



## STANISLAUS COUNTY LIBRARY

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## Children invited to read to a dog at libraries in Ceres, Salida and Modesto

*Children can practice their reading skills by sharing a story with a four-legged friend*

On Wednesday, Jan. 8, independent readers up to age 12 are invited to practice their reading skills at the Read to a Dog program at the Ceres Library from 3 to 4:30 p.m., and at the Salida Library in the Story Time room from 3:30 to 5 p.m. This program is designed to help children gain confidence in their reading skills by reading aloud to certified therapy dogs.

A special Read to a Dog program will be offered at the Modesto Library on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. At this program, three local “doggie” authors will be on hand to share their stories as well. Maricela Rocha, author of “Chikis the Chihuahua,” Major Mitchell, author of “I’m Molly,” and Erynn Lucas, author of “Carson’s Story,” will read to the children as they wait for a turn reading to a dog.

Read to a Dog gives children an opportunity to practice reading aloud in a relaxed, non-judgmental atmosphere. Children will take turns reading to a dog for 15 minutes, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Volunteer handlers and their dogs, who are members of Therapy Dogs Alliance, contribute their time to make this program possible.

For more information, please contact the Ceres Library at 209-537-8938, the Salida Library at 209-543-7315, or the Modesto Library Children and Teen Services Department at 209-558-7810. Information on regularly occurring programs can be found at [www.stanislauslibrary.org](http://www.stanislauslibrary.org), under the “Events and Classes” tab.

### About the Stanislaus County Library

The Stanislaus County Library engages all members of the community and offers access to information, knowledge, and the tools for innovation and personal development. With 13 locations throughout the county, the Library offers free access to a diverse collection of materials, computers and Wi-Fi, Story Times, programming for all ages, and more. To learn more about the Library’s wide array of programs and services, visit [www.stanislauslibrary.org](http://www.stanislauslibrary.org).

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