



## STANISLAUS COUNTY LIBRARY

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### January Events at the Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library

All ages are invited to take part in free programs at the Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library this January, beginning with the Great Valley Museum's "Weather, Clouds and Water" program on Tuesday, Jan. 3 at 4:30 p.m. Children will learn to identify different types of clouds, witness the effects of wind, see a cloud form, and touch lightning. This program is designed for children in kindergarten through 5th grade, however all ages are welcome.

"Wee Move and Play" will be held on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 4 p.m. This program features unstructured play time, during which toddlers and preschoolers can enjoy music, movement and sensory play.

Free Computer Basics classes will be offered on Thursdays, Jan. 5 and 19 at 10:30 a.m. Participants will be introduced to the parts of a computer, receive a tour of Windows, and learn simple tasks. Advance registration is required; please call (209) 543-7315 to sign up.

The Salida Library Book Club will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 10 a.m. to discuss *When the Emperor was Divine* by Julie Otsuka. Interested parties can visit the library's circulation desk to take advantage of the copies available for checkout, though please note that supplies are limited. Call Isabel at (209) 284-2327 for more information.

Tweens are invited to test their skills on the Nintendo Wii at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 12. Participants can enjoy games such as Super Smash Brothers and Mario Kart. This program is designed for ages 9 to 12.

The Modesto Money Mavens will host a free couponing class on Saturday, Jan. 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, Jan. 17 at 6 p.m. Families are invited to bring a picnic dinner to a showing of the film *Finding Dory*. 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.

The library will offer a Tech Connect class on Saturday, Jan. 21 at 1:30 p.m. Participants will learn how to use the library website and download apps to access the library's eBooks (Cloud Library), eMagazines (Zinio), digital audiobooks (Hoopla), and online language learning program (Mango Languages.)

Children can build and play with LEGOs on Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 4 p.m. LEGO play helps children develop fine motor skills. Children under 4 are welcome to participate, however they must have direct parental supervision.

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The Salida Tween Book Club will meet on Thursday, Jan. 26 at 4 p.m. This month's program will feature a discussion of the graphic novel *Roller Girl* 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 *Roller Girl*.

Children are invited to take part in a Chinese New Year-themed STEAM\* program on Tuesday, Jan. 31 at 4 p.m. (\* Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) Participants can enjoy stories and STEAM art activities, including a dragon puppet craft, coloring dragon masks, and painting Chinese fans.

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's branch supervisor, Carol Blomquist, at (209) 543-7353.

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