



Stanislaus County Library

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STEAM programs for children to be held at Turlock Library

Turlock Library to offer free activities that integrate science, art and fun this August

Science and art will be featured in events for children at the Turlock Library this August. The STEAM Works events are monthly library programs that promote STEAM* learning through hands-on activities. (*Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math)

Each STEAM Works program features a story, followed by exploration of a STEAM topic through a craft or activity. This month's program will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 7 at 4 p.m. Following a reading of Andrea Beaty's *Ada Twist: Scientist*, children can put their senses of smell to the test by guessing different scents in provided jars. STEAM* Works is designed for children in kindergarten and older.

The library's monthly Art Lab program will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 21 at 4 p.m. The program will offer a basic introduction to printmaking by giving children an opportunity to experiment with mirror images using tempera paint and cardstock paper.

"These programs are a way to not only introduce basic STEAM concepts to kids, but they are also an opportunity to promote books in our nonfiction collection that might otherwise get overlooked. With our Art Lab program, in particular, we want kids to have an opportunity to explore, be creative, and of course, have fun!" said Michelle Coxford, children's librarian.

STEAM Works and the Art Lab feature a different theme each month. The latest themes can be found on the library's online calendar of events at www.stanislauslibrary.org. All ages are welcome to participate in these programs, however children ages 4 and under must have direct parental supervision.

The Turlock Library is located at 550 Minaret Ave. For more information on Turlock Library programs, please contact the Turlock Library supervisor, Diane Bartlett, at 209-664-8100. Information on regularly occurring programs can be found at 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 a diverse collection of free materials, computer access 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.

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