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Friends OF THE MODESTO Library Newsletter

May 2015

SUMMER READING:
May 19-August 4. All branches.



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Up, up, and away! Celebrate superheroes this summer at the Stanislaus County Library. All ages are encouraged to participate by reading and turning in logs for free prizes. Join the many summer programs we have for children, teens, and adults.

Each age group has a separate goal.

For the 8 and under, reading 30 minutes for seven days will earn an incentive prize with four prizes per reading log. For those through age 18, the goal is seven hours of reading to reach a prize, also with four per log.

Don't feel left out if you no longer have a child or teen at home. There's something for adults, too. Here is how it works for you. Weekly drawing prizes and two final grand prizes will be awarded to the lucky winners who submit short reviews at the Modesto Library. You can review any of your favorite [or un-favorite] books read this summer. Submit as many as you want. AND—a county-wide super-grand prize will be drawn from entries all 13 library branches. The prize? Rumor has it that it will be an e-reader device!

Sign-up begins May 19; the last day to pick up prizes is Aug. 4. The program, sponsored by the Stanislaus Library Foundation, is another of the library's efforts to raise the literacy rate, school success and graduation rate in our community. Be a part of it!

SOLD!
USED BOOK SALE

• **More than \$2,800 raised for the library**

• **Hundreds and hundreds — yes, thousands — of used books sold**

• **Dozens and dozens of volunteers helped make the sixth annual event a success**
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring into the season with books

Spring, a season of renewal, is a perfect time to read Cathie Peck's article on "Stanislaus Reads." This is an action plan in Stanislaus County to improve childhood literacy and promote lifelong academic success.

Another story in our May newsletter that might pique your interest:

Librarian Diane McDonnell discusses plans for the library that I'm sure you all will want to know about. Read all about it.

Speaking of childhood literacy, El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day) was April 25 at the Modesto Library. Approximately 300 books were given to children attending thanks to Friends of the Modesto Library. Miles of smiles that day.



The Friends of the Modesto Library's annual Used Book Sale was another big success. There were bargains and bargain-hunters galore!

There is another book sale just around the corner. The Scholastic Half Price Sale on new children's books is May 12, 13, 14 and 16. Stock up for birthdays, holidays and any day gift

giving for the year.

Finally, congratulations and bravo to FOML's own Judy Pierce who was awarded the Stanislaus Library Foundation's Shining Star Award. We are proud of you, Judy!

I hope you will enjoy reading our newsletter.

May spring's beauty bring you much joy.

Christine Brereton
President, Friends of the Modesto Library

QUICK STARTS

First sentences from the New Books section

"On the day I killed my husband, the scent of lilacs startled me awake."

"The Hawley Book of the Dead" by Chrysler Szarlan

"Back in my salad days laboring for the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, I would always keep an eye out to see if he would enter our car before the hour of departure."

"The Last Bookaneer" by Matthew Pearl

"Daisy Hears Them First: the crunch of feet on the gravel, the resonant clearing of throats outside our living room window."

"Postcards from Berlin" by Margaret Leroy

"If you're curious as to what a mass extinction looks like, you might want to visit the remains of the Capitan Reef at Guadalupe Mountains National Park, the highest mountains in Texas."

"The Next Species – The Future of Evolution in the Aftermath of Man" by Michael Tennesen

"Diets don't work." "Secrets From The Eating Lab – The Science of Weight Loss, the Myth of Willpower, and Why You Should Never Diet Again" by Traci Mann, Ph.D.

"Although we are joined by marriage, Crappy Husband and I are still two separate people."

"Marriage: Illustrated with Crappy Pictures" by Amber Dusick

2015-2016 FOML board elected

At the general meeting March 20 the 2015-16 board was elected to guide the Friends of the Modesto Library.

The officers are:

- Christine Brereton will continue serving at President
- Pam Pallios joins the board as Vice-President
- Susan Hannah continues serving as Secretary
- Jonaca Driscoll continues as Treasurer.

Joining the officers in director roles:

- Ellen Dambrosio continues as membership director
- Barbara Quinn continues as overseer of activities
- Anne Britton, a past president, continues as advisor
- Judy Pierce, a past president, continues coordinating the newsletter
- Cathie Peck will continue as director at large.

The board invites old, new, and prospective members to attend board meetings on the first Wednesday of December, March, June, or September. The next meeting will be June 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room.

Please join us by becoming a member of FOML.

Let's get more books in hands of more children

El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day), commonly known as Día, is an annual celebration of children, families, and reading that took place this year at the Modesto Library on April 25. The celebration emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

Friends of the Modesto Library provides new, free books to the children who attend the event every year right here at our own library. Books their family can keep forever! For this year's celebration we had about 400 books stockpiled. FOML volunteers earned many of the books by working at the 2014 Scholastic 1/2 Off New Books for Kids Sale.

Save Stanislaus libraries update

The one-eighth of a penny Library Sales Tax that funds our libraries expires in 2018, so it will be on the ballot for renewal, probably in 2017. The tax provides 90% of the funding for our 13 county libraries, including the Modesto Library. The Save Stanislaus Libraries campaign committee is being re-assembled and should soon have updated information on its website www.savestanlibraries.com.



Little Shop full of treasures — big and small

The next time you are at the Modesto Library be sure to stop by and check out our merchandise. We're located in the library and all proceeds benefit the library.

Shining stars brighten library experience for all of us



The Stanislaus County Library celebrated National Library Week by honoring the individuals and businesses that have helped the 13-branch system throughout the year. The award was established in 2004 to honor individuals, businesses or organizations, and Friends of the Library for their support of the

libraries in Stanislaus County. Support might include volunteer efforts, advocacy, special programs, or financial contributions. The Stanislaus Library Foundation handed out the awards on April 18 at the Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library to:

- Maree Hawkins received the Joan Patterson Stellar Achievement Award;
- Nancy McNett represented the Nick W. Blom Salida Library Friends organization;

- Frank Clark represented the Oakdale Friends of the Library;
 - Sandy Mann represented the Turlock Friends of the Library;
 - Judy Pierce represented the Modesto Friends of the Library;
 - Paul Rey from Foothill Systems was recognized in the Business Category for contributions to the library system.
- Our congratulations to all the recipients and a special thanks for all their efforts on behalf of the libraries.

WHAT ARE YOU READING?

Asked at the FOML Used Book Sale
May 3, east portico of library

*"Twisters and Other
Terrible Storms,"*
Magic Tree House
Fact Tracker #8 by
Will and Mary Pope
Osborne



– Johnny Makholm,
left

*The "Animorphs" series by K.A. Ap-
plegate*

– Nicholas Makholm, right

*"The Lovers: A
Novel" by Vendela
Vida*

– Noel Russell



*"Hunter's
Moon" by Dana
Stabenow*

– Jim Lydick



*"Into the
Storm" from the
Destroyerman
series by Taylor
Anderson*

– Nick Adair



*"War and
Remembrance" by
Herman Wouk*

– Brady Dewar



*"Carry On,
Warrior" by
Glennon Doyle
Melton*

– Shannon
Johnson



READING, BOOKS & PROGRAMS



Stanislaus READS!

Stanislaus READS! is a multi-agency initiative to help bring children up to grade level in reading by third grade. This is the last year that reading is taught as a subject and a student's concentration shifts to reading to learn.

With 61% of Stanislaus students not reading at grade level by the end of third grade, this goal is a worthy one. Studies show that students who fail to meet this critical milestone are at a higher risk for dropping out of high school, teenage pregnancy and incarceration.

Stanislaus Community Foundation, Stanislaus County of Education, Head Start, Children and Families Commission and the Stanislaus County Library are leading this exciting effort. Mobilizing parents, childcare providers, educators, practitioners and business leaders is ongoing.

Three challenges are being targeted by these agencies: school readiness, chronic absences and summer slide. There is optimism that a significant impact can be made.

Our library can help. Here's how:

- Friends volunteer to read and enjoy books with children over the summer
- Continue motivational programs to inspire children to spend time with books, already up and running at the Stanislaus Library
- Workshops for parents to help them employ good reading practices with their children
- Create donation opportunities. Start a Stanislaus READS! box at the library where children's literature can be donated and put into a child's hands.

• Discover more about the Imagination Library, founded by Dolly Parton, where a book is mailed to a child's home every month for their first five years.

This program costs just \$30 a year per child and is currently being done in Turlock with plans to target five pilot school communities in Modesto next year.

Connection is the key to this initiative. Keep posted!

There is much more to come. www.stanislauscommunityfoundation.org

Scholastic 1/2 off sale a book lover's dream

You may know the **Scholastic 1/2 Off New Books for Kids Sale** as the annual source for high-quality, low-cost new books for children and teens from Scholastic and many other publishers. You may even know that it is a fundraiser because Friends of the Modesto Library hosts the sale. But did you know that the volunteers from Friends

who work the sale also earn **books** for the library and its programs?

The close to 400 books from last year's sale were used to replenish copies of popular titles in the library's teen and children's collections, or used as reading incentives at library special event programs.

Here is your chance to treat your children,

grandchildren and others to the joy of owning their own books – at 50% off suggested retail prices.

We never know ahead of time what will show up among the hundreds of titles, but the prices are mostly 50% off list price and often more.

Spread the word! See you at the Modesto Library auditorium, May 12-16 (closed Friday).

"There is no substitute for books in the life of a child"

— May Ellen Chase



love your library

What do you love about the library? How has it made a difference in your life? A nationwide contest is being held and gives you a chance to share what you love about the library. All who enter will be eligible to win a \$100 Visa gift card and up to \$2,000 in library software and services for their favorite library.

The Love Your Library Contest is open to all individuals and entries may be either written or video. There is not a length limitation on either format. Entries may be about any part of the library such as:

- What you love about your library
- What programs have made an impact on your life
- A staff member who influenced you
- How the library helped you reach a goal

All entries must be in English and participants must be 18 or older.

Multiple winners will be selected and prizes include a grand prize winner for the \$100 Visa card as well as ten runnerup awards for a \$25 Visa card.

Entries must be submitted by Friday, June 12. The contest is sponsored by SirsiDynix which supports libraries through software and other products. For more information, go to www.stanislauslibrary.org Wouldn't it be great to see our outstanding Modesto Library recognized for all it contributes to our community?

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN:

Ongoing program for parents and children

A new free reading program for infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children encourages parents to read 1,000 books with their child before he or she starts kindergarten. This is a goal that experts say children need to help them learn to read for themselves.

The program works like this:

- Parents and children read books together.
- They color in a seed on

a recording sheet for each book read. Books may be read more than once. Credit is received for each reading. Books read to a child during Story Time, at day care, by grandparents or even siblings count, too.

- When the child has finished a recording sheet of 100 seeds he or she brings the log to the library and receives a special sticker and the next 100 book reading log.

- Once 1,000 books have been read, the child will receive a special prize and a wonderful head start toward school.

The program has no ending date except when the child enters kindergarten. If you read three books a day every day, you will have 1,000 books in one year!



Fun facts about our public libraries

Some say that libraries are a modern dinosaur, that their time is limited, or the need for them is decreasing. Not

ru. According to the American Library Association and the Pew Research Center, US libraries are thriving and still a very important part of the community.

- In the United States 58% of adults have a library cards. BUT, in Stanislaus County 74% of residents are library card holders.
- Americans go to libraries three times more



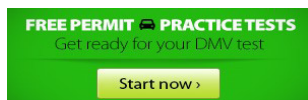
often than they go to the movies — certainly people recognize a good value.

- A recent poll found that 94% of respondents agreed that

public libraries play an important role in giving everyone a chance to succeed, because libraries provide free access to resources.

- There are more public libraries than McDonald's in the US.
- Public access computers in Stanislaus County libraries were used 201,792 times last year.

This new program is driven to help drivers



If you haven't recently checked the Stanislaus County website — www.stanislauslibrary.org — you might have missed some of the great opportunities available.

One of the newest is in partnership with Driving Tests.org.

For the newest driver getting ready for the first driving license or for anyone who is in need of retaking the written test, the stress of studying and learning about all the changes in the laws can be daunting. Now there is help. The library provides 24/7 online access to the California Driver Manuals for vehicle, motorcycle, and commercial driving. It also provides practice tests.

When you go onto the site you will see the start button shown above.

Once you click on the start now box, you will have the option of having the information read aloud, save them as MP3s, translate into other languages, or even magnify the text.

What another great resource our library is offering the community. Try it out — especially those practice tests.

FROM THE LIBRARIAN

At the March General Membership meeting for Friends of the Modesto Library, County Librarian Diane McDonnell was the featured speaker. Her message about the state of the Stanislaus County Library system and our Modesto Library was a very positive one. Some of the highlights of her message included:



- More than 823,000 physical items were checked out of the Modesto Library last year.
- 20,000 children, teens, and families attended programs sponsored by the library.
- More than 16,000 library cards were issued at the Modesto Library last year.
- Modesto Library received a grant from the California State Library to assist the staff with grant writing and small projects being developed by the staff.
- A new enclosed space for quiet reading or laptop work is being built near the southwest corner of the library.
- The Modesto Library will receive funding as part of the "Veterans Connect @the Library" project to develop a veteran's resource area.
- A grant to provide children's services outreach through Story Time, issuing library cards, and checking out materials in conjunction with WIC, a federally-funded health and nutrition program for women, infants, and children.
- In the 2016-17 year the circulation desk will be moved away from the entrance so that circulation and reference services will be more centralized.
- Passport service at the Modesto Library processed 4,551 passport applications last year generating more than \$100,000 in revenue for the library.
- The library is looking at revising the Rules for Behavior to allow covered beverages in the library as do so many libraries throughout the country.
- The library is looking at banning smoking from the Portico area and library grounds throughout library county system.

The news is fantastic; the future is bright! We have a strong base on which to grow.

Traveling just got easier with passport service

In need of a passport book or passport card so you can travel this summer or fall?

No need to go to the post office or court reporters' office any longer. You can now complete your passport process at the Reference Desk in the Modesto Library. The staff is there to help you with the process and make sure everything is ready for you. What makes this service an even greater deal is that the passport process can be completed Monday through Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. or on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

These hours are friendlier to those still

working or in school.

There are a few things you'll need to bring to the reference desk: a 2x2 passport photo, evidence of US Citizenship such as your birth certificate, an acceptable identification card with your photo and birth date on it, a check or money order (adults: book \$110 or card \$30 and child under 16: book \$80 or card \$15), and finally a separate check, money order, or cash payable to Modesto Library for \$25.

These fees are the same at the post office or clerk reporters' office.

This is a great community service provided to Stanislaus County residents.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

April 27–May 9

No **WiggleWorms** or **Story Times**. On break until May 11

April 27–May 30

No **Cuentos en Español** & **Bilingual Story Times**. On break until June 4.

May 2

Used Book Sale sponsored by Friends of the Modesto Library. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. east portico of the library.

May 2–30

Sign-ups for All Teens Craft Fair. Calling all Teens! Do you like to make crafts? Do you like to make money? Sign up in May for the All Teen Craft Fair. You create the crafts and sell them June 20.

Saturday, May 2 2 p.m.

As You Like It. Community members will present a 60-minute dramatic reading alongside San Francisco Shakespeare actors in a hilarious rendition of Shakespeare's enduring comedy.

May 4–9

Star Wars Week (all ages). Monday – Thursday Fun activities every day of the week! Monday, May 4. Be With You! Book drawings all day long! Ask at the Children's Desk, Reference Desk, or check out Facebook for more details. Saturday, May 9, noon. March around the Library as your favorite character. We "Hope" you will stay for the 1977 classic that started the epic adventure a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away at 1 p.m.

Wednesday, May 6 3:30 p.m.

LEGO Play. Kids 4 - 18 will have the opportunity to build LEGO displays for the library. LEGO play helps children develop fine motor skills. Children under 4 are welcome, but must have direct adult supervision.

Wednesday, May 6 6:30 p.m.

Dinner Theater. The Mark and Dre Show. Dinner 6:30 p.m. and show at 7:00 p.m. You provide the dinner and we provide the theater. Enjoy an extremely funny, intelligent and fast paced comedy stage show with world class juggling, incredible stunts, audience participation, etc. Best for ages 6 and up. Sponsored by Friends of the Modesto Library with a grant from Omega Nu. Sign up in the Children's Room for this free program.

May 11

WiggleWorms and **Story Time** resume. Monday 11.

May 11–14

StoryTimes under the Tree.

All Story Times will be upstairs under Ryan's Reading Tree.

May 12-16

Scholastic Book Fair 50% off new books for children. Auditorium. May 12-14 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Closed Friday. May 16 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Tuesday, May 19

Summer Reading Challenge 2015. Every Hero Has a Story! - First day of fun for the whole family (grown-ups too!). Ask your librarian for a log to get started then read all summer long to earn cool prizes or be entered into drawings.

Tuesday, May 19 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Super Hero Training. Summer Reading Kick-off party. Create your super hero identity and then meet the challenge with activities outside on the portico and lawn.

Wednesday, May 20 3:30 p.m.

LEGO Play. Kids 4 - 18.

Saturday, May 23 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Scrapbooking Fun. Stop by the Modesto Library auditorium to learn about and practice scrapbooking. This program is open to scrapbookers of all levels. Some materials will be provided but you are encouraged to bring your own. Program occurs regularly and you are welcome to drop in at any time.

Wednesday, May 27 3:30 p.m.

LEGO Play. Kids 4 - 18

Saturday, May 30 1-4 p.m.

Craftapalooza for Teens and Adults. Escape the ordinary this summer by making fun, creative, and innovative crafts at the Modesto Library's first Craftapalooza for teens and adults. Stop by the auditorium 1 p.m.-4 p.m. and visit the various crafting stations. This program is geared towards teens and adults and parents are asked to accompany children.

Saturday, May 30

Last day to sign up for All Teens Craft Fair!

JUNE

Monday, June 1 6 p.m.

Hope for Parents of College Bound Students. Modesto Library Auditorium. Learn how to make your college plans and savings become a reality at this free workshop. Local financial educator Michael Howell will cover a variety of topics. Registration is required by calling the Modesto Library Reference Desk at (209)558-7814 or emailing refquest@scfl.lib.ca.us.

Monday, June 1 3:30 p.m.

LEGO Play. Kids 4 - 18

Wednesday, June 3 1:30 p.m.

Giant Game Day. Get your game on! Bring the family and play giant versions of Jenga, bowling, Dominoes, and more! Test your hand/eye coordination with stacking cups too.

June 4

Cuentos en Español & Bilingual Story Times resume.

Saturday, June 6 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Science-a-Palooza! We'll be making science come alive with crafts and experiments!

June 8–13

Minecraft Mania! Drop by any time to add to our Periodic Table of Minecraft, test your knowledge, or just chat with other Minecrafters.

Wednesday, June 10 3:30 p.m.

LEGO Play. Kids 4 - 18 will have the opportunity to build LEGO displays for the library. Children under 4 are welcome, but must have direct adult supervision.

Monday, June 15 1:00 p.m.

Uncle Jer's Traveling Bee Show. Bee puppets Henrietta and Beatrice explore the many jobs of a worker bee and end their performance with the bee dance! Kids can also watch live bees in action! Uncle Jer's Traveling bee show will discuss the history of bees, honey production, bee safety, and the health benefits of honey.

Wednesday, June 17 3:30 p.m.

Giant Game Day!

Saturday, June 20 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

All Teens Craft Fair! Teens who preregistered in May will be selling handcrafted items outside on the portico.

Support our teens as they learn valuable business skills.

Wednesday, June 24 1:30 p.m.

LEGO Play: Kids 4 - 18.

Monday, June 29 3:30 p.m.

LEGO Play: Kids 4 - 18.

JULY

July 1 – 30

VOTE! For Kids Choice Week. We'll have a ballot box out for you to vote for your favorite theme for a weeklong event. YOU choose the theme then we get 2 weeks to plan the activities. Find out which theme won during Kids Choice Week: August 17 – 22!

Thursday, July 2 2:30 p.m.

Picnic and a Movie. You bring the picnic and blanket & we'll bring the lemonade. We will feature a different movie each Thursday in July. Auditorium.

Monday, July 6 3:30 p.m.

LEGO Play: Kids 4 - 18.

Wednesday, July 8 6 p.m.

Tech Connect: 3M Cloud Library ebooks Session. Modesto Library Auditorium. Interested in downloading free ebooks? Let us show you how to use the 3M Cloud Library service to enjoy ebooks at home or on the go. Registration is required by calling the Modesto Library Reference Desk at (209)558-7814. Please bring your library card (or ID), your device, and any usernames and passwords you may need.

Wednesday, July 8 1:30 p.m.

Giant Game Day!

Thursday, July 9 2:30 p.m.

Picnic and a Movie.

Tuesday, July 14 11:00 a.m.

Didgeridoo Down Under is an Australia-themed show that combines music, art and science to promote tolerance and respect for all people and cultures.

Wednesday, July 15 3:30 p.m.

LEGO Play: Kids 4 - 18.

Thursday, July 16 2:30 p.m.

Picnic and a Movie.

Monday, July 20 3:30 p.m.

LEGO Play: Kids 4 - 18.

Wednesday, July 22 6 p.m.

Tech Connect: Hoopla. Modesto Library Auditorium. Learn about Hoopla, the library's downloadable audiobooks, movies, music, and television service. Learn how to download instantaneously. Registration is required by calling the Modesto Library Reference Desk at (209)558-7814. Please bring your library card (or ID), your device, and any usernames and passwords you may need.

Wednesday, July 22 1:30 p.m.

Giant Game Day!

Thursday, July 23 2:30 p.m.

Picnic and a Movie.

July 26–30

Hogwarts Week. To celebrate the birthday of Harry Potter we'll have activities all week long! Ask at the Children's Desk about Quidditch, potions, and more.

Thursday, July 30 2:30 p.m.

Party & a Movie! Celebrate Harry Potter's birthday! Party at 1:30 and Movie at 2:30 p.m.

More programs to be announced. Please check www.stanislauslibrary.org and click on events.

BOOK BUZZ

A new feature article in each newsletter will introduce a different genre of library books, where they are located in the library, and some of the resources within that genre.

DROUGHT

Library great source of information for coping through these parched times

No matter where you look you see something about the state of the drought California continues to face. Information is on the electronic boards as you drive down the freeway; it is front page news in our local papers; it is front page news in papers throughout the US; it is part of our daily lives as farmers and wildlife rely on it in our valley.

The library once again is a great resource for information on how each of us can help the cause. The one area that is abundant with books about how to help our yards is the 635 area of the library. As you look through this area of the Dewey Decimal System you will find books on container gardening. There are books on drought resistant plants and trees. Sunset Books has a book, "Waterwise Gardening" (635.952) with helpful hints on placement of plants, types of plants, and frequency of watering. Carol Shuler has a book called "Low-Water-Use Plants for California and the Southwest" (635.952) with a plethora of ideas for a garden this summer. Stop by the 635 section of the library and find information to help you help the California drought.



BOOK 'EM!

Common cry heard at annual used book sale

Hundreds of readers converged on the east portico for the sixth annual Friends of the Modesto Library Used Book sale.

There was something for every reader, with categories ranging from memoir to self help, military to spiritual, young adult to cooking.

One little boy approached a worker with \$1 in his hand and asked if that was enough to buy a book. He was thrilled as she led him to the kids section, and proudly came back to pay for his two prized choices. A woman was excited to add six J.D. Robb (pen name of Nora Roberts) titles to fill out her collection. Many shoppers mentioned

that they wait every year for the first Saturday in May and the FOML book sale.

The sale is possible thanks to the hard work of many volunteers who sort the books, move them from the Beard Land Improvement Co. warehouse to the library, set up tables and staff the pay stations. Many thanks to them and to the generous folks at Beard, with a special shoutout to Theresa Cooper, the Beard liaison who is so helpful for months before the sale.

More than \$2,800 was raised, which goes directly to the library. Thanks to those who attended and start saving up those books for next year's sale. Collections will begin in January.

