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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

October Events at the Modesto Library

The Modesto Library will host a variety of programs for all ages this October, beginning with a used book sale that runs through Oct. 12. Customers are invited to visit the library during open hours to shop from a selection of almost 10,000 books at bargain prices.

LEGO days will be held on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. Children are invited to build LEGO creations, which 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.

Community members can take part in free computer classes, beginning with Internet Basics on Thursday, Oct. 6 at 1:30 p.m. Computer Basics will be offered on Mondays, Oct. 10 and 24 at 10 a.m. Word Intermediate will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 10 a.m. Email Basics will take place on Thursday, Oct. 20 at 1:30 p.m. Email Basics participants will need to create an email account prior to the beginning of the class. On Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 10 a.m. customers can take part in Excel Intermediate. Advance registration is required for all computer classes; please contact the Modesto Library Reference Department at (209) 558-7814 to sign up.

Children are invited Yoga Play on Friday, Oct. 7 at 3:30 p.m. Participants will learn simple yoga poses. This program is recommended for ages 3 and up.

Scrapbooking Fun will take place on Saturday, Oct. 8 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.

On Saturday, Oct. 8 the library will host the 47th Annual All-Kids Craft Fair. Children ages 7 to 14 will sell handmade crafts from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the Modesto Library portico. This event helps children learn about advertising, customer service, handling money, and other aspects of running a small business.

Adults are invited to an Estate Planning Seminar on Monday, Oct. 10 at 6 p.m. Attorney Julie Richardson will review the basics of estate planning, including a discussion of the documents needed and issues to consider. She will also provide an update on elder laws.

The Introduction to Finding Grants program will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 11 from 2 to 3 p.m. This program will provide introductory information about non-profit organizations in the field of grant seeking. Participants will gain knowledge to help them get started finding potential funders. Advance registration is required as space is limited.

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The library will host a chocolate tasting program on Saturday, Oct. 15 at 1 p.m. Participants will learn how to distinguish between the complex flavors of various chocolates. This program is recommended for ages 14 and up. Advance registration is required as space is limited. Please call (209) 558-7814 to sign up.

The Book Club Secrets Revealed program will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m. A panel will discuss the world of book clubs. Participants will learn about Book Club in a Box, digital book clubs, how to select books for their book club, and more. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Modesto Library. For more information, please call (209) 558-7817.

Costumer Elizabeth Layton will give a presentation about Victorian era Halloween on Saturday, Oct. 22 at 1 p.m. The presentation will be followed by a miniature Victorian top hat making craft. Victorian Halloween costumes and other items will be on display.

Children and their families are invited to visit the library for a Halloween parade following Story Time on Wednesday, Oct. 26. Children may come in costume, however costumes are not required. Participants will have an opportunity to parade through the library collecting treats, beginning at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Teens and adults can enjoy an evening of pumpkin decorating on Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 5 p.m. Crafters will learn how to decorate, rather than carve, pumpkins. The library will provide the pumpkins and craft materials necessary for this craft, however participants are welcome to bring their own pumpkins to decorate. Registration is required; please call (209) 558-7814 to sign up.

Children and their families are invited to be part of the world's largest shared reading experience with Jumpstart's Read for the Record event at the Modesto Library on Thursday, Oct. 27. Library staff will read *The Bear Ate Your Sandwich* by Julia Sarcone-Roach every 30 minutes, starting at 3 p.m. and concluding at 5:30 p.m.

Poets Rosa Lane, Nina Lindsay, Gillian Wegener and Modesto poet laureate Stella Berattis will visit the library to read from their published works on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 2 p.m. A Q&A and book signing will follow the reading.

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, please contact the Modesto Library's Children and Teen Services Department at (209) 558-7810 or the Modesto Library Reference Department at (209) 558-7814.

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