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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **April Events at the Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library**

Visitors to the Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library this month can take part in a variety of free programs, beginning with a family game day on Tuesday, April 3 at 4 p.m. Participants can enjoy new and classic board and card games, as well as the Nintendo Wii. The library's Oculus Rift virtual reality headset will be available for use for ages 13 and up.

Girls in 6th through 12th grades are invited to learn how to create websites and code games as part of the library's new Girls Who Code program, held every Wednesday at 4 p.m. through May 9. The club will meet for 10 weeks, and is a cumulative program where girls will work together to make a community service impact project using their learned computer science skills. Girls are encouraged to bring their own laptops, or sign up to use one of the library's laptops. Advance registration is required, as space is limited. Please call 209-543-7353 for more information.

Free Computer Basics classes will be offered on Thursdays, April 5 and 19 at 10:30 a.m. Advance registration is required; please call 209-543-7315 to sign up.

Teens can join the library's study group on Thursdays, April 5 and 19 at 4:30 p.m. Tables will be reserved for study time, and snacks will be provided.

Ages 13 to 18 are invited to experience virtual gaming technology with the library's Oculus Rift virtual reality headset on Monday, April 9 at 4 p.m. This event will be first come, first served.

The Salida Library Book Club will meet on Tuesday, April 10 at 10 a.m. to discuss *The Martian* by Andy Weir. A limited number of copies will be available for checkout at the library's Circulation Desk. Please call 209-543-7315 for more information.

Preschoolers and toddlers are invited to dance and play on Tuesday, April 10 at 4 p.m. The program will feature shakers, scarves and Story Time music.

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Realtor Cyndy Hackett will lead a workshop for home buyers on Tuesday, April 10 at 6 p.m. Participants will learn about credit score numbers, and how to buy a home with little-to-no money down. Hackett will also share tips on how to get offers accepted.

On Thursday, April 12 at 4 p.m. tweens are invited to place Perler beads into Pokémon patterns to create their favorite characters. Perler beads are colorful plastic beads that fuse together when heat is applied. This craft is designed for ages 9 to 12.

On Saturday, April 14 the library will celebrate Día de los niños/ Día de los libros, or Day of the Child/Day of the Book, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children can enjoy a special bilingual Story Time, crafts, and activities. This year's theme is "Wild About Books." A variety of service organizations will provide information to participants. Each child will receive a free book while supplies last, courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

The Modesto Money Mavens will offer a free couponing class on Saturday, April 14 at 3 p.m. Participants will learn how to find bargains and save money.

Family Dinner and Movie Night will take place on Tuesday, April 17 at 6 p.m. Families are invited to bring a picnic dinner to a showing of the animated film *Coco*. Participants are encouraged to bring a blanket on which to sit, and children may come in pajamas. The library will provide a beverage and popcorn.

Children can build and play with LEGO® bricks on Tuesday, April 24 at 4 p.m. Children under 4 are welcome to participate, however they must have direct parental supervision.

The Salida Tween Book Club will meet on Thursday, April 26 at 4 p.m. The program will feature a discussion of *All's Faire in Middle School* by Victoria Jamieson, as well as games and activities. The Tween Book Club is designed for ages 9 to 12. Please contact the Salida Library at 209-543-7353 to reserve a copy of the graphic novel.

The Salida Library Teen Advisory Board meeting will be held on Saturday, April 28 at 3 p.m. Teens can share their ideas on teen library programs and services, while earning community service credit.

Children's programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Salida Library. The Salida Library is located at 4835 Sisk Road. For more information, please call the Salida Library supervisor, Wayne Philbrook, at 209-543-7353.

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