



Stanislaus County Library

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July Events at the Modesto Library

All ages are invited to take advantage of the free programs available at the Modesto Library this July.

Multiple Story Times are offered each week, and are sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library:

Wiggle Worms, a special Story Time designed for babies, active toddlers, and adult caregivers takes place on Mondays and Tuesdays at 10:15 and 11:15 a.m. Wiggle Worms features stories, lap bounces, music, dancing, rhythm activities, fingerplays and more.

Preschool Story Time is held on Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. and Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. Preschool Story Times feature new and classic picture books, flannel board and puppet stories, fingerplays, music and dancing, for preschoolers ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers, however all ages are welcome.

Bilingual Story Time, designed for ages 3 to 6, is offered on Saturdays at 10:15 a.m. Children can enjoy Spanish and English picture books, flannel board and puppet stories, fingerplays, music and dancing.

The Baby Blocks program will be offered on Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. Baby Blocks is a one-on-one toddler and grown-up interactive Story Time that enriches early literacy. It is designed for children 18 to 36 months old. Participants are asked to make other arrangements for older or younger children in their care. Advance registration is required. Please call 209-558-7810 to sign up. Baby Blocks is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

Families can enjoy a free performance from ventriloquist Tony Borders on Tuesday, July 3 at 2 p.m. This show will feature a talkative map, animals from around the world, music and more. Free tickets will be available in the Children's Room one hour before the show. This program is sponsored by the Stanislaus Library Foundation.

Children and their families are invited to a Game Day on Thursday, July 5 at 3:30 p.m. This event will feature giant versions of Jenga, dominos, and more.

Anne of Green Gardens will teach ages 6 and up about bugs and how to create a bug collection on Saturday, July 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. A free "bug box" will be given to ages 6 and up while supplies last. Participants are welcome to bring their own, however participants are encouraged to start collecting and freezing bugs now. At least 10 "good-sized" bugs, approximately half an inch, are recommended. Registration is required by calling 209-558-7814 or by registering online at www.stanislauslibrary.org.

LEGO® Days will be held on Wednesdays 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

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have direct parental supervision. LEGO® Days are sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

Free computer classes will be held this month, beginning with Excel Basics on Tuesday, July 10 at 5 p.m. and Excel Intermediate will be held Tuesday, July 17 at 5 p.m. Internet Basics will take place on Thursday, July 12 at 1:30 p.m. Word Basics will be held on Tuesday, July 24 at 5 p.m. and Word Intermediate will take place on Tuesday, July 31 at 5 p.m. Email Basics will be offered on Thursday, July 26 at 1:30 p.m. Email Basics participants will need to create an email account prior to the beginning of the class. Advance registration is required for all computer classes; please call 209-558-7814 to sign up.

All ages can enjoy origami on Wednesday, July 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. Library staff and volunteers will be available to help participants fold different models, and printed instructions will be available. All experience levels are welcome and all materials will be provided. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

The Modesto-Stanislaus Poetry Center (MoSt) will offer a free teen poetry workshop at the library on Saturday, July 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. Poet Gillian Wegener will lead teens ages 13 to 19 in poetry games, followed by the opportunity to create new poems. All experience levels are welcome. MoSt workshops are sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

July 16 through 21 is Minecraft Week in the Children's Room. Children are invited to drop in throughout the week to participate in activities inspired by Minecraft, including a quiz, scavenger hunt, and more. On Monday, July 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. participants can make pixel art with Perler beads. Perler beads are colorful beads that fuse together when heat is applied, preserving each crafter's design. On Tuesday, July 17 children can make and design paper craft blocks from 3 to 5 p.m. The craft block program is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

This month's Summer Reading Challenge movie screening will take place on Monday, July 9 at 5 p.m. Audiences are invited to take a trip through history with this comedy about exhibits and animals that come to life at the Museum of Natural History. This film is rated PG.

All ages can unwind with a Summer Reading Challenge themed coloring day on Friday, July 20 from 12 to 4 p.m. Colored pencils, crayons, and a variety of travel and space themed designs will be available.

Teens and adults are invited to participate in the Modesto-Stanislaus Poetry Center's (MoSt) quarterly poetry book club meeting on Wednesday, July 18 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The meeting will feature the book *Barbie Chang* by Victoria Chang. Participants will share their favorite poems, discuss the poet's style, and write poems in the style of the poet. Please visit the Modesto Library Reference Desk to borrow a copy of the book. The poetry book club is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

VA Mobile Medical Outreach will provide medical services and benefit information to veterans on Wednesday, July 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Interested veterans are encouraged to check in inside the library, no appointment necessary. An enrollment specialist, medical provider, and veterans service officers will be on site. Participants should bring a copy of their DD 214 if they are not currently in the VA system.

Comix Club will meet on Thursday, July 26 at 4 p.m. This month, participants are invited to read and join in on discussions, games and activities featuring Pokémon manga. The Comix Club is suggested for ages 8 and up.

The Modesto Library is located at 1500 I St. 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.