



Stanislaus County Library

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Modesto Library to host game day for teens featuring virtual reality technology

Ages 13 and up are invited to try the Modesto Library's Oculus Rift Virtual Reality headset on Monday, Aug. 19 at 3:30 p.m. The game day is designed to allow teens to test new gaming technology from the comfort of their local library.

The Oculus Rift, which the library received thanks to a grant from VARLibraries, will be set up for use by teens in the Modesto Library's dedicated Teen Zone. Participants will have an opportunity to play the collaborative puzzle game, *Keep Talking and Nobody Explodes*. Due to the stipulations of the grant, use of the Oculus Rift headset is restricted to only ages 13 and older. However, the collaborative nature of the game means that younger players can still participate by helping to decode puzzles and ciphers for the individual wearing the virtual reality headset.

"This game is truly collaborative, and a lot of times in video games you don't get true collaboration. Most of life is spent in collaboration with other people, but through this game teens get an opportunity to learn how to quickly bond and work with each other for the betterment of the group," said Amber O'Brien-VerHulst, library assistant in the Children's Department.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library. For more information about this program, please call the Children's and Teen Services Department at 209-558-7810.

The Modesto Library is located at 1500 I St. Free parking is available in the parking lot behind the library and on surrounding streets. Information about 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 free access to a diverse collection of 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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