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April Events at the Turlock Library

Community members of all ages are invited to enjoy free programs at the Turlock Library this April, beginning with a candy count program through April 14. All ages are invited to guess the number of candies in the candy jar for a chance to win the jar of candy. This contest is limited to one entry per person. In the event of a tie, the winner will be chosen by a random drawing.

Children are invited to the library for the "STEAM* Works: Strawberry DNA" on Tuesday, April 4 at 4 p.m. (*Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) Following a reading of Don and Audrey Wood's *The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear*, children will extract DNA from strawberries using basic ingredients and household items. STEAM Works is designed for children in kindergarten and older. Children under 4 are welcome to participate, however they must have direct parental supervision.

The Turlock Library Book Club will meet on Wednesday, April 5 at 10:30 a.m. to discuss *The Miniaturist* by Jessie Burton. For more information, please contact the Turlock Library Reference Desk at 209-664-8100.

In celebration of Financial Literacy Month, the Modesto Money Mavens will host the Extreme Couponing program on Monday, April 10 at 5:30 p.m. Participants will learn how to use coupons, sale ads, and smartphone apps to save money, stretch their budgets, and discover new strategies on how to shop smart.

On Tuesday, April 11 at 4 p.m. children will learn how to create their own terrariums during the "Plants in a Jar" program. All materials will be provided. Children under the age of 4 are welcome to participate, but must have direct parental supervision.

Children are invited to enjoy sensory play on Wednesday, April 12 at 10 a.m. This program will feature activities that allow young children to explore different textures. Children must be directly supervised by a parent or adult guardian. Sensory play stimulates brain-development and helps children develop their sense of touch. This program also promotes bonding time between parents and their children.

The Turlock Library's Teen Advisory Board will meet on Wednesday, April 12 at 4 p.m. The Teen Advisory Board offers teens the opportunity to earn community service credit while sharing their ideas on teen library programs and books. For more information, please call 209-664-8100.

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The Mystery Lovers Book Club will meet on Friday, April 14 at 10:30 a.m. to discuss *Poodle Springs* by Robert B. Parker. A limited number of copies are available for checkout from the library. For more information, please contact the Turlock Library Reference Desk at 209-664-8100.

Families are invited to the free Act!vated Story Theatre program on Monday, April 17 at 4 p.m. The Goza family will perform two multicultural folk tales featuring physical comedy, music, song, dance, American Sign Language, and audience participation.

On Tuesday, April 18 at 4 p.m. the library will celebrate Día de los niños/ Día de los libros, or Day of the Child/Day of the Book. Children can enjoy a special bilingual Story Time, crafts, activities and snacks. This year's theme is "One World, Many Rhythms." Each child will receive a free activity book.

The Teen Fan Fiction Club will meet on Monday, April 24 at 4 p.m. Participants will have the opportunity to write, share and discuss their creative fan fiction in a positive environment. The Fan Fiction Club is recommended for ages 12 to 18.

Children are invited to build and play with LEGOs on Tuesday, April 25 at 4 p.m. Children under the age of 4 are welcome to participate, however, they must have direct parental supervision.

All ages are invited to participate in International Tabletop Day on Saturday, April 29 with games at the library from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Participants are invited to bring in their favorite games to play, or choose from a selection of games provided by the library.

STEAM Works, Plants in a Jar, and the Teen Fan Fiction Club are sponsored by the Friends of the Turlock Library. The Turlock Library is located at 550 Minaret Ave. in Turlock. For more information on Turlock Library programs, please contact the Turlock Library branch supervisor, Diane Bartlett, at 209-664-8100.

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