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June Events at the Modesto Library

The Modesto Library will host a variety of free programs for all ages this June.

On Saturday, June 3 from 1 to 3 p.m. the Modesto Library will host the first in a series of poetry workshops in partnership with the Modesto-Stanislaus Poetry Center (MoSt). Former Modesto Poet Laureate Gillian Wegener will lead this initial workshop, which will focus on creating new work inspired by the works of other great poets. Light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

Community members can take part in free computer classes this month, beginning with Computer Basics on Mondays, June 5 and 19 at 10 a.m. Word Intermediate will be held on Monday, June 5 at 5 p.m., and Word Basics will take place on Tuesday, June 20 at 5 p.m. Excel Basics will take place on Tuesday, June 6 at 5 p.m. and Excel Intermediate will be held on Monday, June 19 at 5 p.m. Internet Basics will be offered on Thursday, June 8 at 1:30 p.m. Email Basics will take place on Thursday, June 22 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 contact the Modesto Library Reference Department at 209-558-7814 to sign up.

The library will host a Piggie Party on Wednesday, June 7 at 10:45 a.m. Following a "piggie takeover" of Story Time, children can enjoy piggie-themed crafts and more.

All ages are invited to enjoy building and playing with LEGOs 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 have direct parental supervision. LEGO play is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

Community members can attend a free reverse mortgage and estate planning seminar on Wednesday, June 7 at 6 p.m. Adam Weinert, President of Carrollton Mortgage Co., will discuss the benefits of a reverse mortgage and how it works. Local attorney Julie Richardson will review the basics of estate planning, especially as it relates to reverse mortgages. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library, Legal Pathways, and Carrollton Mortgage Co.

Senior Awareness Day will be held on Thursday, June 8 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Community members are invited to visit booths along the library's portico to learn about the free resources available to senior citizens. Representatives HICAP, Howard Training Center and more will be on hand to answer questions and help with enrollment into programs. Light refreshments will be served, and participants can enjoy a free prize drawing. Senior Awareness Day is sponsored by Stanislaus County Department of Aging and Veterans Services, HICAP, and the Friends of the Modesto Library.

The library will host AppyHour Story Times on Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. This special Story Time series

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combines traditional Story Time books, music and fingerplays with technology. Library staff will be available following Story Time to help participants explore Hoopla (digital audiobooks, movies, music, TV shows, and comics), eBooks, and other early literacy technology used during the program. AppyHour is designed for preschoolers but all ages are welcome.

A number of art themed programs will be offered this month, beginning with an all ages coloring day on Friday, June 9 from 1 to 4 p.m. Participants can enjoy design-themed coloring pages, music and snacks. On Wednesday, June 14 at 6 p.m. teens and adults are invited to create bad art using provided paint and craft. Participants will have the opportunity to enter their work into an exhibition judged by library staff. The winner will receive the Bad Art Trophy. Children and their families can participate in the "Saturday Stories and Art" program on Saturday, June 17 at 1 p.m. Following a reading of Lenny Hort's *How Many Stars in the Sky?*, all ages can create their own night skies using a variety of tools and paint. These programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

Friday, June 9 is Pokémon Day in the Modesto Library's Children's Room. Children can stop by throughout the day to make a craft and find the Pokémon in the room for a chance to receive a button. From 2 to 4 p.m. children are invited to a Pokémon scavenger hunt. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

Children and their families can enjoy an interactive show presented by the Traveling Lantern Theatre Company on Friday, June 16 at 12 p.m. This show, entitled "The Ribbles Build a Residence," will focus on the building of a new, environmentally friendly dream home for the Ribbles, with help from the bird architect Thia Tweet and Brooklyn contractor Gerry the Ant. The audience will also have an opportunity to help the Ribbles by playing interactive games and discovering basic building techniques. This program is best for ages 5 and up, but all ages are welcome. Free tickets will be available one hour before the show.

Shoppers are invited to visit the Stanislaus County Library's All-Teens Craft Fair on Saturday, June 17, held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Modesto Library portico. Local teens will showcase and sell handmade crafts priced at \$10 or less. This event offers teens an opportunity to learn about sales, customer service, and money management.

A color and fold paper airplanes program will be held on Tuesday, June 20 at 6:45 p.m. and Wednesday, June 21 at 10:45 a.m. following Story Time. All ages can design their own planes or use pre-printed designs.

Gary Blom, principal of Blom and Associates in Modesto, will discuss social security retirement benefits on Wednesdays, June 21 and 28 at 6 p.m. Participants will learn how to protect and maximize their Social Security retirement benefits. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

The library will screen a movie on Friday, June 23 at 2 p.m. as part of its summer movie series featuring films that have won, or been nominated for, an Academy Award for Best Production Design. This month's film tells the story of a Qing Dynasty Chinese warrior in search of his stolen sword, *Green Destiny*. Popcorn and other refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Modesto Library. This movie is rated PG-13.

Scrapbooking Fun will take place on Saturday, June 24 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. Scrapbooking Fun is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

This month's Comix Club will meet on Thursday, June 29 at 4 p.m. Participants are invited to read a wordless, or nearly wordless, comic book and take part in discussions, games and activities about the comic art and sequencing. The Comix Club is suggested for ages 8 and up.

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.