



STANISLAUS COUNTY LIBRARY

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January Events at the Modesto Library

Community members are invited to take advantage of the variety of free programs available at the Modesto Library this January, beginning with "Color Yourself Calm: Coloring for Grown Ups" on Saturday, Jan. 2 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 also be provided by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

All ages can build with LEGOs on Wednesdays this month 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 take part in free computer classes at the library, beginning with Computer Basics on Wednesday, Jan. 6 at 6 p.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 1:30 p.m. This program offers a basic introduction to computers, including an explanation of the parts of the computer, a tour of Windows, and simple tasks. Internet Basics will take place on Thursday, Jan. 7 at 1:30 p.m. This workshop will introduce participants to the Internet and offer instruction on how to search the World Wide Web. Word Intermediate, a continuation of Word Basics, will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 6 p.m. Email Basics will be offered on Thursday, Jan. 21 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. On Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 6 p.m. community members can take part in Excel Intermediate, a continuation of Excel Basics.

Teens and adults are invited to the "Hope for Parents of College Bound Students" program on Monday, Jan. 11 at 6 p.m. Local financial consultant Michael Howell from Blom and Associates will cover college cost reducing strategies, as well as offer insight into how schools determine financial need. Participants will learn how to financially position themselves for successful college planning. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

The library, in partnership with the Modesto Symphony Orchestra, will host a Musical Monday on Jan. 11 at 6:15 p.m. The one-hour program designed to teach children and their families about a variety of musical instruments. Following a demonstration by musical performers, children can touch, hold and play the instruments as part of an Instrument Petting Zoo. The library will also provide a craft for participants to enjoy.

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Adults are invited to stop by the Modesto Library Conference Room between 12 and 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 13 to speak with a local certified enrollment agent about Covered California. Certified enrollment agents from the San Joaquin Pride Center will offer information about Covered California and one-on-one help with the enrollment process. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

Children of all ages are invited to a Giant Game Day on Thursday, Jan. 28 at 3:30 p.m. Participants can enjoy giant versions of games such as Jenga, Tic-Tac-Toe, and Connect Four. Children can also test their skills at stacking cups. Children under the age of 4 are welcome to participate, however they must have direct parental supervision.

Community members are invited to Tech Connect: Tech Saturday on Jan. 30 from 1 to 4 p.m. Participants can drop by the library to learn about the many free electronic resources available through the Stanislaus County Library. Library staff and volunteers will offer guidance on how to use services such as the Cloud Library (eBooks) and Hoopla (downloadable audiobooks, digital movies, and more), databases, and the library's website. Participants are encouraged to bring their smartphones or devices for hands-on learning, as well as their library cards and any usernames or passwords as needed. Tech Connect: Tech Saturday 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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