modesto Library this February, beginning with LEGO days on Wednesdays, Feb. 1, 8 and 15 at 3:30 p.m. Children are invited to build LEGO creations, which 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.

The library will host a Blind Date with a Book program Feb. 1 through 14. A selection of books will be wrapped in paper and displayed on a table at the library. Each book will have a hint as to the book's content written on its wrapping paper, giving readers the opportunity to make a selection based on the book's content rather than title, cover art, or author.

Adults are invited to vote for who they think will win an Oscar by filling out a ballot at the library Feb. 1 through 25. Ballots are limited to one per person. Three winners will be chosen on Monday, Feb. 27. Prizes include movie tickets, a movie prize pack, and a gift card. This free prize drawing is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

All ages can visit the Children's or Reference desks Feb. 4 through 13 to make Valentine's Day cards. Completed cards will be delivered to local senior citizens.

The library will offer a number of free computer classes this month, beginning with Computer Basics on Mondays, Feb. 6 and 13 at 10 a.m. Word Intermediate will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 5 p.m. Internet Basics will be offered on Thursday, Feb. 9 at 1:30 p.m. On Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 5 p.m. participants can take Excel Intermediate. Email Basics will take place on Thursday, Feb. 16 at 1:30 p.m. Email Basics participants will need to create an email account prior to the beginning of class. Community members may visit the Modesto Library Reference Desk for help setting up an email account. Advance registration is required for all computer classes; please contact the Modesto Library Reference Department at (209) 558-7814 to sign up.

Teens and adults are invited to the "Hope for Parents of College Bound Students" program on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. Participants will learn how to financially position themselves for successful college planning. Please visit blomassociates.com/events or call (209) 857-5207 to reserve a seat for this program.

"Before You Seek a Grant: A Checklist for New Nonprofits" will take place on Thursday, Feb. 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. Participants will be provided with a step-by-step checklist approach to increase their organizations' readiness for foundation fundraising. This program is designed for community groups without nonprofit status or new nonprofits

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with very little experience in grant seeking, and is sponsored by the Foundation Center.

The library will celebrate author Mo Willems on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Children's Room. Visitors to the Children's Room can take pictures in the library's giant book, and search for the hidden Pigeon to win a prize. Coloring pages will be available throughout the day.

On Wednesday, Feb. 15 the library will host a Valentine Apocalypse at 4:30 p.m. This program will feature crafts, light refreshments, and a showing of the movie *Warm Bodies* (PG-13).

"Anime Your Way with Carlos Nieto III" will be held on Saturday, Feb. 18 at 1 p.m. Former Simpsons artist Carlos Nieto III will teach the public how to create and modify an original anime character. Participants of all ages and drawing abilities are welcome to participate in this free program. All materials will be provided.

The Great Valley Museum will host their Crime Lab program in the Modesto Library auditorium on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 4:30 p.m. Students will become forensic detectives and scientists, using paper chromatography to investigate solubility, pigments and separation of mixtures. This program is designed for children in third grade and up.

The Modesto Library's Comix Club will meet on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 4 p.m. This month participants will take part in discussions, games and activities featuring the works of authors Dav Pilkey and Raina Telgemeier. Teens and tweens are encouraged to read their favorite of the two authors to discuss during the program. The Comix Club is suggested for ages 8 and up.

Scrapbooking Fun will take place on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 12:30 to 4:30 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.

LEGO days, the Academy Awards prize drawing, Hope for Parents of College Bound Students, Anime Your Way with Carlos Nieto III, and Scrapbooking Fun 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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