



## STANISLAUS COUNTY LIBRARY

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### **March Events at the Oakdale Library**

Community members are invited to take part in the variety of programs offered at the Oakdale Library this month, beginning LEGO Days on Tuesday, March 8 and Monday, March 21 at 3:30 p.m. Finished LEGO creations will be displayed at the library. Children under the age of 4 are welcome to participate, however they must have direct parental supervision at all times.

Free computer classes will be offered at the library this month, beginning with Computer Basics on Tuesday, March 8 at 10:30 a.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. The Internet Basics course on Tuesday, March 15 at 10:30 a.m. will introduce participants to the Internet and teach them how to search the World Wide Web.

The Friends of the Oakdale Library will hold their annual used book sale on Tuesday, March 8 and Wednesday, March 9 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Thursday, March 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Shoppers can select from a variety of titles at bargain prices. The sale will be held at the Gene Bianchi Center, located at 110 S 2nd Ave in Oakdale, across the parking lot from the Oakdale Library.

The library will host an All Ages Coloring Day on Wednesday, March 9 at 3:30 p.m. Coloring pages, crayons and markers will be provided. Coloring has been shown to reduce stress and promote creativity.

The public is invited to receive free tax preparation assistance from Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers on Thursdays from 4 pm to 8 pm. VITA volunteers are trained by the IRS. Please call the library at (209) 847-4204 to reserve a spot, as space is limited. The last day for tax preparation at the Oakdale Library will be April 7.

Toddlers and preschoolers can enjoy "Wee Move and Play" on Monday, March 14 at 11 a.m. This program features an hour of music, movement, and sensory play.

The NAMI\* Connection Recovery Support Group will meet at the library on Tuesday, March 15 at 5 p.m. (National Alliance on Mental Illness) This free, peer-led support group is designed to help adults living with mental illness. Participants can gain insight from hearing the challenges and successes of others. The support group is led by NAMI-trained facilitators who follow a structured model to ensure that everyone in the group has an opportunity to be heard.

The STEAM\* Book Club will meet on Wednesday, March 16 at 3:30 p.m. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) Children are invited to visit the library for a story and activity relating to the theme of "possibilities."

Participants will participate in activities that explain the difference between “possibilities” and “probabilities.” STEAM programs are designed for children in kindergarten and older; children 4 and under must be supervised by a parent.

On Tuesday, March 22 at 11:30 a.m. the Oakdale Library Book Club will meet to discuss *Elsewhere* by Gabrielle Zevin. Book clubs allow community members to expand their knowledge of books through meaningful discussions with others.

The Oakdale Library Book Club, All Ages Coloring Day, LEGO programs, and Wee Move and Play are sponsored by the Friends of the Oakdale Library. The Oakdale Library is located at 151 S. First Ave. in Oakdale. For more information, please call the Oakdale Library Branch Supervisor, Wayne Philbrook, at (209) 847-4204.

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