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September Events at the Modesto Library

Community members can take part in a variety of free programs at the Modesto Library this September.

All ages are invited to enjoy building and playing with LEGOs on Wednesdays, Sept. 6, 13 and 27 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 take part in free computer classes this month, beginning with Internet Basics on Thursday, Sept. 7 at 1:30 p.m. Computer Basics will be offered on Mondays, Sept. 11 and 25 at 10 a.m. Word Intermediate will be held on Monday, Sept. 11 at 5 p.m., and Word Basics will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 5 p.m. Excel Basics will be offered on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 5 p.m. and Excel Intermediate will be held on Monday, Sept. 25 at 5 p.m. Email Basics will take place on Thursday, Sept. 21 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's "Saturday Stories and Art" program will be held on Saturday, Sept. 9 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Following a reading of Todd Parr's *The Peace Book*, all ages will create a peace mosaic using buttons and other materials. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library and the Central California Art Association.

Scrapbooking Fun will take place on Saturday, Sept. 16 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.

Children ages 8 and up can take part in a STEAM* Challenge on Monday, Sept. 18 at 4 p.m. (*STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) Participants will be challenged to build structures using only marshmallows and spaghetti noodles. Children will then put their structures to the test on the library's earthquake shake table. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

In celebration of Talk Like a Pirate Day on Tuesday, Sept. 19, children can visit the Children's Room for a fun pirate activity. Throughout the day, children who find the pirate hat in the Children's Room will win a prize.

Children and their families are invited to the Modesto Architecture Festival's Family Architecture Experience on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will be held outside on the 16th Street side lawn. The event will feature crafts, games and activities for children of all ages. Children must be supervised by a parent or adult guardian at all times.

The 8th annual Local Author Fair will be held on the portico of the Modesto Library on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. All ages are invited to meet a variety of local authors, many of whom will have their books available for purchase. The published works of the participating authors span a variety of genres and age ranges.

Following the Local Author Fair on Saturday, Sept. 23, local poet Stella Beratlis, in partnership with the Modesto-Stanislaus Poetry Center (MoSt), will lead a poetry workshop in the auditorium from 1 to 3 p.m. The workshop will focus on blackout and erasure poetry, and will involve an examination of the form and a discussion on why it is often referred to as "poetry of absence." Using existing texts, participants will explore ways to frame words and create new work. Newspaper will be provided as source material; however, participants are welcome to bring their own source texts.

All ages are invited to a puzzle night on Wednesday, Sept. 27 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Participants can relax and enjoy jigsaw puzzles, crossword puzzles, word searches, and more. Puzzle night is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

Comix Club will meet on Thursday, Sept. 28 at 4 p.m. Participants will take part in engaging discussions, games and activities featuring chapter books that have been turned into graphic novels. The Comix Club is suggested for ages 8 and up.

Anne of Green Gardens will present an educational program on insect identification on Saturday, Sept. 30 at 1 p.m. All ages can learn about the different types of bugs that can be found in a garden. Anne will display her own insect collection during the event. This event is sponsored by Anne of Green Gardens and 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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