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December Events at the Modesto Library

The Modesto Library will host a variety of programs for all ages this December, beginning with "Color Yourself Calm: Coloring for Grown Ups" on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. The library will provide coloring sheets designed for adults, as well as colored pencils and crayons. Light refreshments will also be provided by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

A Computer Basics class will be offered on Monday, Dec. 7 at 1:30 p.m. This program is a basic introduction to computers, including an explanation of the parts of the computer, a tour of Windows, and simple tasks. Excel Intermediate on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. is a continuation of Excel Basics and will teach participants basic functions of Excel.

Teens and adults are invited to the "Hope for Parents of College Bound Students" program on Monday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. Local financial consultant Michael Howell from Blom and Associates will cover college cost reducing strategies, as well as offer insight into how schools determine financial need. Participants will learn how to financially position themselves for successful college planning.

All ages can build with LEGOs on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 16, 23 and 30 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.

Scrapbooking Fun will take place on Saturday, Dec. 12 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.

Shakespeare for All will present *Hamlet* on Monday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Modesto Library Auditorium. Shakespeare's *Hamlet* is the tale of a prince whose royal family is disrupted by revenge and corruption. This play will be performed by local community members and professional actors from the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival.

The library will offer an Estate Planning Seminar on Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 5:30 p.m. Attorney Julie Richardson will review the basics of estate planning, including issues to consider and an overview of all documents needed.

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On Dec. 15 at 10:15 a.m. the library will host Toddler Dance & Play, a half hour program featuring music and fun for toddlers. The library will provide shakers, scarves, and more for participants to enjoy.

All ages are invited to Star Wars Day on Saturday, Dec. 19. Star Wars themed crafts and activities will be available in the Modesto Library Auditorium from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. At 1:30 p.m. the library will screen the sixth installment of the popular series.

On Monday, Dec. 28 at 1:30 p.m. teens are invited to a showing of *The Maze Runner*, based on the book by James Dashner. This event is sponsored by Reforma, 42West and the Friends of the Modesto Library.

An All Ages Coloring Week will be held at the library Monday, Dec. 28 through Saturday, Jan. 2. Throughout the week, the library will provide coloring sheets designed for adults and children, as well as colored pencils and crayons.

Children and their families are invited to Family Story Time: Glow in the Dark Edition on Tuesday, Dec. 29 at 6:15 p.m. Library staff will turn off the lights in the auditorium and present stories that glow in the dark. Glow sticks will be handed out during the program.

Frosty's Magic Hat Show will be held in the Modesto Library Auditorium on Wednesday, Dec. 30 at 11 a.m. Participants will enjoy an afternoon of comedy, ventriloquism, puppetry, and child friendly magic in this retelling of the classic winter story.

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 about Children and Teen programming, please contact the Modesto Library's Children and Teen Services Department at (209) 558-7810. For information on adult programming, please contact the Modesto Library Reference Desk at (209) 558-7814.

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