

New Library Director is on the job

By: Maree Hawkins

In becoming Stanislaus County's new Library Director, Sarah Dentan feels she is coming full circle. From 1996 to 1998 she worked as the Stanislaus County Library Teen Librarian and, although 21 years have passed, it's not hard to imagine that she had a sense of coming home on October 14, her first day on her new job.

Diane McDonnell, Stanislaus County Library Director for five years, retired in September.

Sarah remembers her years in Modesto as filled with opportunities for training and leadership development. So, "When the job (Stanislaus County Library Director) came across my email, I knew I had to apply." She said her thoughts about the position were influenced by knowing Stanislaus County is a great place to work and live and remembering that she had really enjoyed her time outside of work as well.

Before her first stint at the Stanislaus County Library, Dentan earned her Master of Library Science degree from State University of New York at Buffalo. In 1998 she went to work for the Berkeley Public Library for the first time, then moved on to library positions in Sacramento and the United Kingdom. She returned to the Berkeley Library and has worked there for the past eight years. Her library career has been focused on operations, facilities and programming.

As Stanislaus County's Library Director, Dentan oversees 13 library branches and 160 employees. During her first 100 days on the job she plans on gathering information, "and that means listening—to staff, to patrons, to the Friends groups," she says. "I plan to spend time looking at what's working well, where there is friction, and where there are opportunities we have yet to take advantage of. I'll be using what I find out to develop short and long-term action items within the existing strategic plan."

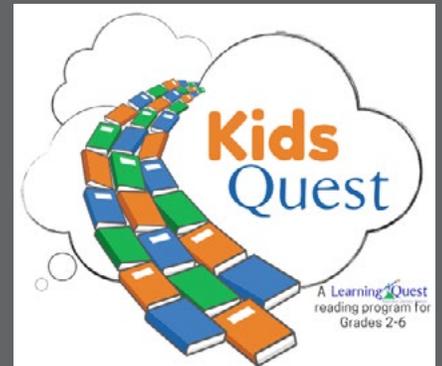
When asked what she would like to accomplish early on, Dentan responded, "In a system as large as ours, every community has different needs and aspirations, and it's going to be important for me to hear about those



first hand by talking to staff and stakeholders. In my experience, that kind of outreach frequently opens up opportunities for collaboration and partnerships, and so I'm also looking forward to developing a roster of potential partners."

Dentan's early observations of our library system include noting that the recent tax measure is an indication of strong community support for the library, which is always a great place to start. She has been impressed by the creative approach the library has taken to programming and outreach, adding that she is particularly excited by the pop-up library services to patrons outside the walls of our traditional spaces, as well as the impressive amount of STEM programming that is going on.

Of Dentan, Stanislaus County Chief Executive Officer Jody Hays said, "She has a passion to provide wonderful library services, many of which are exhibited in the successful service innovations developed in the Berkeley Library system. Some highlights include the implementation of a comprehensive science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education initiative, along with expanding the literacy outreach efforts by working with the Adult and Family Literacy staff and children's librarians to implement an early childhood outreach program using volunteers to benefit the entire community."



FOML gives KidsQuest a boost

Until now, families with children who struggle with dyslexia have had limited options. Many cannot afford the cost of a private tutor, and not all schools are equipped to identify or address the problem.

Now there is a solution. LearningQuest – Stanislaus Literacy Centers – is offering KidsQuest, a FREE program for students in grades 2 – 6 who have dyslexia or other specific language disabilities. Friends of the Modesto Library gave the program a big boost recently by donating \$500 to get the program off the ground.

KidsQuest volunteer tutors meet one-on-one with students in twice-weekly, one-hour sessions using the Barton Reading & Spelling System®. Supervised tutoring takes place at the Modesto library between 3 and 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Tutors are needed immediately. To learn more, please call (209) 672-6641 or visit www.lqslc.com/kidsquest.

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The Friends promotes goodwill and community support for the Modesto Library, stimulates public awareness of Modesto Library needs, and seeks sources of cultural and educational programs for the Modesto Library. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of March, June, September and December and are open to all members or interested individuals.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I know I say it every time, but we Friends have been BUSY! So many wonderful happenings at, around, and for the Library. Among the most exciting of course, is that we recently welcomed Sarah Dentan as our new County Librarian after bidding Diane McDonnell an affectionate farewell. Book



sales, book fairs and other fundraisers are keeping us hopping and if you haven't heard "Jane Austen" in the air, you're just not listening. Details on all these and more are within the pages of this month's newsletter... enjoy, and come join us!

Notice: Change of Location for FOML Dec. Meeting

The Modesto Library will be closed for one week in early December for remodeling of the main floor. As a result, the December meeting of the Friends of the Modesto Library Board of Directors will be changed. For information (209) 527-1867.

Membership Report

By Ellen Dambrosio, Membership Director

A small investment with huge impact! Our members, though small in number for a city our size, help make us mighty by paying annual dues. Membership dues, which account for about 30% of FOML's annual budget, allow us to pay for the items the Modesto Library requests each year.

If you are a current member, please give yourself a pat on the back for your generosity this year to a great cause. And remember—we couldn't support the library the way we do without you.

Last year our membership roster was the largest ever, at 157 members, but 56 have not yet renewed in 2019. If you are among those 56, won't you please take a minute to renew? The membership year ends Dec. 31, but there's no need to wait until the last minute. You can use the membership form in this newsletter (if you are reading the PDF version or a print copy) or pay online.

Help us finish 2019 with more members than 2018. The more we grow, the larger and mightier we can be. And, of course, both the library and the community benefit, too. That's a win-win-win!

Affinity program reminder

Shop and Earn!

Friends of the Modesto Library is enrolled in three fundraising programs, also known as affinity programs. Each generates money for the Friends when you make a purchase. More participants equals more money for the Friends—with no effort on our part. For details about how to sign up or get involved in all of our fundraising activities, go to <http://modestolibraryfriends.org/fundraising-projects/>.

This month's featured affinity program is AmazonSmile



When you shop on AmazonSmile, which offers the identical experience you get at amazon.com, the AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization you select. I hope you'll sign up today at smile.amazon.com and, of course, designate Friends of the Modesto Library as your charitable organization.

Maybe an easier way for you to find and support us is to go to our unique link to shop—<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/77-0038333>; no registration is necessary.

Good news! AmazonSmile is now available in the Amazon Shopping App to all AmazonSmile customers using supported Android devices.

If you have any problem enrolling in, or participating in, AmazonSmile, please do not hesitate to contact Ellen at membership@modestolibraryfriends.org.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Lynn Marcus and Janelle Gray.
We're so glad to have you!

NEW BUSINESS SUPPORTER

Roberts Auto Sales (Dennis Noland).
We appreciate your support!

All Things Jane (Austen, that is)

By: Hillari DeSchane

'If you build it, they will come' is a popular idea borrowed from the movie *Field of Dreams*. Opera Modesto has turned that challenge into, 'If you stage it, they will read it.'

On January 11 and 12, 2020, Opera Modesto debuts its first 'Story Into Song Literacy Initiative' production, Jonathan Dove's *Mansfield Park*, based on Jane Austen's novel of the same name. The opera is the centerpiece of a weekend Jane Austen convention, Modesto JaneCon, featuring lectures and classes on the works of Jane Austen and the culture of Regency England.

The connection between opera and literacy may not be obvious at first glance. "Opera is simply great story set to thrilling music. It's the most primal way to take in the emotion as well as the actions of the characters," says Hillari DeSchane, an Opera Modesto board member and dramaturge. "The audience feels the story. Great opera, like great literature, transcends our superficial differences and emphasizes our shared humanity." DeSchane, an author and educator as well as opera fan, had for many years suggested the opera company consider producing operas based on literary classics, believing previously untapped audiences would try opera for the first time to see the books they knew and loved come to life on stage.

Roy Stevens, who joined Opera Modesto in 2017 as General and Artistic Director, was already aware of the connection between his artform and literacy. "Opera is rooted in the words and music of great masters, often based on the greatest works of literature." Stevens also wanted to refocus the company on its traditional emphases on community engagement and education, especially youth-oriented efforts. In 2018 Opera Modesto inaugurated its Summer Opera Institute [SOI] for teens. The course exposes students to intensive study and training under nationally recognized experts in foreign languages, literature, voice, music, stagecraft, public speaking, and more. "Almost none of the students will go on to become opera singers," acknowledges Stevens. "But each one will take



Opera Modesto artistic consultant and international soprano Annalisa Winberg assists a student in communicating a text to audiences. Photo courtesy Opera Modesto

that experience of intensive study and adults investing in them, through their life." This is no ivory tower endeavor: SOI participants are drawn from all backgrounds, some students excelling despite battling homelessness and serious physical and emotional challenges.

Local government and non-profit agencies battling low literacy and achievement rates have been quick to join in the effort. The Stanislaus County Library, Friends of the Modesto Library, Stanislaus County Schools, Modesto City Schools and LearningQuest are just a



Summer Opera Institute teens join the chorus supporting international tenor Christopher Bengochea in a 2019 production of 'Carmen.' Photo by David Schroeder, courtesy Opera Modesto

few of the early partners. The JaneCon weekend is the culmination of months of reading-related activities for all ages, hosted by the partners. Events range from page-to-film lectures hosted by opera venue The State Theatre, through costumed appearances by Modesto's local 'Becoming Jane Austen Book Club,' to a Jane Austen Escape Room created by the Stanislaus County Library.

"Opera Modesto is engaged in extensive, unexpected community engagement that... promotes our shared interest in the health of the community," Stevens says. That health includes the local business climate. Modesto JaneCon is organized to focus positive attention on downtown Modesto, with all events within walking distance of main venues The State Theatre and the main library. "We're bringing into town hundreds of conferees who will be able to visit our downtown merchants and see what a lively, inviting place Modesto is. We want this to be a win-win-win weekend for everyone involved."

"We're just offering one more tool to the folks who have been working in the trenches for years," DeSchane says. "Stanislaus County has so many people who are quietly working for the good of the community. Opera Modesto is proud to partner with them in the Story Into Song Literacy Initiative."

For more information about ModestoJaneCon featuring Opera Modesto's *Mansfield Park*:

January 11-12, 2020 visit ModestoJaneCon.com or @modestojanecon on Facebook and Instagram

Contact Opera Modesto at 209.523.6426 or operamodesto.org. Tickets available at thestate.org

"Jane" events at the Library

Nov. 14 – Jane Austen Escape Room

Dec. 16 – "Happy Birthday, Jane!"

Jan. 3 – "All Things Jane" book discussion panel and "Mansfield Park" preview

Jan. 11 – JaneCon workshops and speakers and Regency-themed vendor fair

Join the Friends Today!

Friends of the Modesto Library provides funds to enhance the programs and services at the Modesto Library. Dues are paid on a calendar-year basis (Jan. 1-Dec. 31). Please select a membership level and indicate the amount of your donation.

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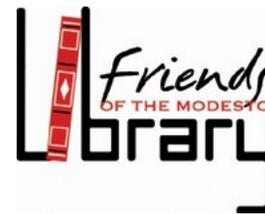
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Reading to a dog has "pawsitive" benefits

By: Maree Hawkins

Reading to a dog! You are probably saying to yourself, "Hmm, dogs and reading don't seem to go together except when snuggling with my dog and reading to myself."



However, libraries all over the country, including those in Stanislaus County, have discovered that a child reading out loud to a dog is an excellent combination. Modesto Library Assistant Elisa McDaniel says the program has "pawsitive" benefits for readers and their families. The program promotes literacy by challenging a young person to read in public and helps the child to associate reading with a fun, cool activity. The activity also gets children and their families to spend some fun time in the library.

Over the last year the Modesto Library has held several Read-to-a-Dog events, including one in early October. Each child who signed up for the program read out loud to a dog in a 15-minute session. Each dog, whose owner also attends, is screened for good behavior. The library works with Sue Barnes from Therapy Dogs Alliance. About six to seven dogs are in rotation at about eight county library branches.

The library helps make it a fun event by providing crafts for children and their families who are waiting for a turn to read. Each child gets a bookmark and goody bag from the Therapy Dogs Alliance. Crafts might include dog origami bookmarks and pom-pom doggies. The Friends of the Modesto Library provides volunteers and some books for giveaways.



PR Documentary Film: "Free for All"

Free for All is a documentary project exploring the history, spirit and challenges of the free public library. With public libraries around the nation (but not ours, thanks to Measure S and a supportive community!) facing drastic budget cuts and even closure, Free for All investigates why so many Americans love their libraries and assesses the high stakes for democracy if public libraries become extinct. Freeforallfilms.org.

Tour Committee Forming

What do the McHenry Museum, the McHenry Mansion, and the Modesto Library have in common? They all offer free tours! The Modesto Library tour offers a behind-the-scenes look at the inner workings of the library. We need some volunteers to form a new committee of docents to coordinate and lead library tours. Want to get involved? Contact Denise Nordell at (209) 527-1867.



Friends host Austen-themed Barnes & Noble Bookfair

Gift Cards available for purchase

Following on the huge success of our spring event, the Friends hosted a second Barnes & Noble bookfair, this one with a Jane Austen theme. Costumed Austen lovers strolled through the store and Story into Song singers serenaded the shoppers. The result? We have plenty of \$25 Barnes & Noble gift cards for purchase for your holiday gift giving. To purchase, call Jonaca Driscoll at (209) 526-8271.

“Library” in any language

Marilyn and Tom Drew shared this article (<https://n.pr/2XpfAHi>) about mobile libraries in Scotland, and it begs the question, how many languages can you say “library” in? How about . . .

French	bibliothèque	German	Bibliothek
Spanish	biblioteca	Hawaiian	hale waihonā puke
Norwegian	bibliotek	Italian	biblioteca
Punjabi	ਲਾਇਬਰੇਰੀ	Zulu	umtapo wolwazi
Albanian	library	Russian	библиотека
Scots Gaelic	leabharlann		

Just for Fun

Enjoy these excerpts from “I Work at a Public Library” by Gina Sheridan.

A woman came into our library, set a stack of movies on the counter and loudly announced:

WOMAN: I have watched all your good movies. Do you have any good books here?

And this . . .

A woman walked up to the desk and asked for the book *The Grape Gatsby*.

WOMAN: They made a couple of movies, too. I don’t know what it’s about, but it sounds kinda fruity.

And finally . . .

A mother and her teenage son needed help finding a book.

MOM: We need a book on dragons.

LIBRARIAN: I think most of those will be in the children’s room but let me check.

MOM: We want a biography of a dragon. No, an autobiography!



Kids Book Sale

When a windfall donation of children’s books came our way, our intrepid Used Book Sale chair, Pat Glattke suggested a mini book sale featuring kids books. On Sept. 7, Pat and her crew staged a 2-for-\$1 sale with great results! FOML earned more than \$600 and a good number of leftover books were given to the Children’s Crisis Center after the sale.



More Books for More Kids – through our Scholastic Book Fair!

You've read the news:

- Reading fluency is important for children to succeed.
- It's never too early to read to a child.
- Brain research highlights the positive impact of reading to a child.
- The more words heard by the time a child enters kindergarten, the better they do.
- Pediatricians are prescribing reading books to children for their health.
- The fewer books in the home, the less success at school.

All of that adds up to why FOML sees a book fair at the library to be not only an event supporting literacy, but also as increasing the well-being of our community at large. Here's how that happens.

"Wish Lists" at the fair allow shoppers to put books into the hands of families who may be struggling to do it on their own. Donations for new books go to agencies that support parents' efforts – groups like Parent Resource Center, LearningQuest, Haven, Hutton House, Children's Crisis Center, Red Shield Center, and Redwood Family Centers. Wish list donors make a tangible difference.

Considering the low literacy rate in Stanislaus county, providing more books for more kids is one avenue to address the issue. We hope our book fair will help. We hope you will too:

- Shop with us November 5-9 at the library.
- Donate for the Wish Lists.

Thank you in advance. See you there!

Anne Britton

Friends of the Modesto Library invites you and your book club to attend...

SAVE THE DATE!

All Things Jane

A program for Jane Austen fans and all readers.

Friday, Jan. 3, 2020

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

At the Modesto Library, downtown Modesto

Join us for a discussion of Jane Austen works and a preview of Opera Modesto's Story Into Song production, "Mansfield Park," coming in January 2020.

Door prizes—Library Tours—Free Admission



Come to our

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!

SNOW MUCH to READ!

NEW BOOKS FOR KIDS AND THE YOUNG AT HEART!

November 5 - 9, 2019

MODESTO LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

online shopping at <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/foml>

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ModestoLibraryFriends.org
 (209) 996-1531

Come see **CLIFFORD the Big Red Dog!**
 Sat. 1:30 p.m.

Congratulations to Anime BookMark Contest Winners Juliana L. (10-13) and Kaori L. (14-18); and Runners-up Sophie O. (10 - 13) and Madelyn F. (14-18)

Anime Day

START?

CONGRATULATIONS

Anime Bookmark Contest Winners and Runners-up!

2019

First Place Winner
Ages 10-13 Category
Juliana L.

First Place Winner
Ages 14-18 Category
Kaori L.

CONGRATULATIONS

Runner-up
Ages 10-13 Category
Sophie O.

Runner-up
Ages 14-18 Category
Madelyn F.

EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2019

November Regular Programs

LEGO Play - Wednesdays, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Wiggle Worms - Mondays & Tuesdays 10:15 & 11:15

Preschool Story Time - Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.

Bilingual Story Time - Thursdays, 6:15 p.m.

Bilingual Story Time - Saturdays, 10:15 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 2 - 10:15 -11:15 a.m.

Halloween Bilingual Story Time & Craft.

Listen to some not-so-spooky stories then stay for a "Día de Los Muertos" themed craft. Costumes are encouraged but not required.

Scholastic Book Fair November 5 - 9

Hosted by Friends of the Modesto Library. Low-cost, high-quality new books for children and teens, as well as books of interest for parents -- and grandparents!

November 5 - 9

Story Times Under Ryan's Reading Tree

Nestle under Ryan's Reading Tree in the Children's Room for Wiggle Worms, Preschool Story Time and Bilingual Story Time -- your usual story time in a special place!

Tuesday, Nov. 5 - 4:30pm.

Teen Health and Wellness: Positive Self-Talk

First in a new monthly series of Teen Health and Wellness programs will focus on positive self-talk. Local teen Avni Parmar will lead a journaling session surrounding this month's theme. All material will be provided. Teens will meet in the Teen Area.

Thursday, Nov. 7 – 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Game Day

Get your game on! Bring the family and play Jenga, dominos, and more! Ginormous fun? You bet! In the Children's Dept.

Friday, Nov. 8 – all day

Coloring Day

Add some color to your world. All ages can join us to unwind and have fun in a comfortable environment. Crayons and a variety of artistic designs will be available. In the Children's Room.

Saturday Nov. 9, 1:30 p.m.

Clifford the Big Red Dog

The beloved costume character will visit the Scholastic Book Fair. Bring Grandma and Grandpa for this photo opportunity for the whole family.



Monday, Nov. 11

LIBRARY CLOSED in observance of Veterans Day

Tuesday, Nov. 12 - 6:15 p.m.

Family Story Time

A teacher from Village Yoga will join us to share some asanas poses as well as help us read the book Sleepy Little Yoga by Rebecca Whitford and Martina Selway. You will receive a mandala to take home and color.

Wednesday, Nov. 13 - 6:30-7:30 p.m.

MoST Poetry Book Club

Quarterly poetry book club sponsored by the Modesto-Stanislaus Poetry Center and the Friends of the Modesto Library. We will be discussing the book Blind Spot by Teju Cole. Pick up a copy of the book at the Modesto Library Reference Desk while supplies last.

Thursday, Nov. 14 - 5 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Escaping Jane: Jane Austen Escape Room

You have been hired to test the security at a Jane Austen exhibit. The task: escape from the museum with one of Jane Austen's manuscripts before getting caught by security. The 5 p.m. session is exclusively for ages 13 - 18. The 6:30 p.m. session is intended for ages 18 and up. Registration is required. Sign-ups begin Nov. 1 at (209) 558-7810. Participants may only register for one session. In partnership with the Becoming Jane Austen Book Club and Jane Con. Modesto Library Conference Room.

Monday, Nov. 18 - 3:30 p.m.

TEEN Game Day: Oculus Rift

Virtual Reality gear will be available for ages 13 & up in the Teen Zone.

Thursday, Nov. 21 - 1:30 p.m.

Medicare Basics

Healthcare advisor Denise Cagle will discuss basic information regarding Medicare including qualifications for enrollment eligibility, Medicare supplements, and more.

Friday, Nov. 22 - 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

DIY Kids: Finger Knitting

Make a mini-loom using a paper roll, popsicle sticks, a bit of glue and tape. Then learn how to use the loom to create a bracelet using the French Knitting technique. Children must be supervised by a parent or guardian. Ideal for ages 8+. In the Children's Room.

November 25

Hogwarts Yule Ball Sign Ups

Tickets for December 13 become available while supplies last. Call 558-7810 for information.

Thursday & Friday, Nov. 28 & 29

LIBRARY CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER 2019

Regular Story Times are ON BREAK and will resume on January 6.

Thursday, Dec. 5 - 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Game Day

Get your game on! Bring the family and play Jenga, dominos, and more! Ginormous fun? You bet! In the Children's Dept.

Tuesday, Dec. 10 - 6:15 p.m.

Glow-in-the-dark Story Time

It's dark outside but we'll light up the auditorium with stories that glow!

Wednesday, Dec. 11 - 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

LEGO® Play

Children will have the opportunity to build LEGO® displays for the library. LEGO® play helps children develop fine motor skills. Children under 4 are welcome with direct adult supervision. LEGO® is a trademark of the LEGO Group of companies.

Friday, Dec. 13 all day

Coloring Day

Add some color to your world! All ages can join us to unwind and have fun in a comfortable environment. Crayons and a variety of artistic designs will be available! In the Children's Room.

Friday, Dec. 13, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Hogwarts Yule Ball

Enjoy a magic filled evening of crafts, dancing, snacks, and activities inspired by the Harry Potter books. This special after-hours family friendly event is most suitable for Hogwarts aged students (11 - 19) but siblings, parents, and fans of all ages are welcome! Free tickets required to attend. Call 558-7810 for more information.

Saturday, Dec. 14 - 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Scrapbooking Fun

Open to scrapbookers of all levels. Some materials will be provided but you are encouraged to bring your own. This program occurs regularly; drop in at any time. Prizes at every meeting.

Monday, Dec. 16 - 3:30 p.m.

TEEN Game Day: Oculus Rift

Virtual Reality gear will be available for ages 13 & up in the Teen Zone.

Monday, Dec. 16 – 6 - 7 p.m.

"Happy Birthday, Jane!"

We're celebrating author Jane Austen's birthday! Join us for interactive fun and refreshments.

Wednesday, Dec. 18 - 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

LEGO® Play

LEGO® play helps children develop fine motor skills. Children under 4 are welcome with direct adult supervision. LEGO® is a trademark of the LEGO Group of companies.

Tuesday, Dec. 24 & Wednesday, Dec. 25

LIBRARY CLOSED for Christmas Holidays

Friday, Dec. 27 - 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

DIY KIDS: Quilling

Materials will be provided for children to make winter cards using quilling tools, Q-tips, and chopsticks. Come and enjoy this fascinating paper art! In the Children's Room.

Tuesday, December 31

LIBRARY CLOSING at 5 p.m.



JANUARY 2020

January Regular Programs:

LEGO Play - Wednesdays, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Game Day - First Thursday, 3:30 pm

Coloring Day - Second Friday during open hours

DIY Kids! - Fourth Friday, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Family Book Club - Last Friday 4 p.m.

****NEW Teen Programs coming soon****

Wednesday, Jan. 1

CLOSED for New Years

January 6

Story Times RESUME

Saturday, Jan. 18 - 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Scrapbooking Fun

Stop by the Modesto Library to learn about and practice scrapbooking. Prizes at every meeting.

Saturday, Jan. 25 - 1 - 3 p.m.

Read-to-a-Dog & Authors

It will be a very special Read-to-a-Dog this month. Kids can read to a certified Therapy dog and some special "doggie" authors will be joining us to share their stories as well! Maricela Rocha, author of Chikis the Chihuahua, Major Mitchell, author of I'm Molly, and Erynn Lucas, author of Carson's Story, will read to you while you wait to read to a dog. For independent readers up to age 12 to practice reading.

All programs are in the Modesto Library Auditorium, unless stated otherwise. Dates are subject to change. More programs to be announced. Please check the Stanislaus County Library's website at www.stanislauslibrary.org and click on Events and Classes for information.

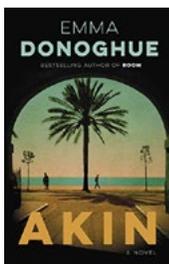
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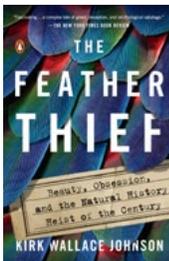


WHAT ARE YOU READING?



***Akin* by Emma Donoghue**

"My favorite author? That's hard because I like different authors for different things. But Emma Donoghue has never let me down, and I'm really excited to read her new book, *Akin*." – Sarah Dentan, County Librarian



***The Feather Thief: Beauty, Obsession, and the Natural History Heist of the Century* by Kirk Wallace Johnson**

A true crime outline of the theft of scientifically invaluable bird specimens, some collected by Alfred Russell Wallace on his quest for the answer to the origin of species. Stolen for use in salmon fly-fishing! – Anne Britton