



## STANISLAUS COUNTY LIBRARY

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### January Events at the Oakdale Library

Community members are invited to enjoy a variety of free programs at the Oakdale Library this January.

Free computer classes will be held at the library this month, beginning with Computer Basics on Tuesday, Jan. 5 and 12 at 10:30 a.m. This course offers a basic introduction to computers, including an explanation of the parts of the computer, a tour of Windows, and simple tasks. On Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 10:30 a.m. this library will offer an Internet Basics course which will introduce participants to the Internet and teach them how to search the World Wide Web.

Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 5 the NAMI\* Connection Recovery Support Group will meet at the library on the first and third Tuesday of each month 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.

Children can take part in a Snowman Craft on Thursday, Jan. 7 at 3:30 p.m. Socks will be stuffed and shaped into snowmen which crafters can then accessorize. All materials will be provided.

The library will host "Wee Move and Play" on Monday, Jan. 11 at 11 a.m. This program features an hour of music, movement, and sensory play for toddlers and preschoolers. Participants will enjoy unstructured play time that promotes creativity, fine motor development, and collaboration.

Children in grades 1 through 6 can participate in a robotics course, presented by Sylvan Learning Center, on Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 3:30 p.m. Participants will build and program animated LEGO® robots while interacting with their peers, developing new skills and learning about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math). Advance registration is required as space is limited; please contact the Oakdale Library at (209) 847-4204 to sign up.

Teens can enjoy a duct tape craft on Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 3:30 p.m. The library will provide a variety of duct tape for crafters to use in creating decorative and useful items.

Children are invited to build and play with LEGOs on Thursday, Jan. 14 and 28 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.

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On Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 11:30 a.m., the Oakdale Library Book Club will meet to discuss *Those Who Save Us* by Jenna Blum. Book clubs allow community members to expand their knowledge of books through meaningful discussions with others.

Book club events, crafts, 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 (209) 847-4204.

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