

## The Magic Happens Here

By: Maree Hawkins

The Children's Department at the Modesto Library is a magical place that encourages young visitors to love books and the library. Everything is designed to welcome children and parents, help them discover a love of books and the joy of reading, and keep the library on a family list of "go to destinations."

The welcoming staff and the cheerful décor will put a smile on your face. Children naturally gravitate to Ryan's Reading Tree and make themselves comfortable on the kid-sized chairs, benches and cushions... and the floor, of course!

Large, lettered signs lead the way to picture books, non-fiction, beginning readers, and children's fiction series. Books are displayed on top of the cases, especially in the picture book area, to entice children and their parents to sit down at one of the many small tables and chairs to read. This Children's Department also offers puzzles, small toys, and even a play stove to engage children. If you happen to visit the room, you'll probably hear at least one child plead, "But I don't want to go home!"

It is a very lively place on many days, especially just before and after the Wiggle Worms story hour. I visited the Wiggle Worms story time and quickly learned that adults enjoy it as well. Storyteller Brian Lillie is singing and enthusiastically making arm and finger movements to go along with the song as the program gets under way. Forty to 50 people are in the auditorium: moms, dads, and grandparents along with the children. Most of the children have obviously attended before since they join in easily in songs and finger plays. Brian



performs two books, several songs and finger plays, plus bubbles at the end. Repetition is important to learning, so many of the songs are sung twice. All have lots of movement. Most of the children are very participatory; others will sit and watch. Brian says whatever works for the child is perfect. "One day they'll be ready," he adds. The stories, songs, and rhymes help develop a young child's vocabulary, and rhythm activities increase motor skills. One parent shared that she felt her 3-year-old child was really learning how to listen and participate by attending story time.

The Modesto Library usually offers six story times each week (see descriptions), plus other children's activities such as clay model magic, dinosaurs, and prehistoric life. Each story time program is designed to help youngsters love books, learn vocabulary, and develop listening and motor skills.

*(Continued on Page 2)*

## STORY TIMES AT THE MODESTO LIBRARY

### Wiggle Worms – 3 and under

Enjoy storybooks, lap bounces, music, dancing, rhythm activities, finger plays and more at this special program for babies, active toddlers, and adult caregivers. (20 minutes)

What is your child learning? Stories, songs and rhymes help develop a young child's vocabulary, and rhythm activities increase motor skills.

### Preschool Story Time: All libraries

New and classic picture books, flannel board and puppet stories, fingerplays, music and dancing, all for preschoolers aged 3-5 and their caregivers. (30 minutes)

What is your child learning? Preschoolers who learn to love books and stories will be more successful readers. Story Time participation also promotes listening and motor skills.

### Bilingual Story Time: Modesto and Riverbank

Spanish/English picture books, flannel board and puppet stories, fingerplays, music and dancing for all children and their caregivers, particularly geared for ages 3-6. (30 minutes)

What is your child learning? Preschoolers exposed to a second language improve their chances of becoming fully bilingual. Story Time promotes love of reading, listening and motor skills.

This newsletter is published quarterly by the Friends of the Modesto Library. Copies may be requested by emailing [info@modestolibraryfriends.org](mailto:info@modestolibraryfriends.org). The Friends of the Modesto Library is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit registered in California. All contributions are tax-deductible as allowed by law. (ID#77-0038333)

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.

**Mail:**  
FOML  
P.O. Box 4565  
Modesto, CA 95352-4565

**Online:**  
[ModestoLibraryFriends.org](http://ModestoLibraryFriends.org)

**Board of Directors 2019-2020 Officers**  
**President:** Denise Nordell  
**Vice President:** Pat Glattke  
**Secretary:** Anne Britton  
**Treasurer:** Jonaca Driscoll

**Directors**  
Christine Brereton  
Candace Brody  
Ellen Dambrosio  
Marilyn Drew  
Jean Haven  
Maree Hawkins  
Pam Pallios  
Cathie Peck  
Carmen Pedrioli  
Beverly Schlegel

**Newsletter Layout:**  
Dee DiDomenico

**Many thanks to**  
**ditto**  
**for printing our**  
**newsletter**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Some of my friends have commented that instead of “resolutions,” which can easily be broken or forgotten, they were setting new year “goals” this year instead. At the Friends of the Modesto Library board of directors meeting in December, I shared my personal goals for 2020 and encouraged my fellow board members to do the same. Here they are:

Friends of the Modesto Library New Year’s Resolutions

1. Invite 1 new business to join FOML
2. Invite 2 new members to join
3. Cultivate 1 new board member

4. Be alert to opportunities to speak publicly about FOML



Perhaps by saying them out loud and seeing them in print, I will be more apt to stick to these worthy goals. You, my friends, can help by reminding me about them when you see me. Here’s to a great 2020!

Also, plans are moving forward for the Friends annual membership meeting on March 4. It promises to be both



*interesting and informative. Modesto Bee reporter and pediatrician ChrisAnna Mink will be our guest and will speak about the importance of reading in treating trauma in children. Look for details inside. I hope to see you there!*

– Denise Nordell



### Modesto Library Children’s Department Staff:

- **Michele Machado**  
Children’s Librarian, Library Assistant Supervisor, Summer Reading Coordinator, Storytime Performer
- **Kelly Ferrini**  
Children’s Librarian, Children’s material selector
- **Christin Hutsell**  
Children’s Librarian, All-Kids Craft Fair Coordinator, Storytime Performer
- **Amber O’Brien-VerHulst**  
Library Assistant, Dia coordinator, Storytime Performer
- **Brian Lillie**  
Library Assistant, Storytime Performer, Performer coordinator
- **Angelica Ruiz Mate**  
Bilingual Library Assistant



(Continued from cover)

On the day I visited, Children’s Librarian Christin Hutsell and volunteer Anne Britton were busy at the desk. Britton, a Friend of the Modesto Library board member, has volunteered several hours a week in the Children’s Department for the last 18 years. She is a retired librarian and says that helping out is a great way to get her “kid fix;” plus, she gets the latest book info to pass on to her three granddaughters.

Hutsell, a Children’s Librarian for three years, loves presenting story times and programs and says getting to read new children’s books is definitely a bonus. She adds that the most requested books from the younger set these days are books from two series: Dog Man and Wimpy Kid. Britton commented that in the last 10 years graphic novels have really emerged, with new books as well as older books being turned into graphic novels. She feels graphic novels are a good addition since children who don’t yet like to read will often be interested in a graphic novel.

### A look ahead

Chris Moreno, Modesto Library Supervisor, says that, thanks to the Friends of the Modesto Library, new lounge chairs for the toddler area and new pre-school size stools and chairs will be purchased. A full-time Spanish Bilingual Library Assistant was hired in January. And staff will be prepping for the next big program on April 16: Día de los niños/día de los libros. Día connects children and families to diverse books, languages, and cultures and emphasizes the importance of literacy.

## 1000 BOOKS

The Library participates in the countywide 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program. In this program, parents pledge to read 1,000 books to their children before they enter kindergarten. The program currently has over 450 families signed up at the Modesto branch alone.

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

### New Year; Lots of New Members

That's the plan. But, first, let's get all our 2019 members renewed. I'm excited that 50 members have already paid dues for 2020! If you are one of them—thank you. If you are not, I hope you'll keep reading.

To renew your membership, go to our website (<https://modestolibraryfriends.org>) and select the tab JOIN US. Pay online with PayPal or choose "offline donation" to complete only the membership form online and then mail us a check. It's that easy to make a difference in your community.

If you prefer, you can complete the membership form in this newsletter and mail it with your check. Either way, you're doing a great thing. Thank you for your ongoing support.

### WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

- Lorrie Freitas
- Dianne Heaston Merenda
- Marisol, Hyacinth, and Steven O'Connor

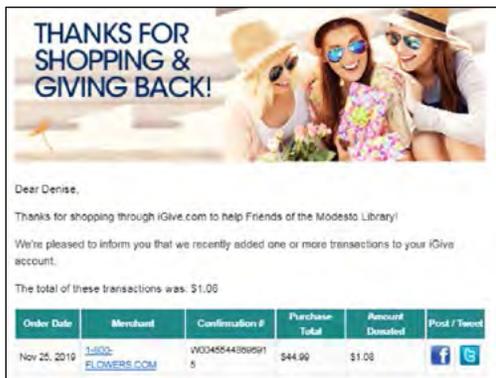
We're so glad to have you!

### Happy to get emails like these

With so much junk, spam and trash in my inbox, it's nice to receive emails like these, notifying me that my online shopping has benefited Friends of the Modesto Library.

Your inbox can be a happy place, too! Just follow **Ellen's Excellent Instructions** in this article to get started with iGive.

– Denise Nordell, President, Friends of the Modesto Library



## IN MEMORIAM

In memory of Jean Wallen Hannah by Jonaca and Bill Driscoll; Susan and Chad Hannah; Marie and George Bairey; Judy and Jay Pierce; Ellen and Mike Dambrosio; and R. J. Moriconi.

In memory of Diane Sutter by her book club.

### Need a gift idea?

Not sure what to get a friend or family member for their birthday or other special occasion? How about a Friends of the Modesto Library membership? For as little as \$25 you can show your loved ones they are important to you, while simultaneously growing the Friends' membership and coffers. With more Friends and more money, we can do more for our beloved library.

### Ellen's Excellent Instructions

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 from a participating store. More participants equals more money for the Friends. For details about how to sign up or get involved in all our fundraising activities, go to <https://modestolibraryfriends.org/fundraising-projects/>.

Allow me to highlight one program this month –



Shop at any of 2,400 online stores. It's fast and automatic with the iGive Button, the iPhone/iPad or Android app, or simply using their site to visit stores. You never pay more. And iGive always show you how much you're raising before you make your purchase.

Just about anything you buy counts. Donations range from .5% (e.g. computers) to over 20%, varying by store. A typical shopper raises over \$100/year.

Sign up today at our unique link which will automatically designate Friends of the Modesto Library as your charitable organization.

– Ellen Dambrosio, Membership Director

## Mark your calendar for the Friends' Annual Meeting

The Friends of the Modesto Library general membership meeting will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4 in the library auditorium. Our guest speaker will be Dr. ChrisAnna Mink, the child health reporter at The Modesto Bee. For the previous two decades, she was a practicing pediatrician at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center in south Los Angeles County, primarily caring for an underserved population.



Dr. Chris Anna Mink

In caring for the disadvantaged children, she started writing about their health, social and educational needs. In 2015, she left full-time medicine to pursue a master's degree in journalism at the USC Annenberg School of Communication and Journalism to enhance her writing skills for the public. She joined The Modesto Bee in June 2019 as part of the Report for America Corps.

In her talk, "Reading Helps Children Cope with Stress," Dr. Mink will discuss recent research about dealing with adverse childhood experiences, ACEs, including the role of reading.

# Muggles and Wizards Gather for Annual Yule Ball

The annual Hogwarts Yule Ball has become a favorite library event for Harry Potter fans. This year, Friends members including board vice president Pat Glattke volunteered to help behind the scenes. Pat shared her experiences with us.

Children's Librarian Amber O'Brien-VerHulst invited FOML members to help at the Yule Ball, working alongside a large number of staff and volunteers to put on this major event. Friends of the Modesto Library board members Beverly Schlegel, Ellen Dambrosio and I were eager to participate. First, Amber escorted us into the costume area where we were given choices on our costumes. We chose to be the Potion Masters (although we were much more kind than Professor Snape!).

As soon as the Library closed at 5 p.m., we gathered up all of the various decorations and proceeded to decorate the main area of the Library (blocking off the stacks to keep all wee

“The night was filled with magic...”

ones in check) and the Children's Section. It had the same majesty as the Great Hall itself.

Our area for “potions” started with a cauldron of foaming dry ice. Participants picked up a small tube of bubble juice, stopped for various glitters of their choosing, went on to more filler and then added a yarn necklace so they could blow tiny bubbles as they continued on their exploration of all things Hogwarts.

The sorting hat decided which house the parents and the children would belong to: Gryffindor, Slytherin, Ravenclaw or Hufflepuff. Many attendees had full regalia for their chosen roles. They were treated to pizza thanks to Round Table's Lincoln School location.

The night was filled with magic; plan on it for next year! – Pat Glattke, Vice President



# Library Honored for its Recycling Efforts

Each year the city of Modesto honors local businesses, schools and organizations for their waste reduction efforts, innovations in recycling and ongoing commitment to make their businesses green and sustainable. Stanislaus County Library was recognized among Large Businesses (over 100 employees). "It's wonderful to be recognized!" said Library Director Sarah Dentan. "Re-use is central to the library's business model – individual books are read by scores of readers, and it's not unusual for popular DVDs to circulate 150 times or more. It only makes sense to repurpose and recycle materials once we're done with them." In part, the commendation reads, "Behind the scenes, library staff recycle large amounts of cardboard weekly. When books are removed from the library's collections, they are sold in a used book sale. Books that are beyond repair are recycled, as well as plastic and aluminum. In addition, with grant funding from Modesto and Turlock irrigation districts, they purchased energy meters that can be checked out by library customers to learn about their own energy usage and how best to save on their energy costs."



## Library Staff Pick Their "Top Ten of the Past Ten"

When the idea for a "Staff Picks from the '10s" list was brought up during a Library Social Media Committee meeting, Ceres librarian Megan Mizuno volunteered to spearhead the project, and reached out to all library staff via email asking for people to send their favorite books of the last decade. Responses came from branches and departments across the county library system and resulted in a list of over fifty books.

Staff favorites included fiction and nonfiction titles encompassing a wide variety of genres and topics. "It was really fun and interesting to see all the different responses, and I'm happy that so many staff members were excited to share their top picks. It is quite a well-rounded list!" Megan said about her involvement in compiling the list.

Some popular titles given by multiple staff members include: All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr; Becoming by Michelle Obama; Educated by Tara Westover; Eleanor & Park by Rainbow Rowell; Ready Player One by Ernest Cline; Scythe by Neal Shusterman; and Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption by Laura Hillenbrand. The complete list can be found on the Stanislaus County Library Facebook and Instagram accounts.

## Reader Favorites

Can you guess the most-circulated Stanislaus County Library books of the last decade in these categories?

1. Adult fiction
2. Adult nonfiction
3. Children's
4. Young Adult

See the answers on page 6

## 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.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for giving us your email. It reduces our expenses and lets us keep in touch.

We publish the names of new members in our quarterly newsletter. If you prefer your name NOT be printed, please check this box .

Join FOML:

New Member     Renewing Member

Returning Member

Sign me up for

Reader (\$25 - \$49)    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Storyteller (\$50 - \$99)    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Novelist (\$100 - \$249)    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Bestseller (\$250 - \$499)    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Classic (\$500 - \$999)    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Epic (\$1,000 and above)    \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Method of payment:  cash     check # \_\_\_\_\_

If paying by check, make payable to FOML. Provide information on form, then mail to:

Friends of the Modesto Library

PO Box 4565

Modesto, CA 95352-4565

You can also go to [modestolibraryfriends.org](http://modestolibraryfriends.org) and select JOIN US to pay with PayPal or a credit card.

## More quotes from "I Work at a Public Library" \*

### From Chapter 3 under the heading, "Titles, Questionable Book"

What follows is a list of incorrect book titles library patrons have requested:

- **Catcher in the Wind**
- **Catch 22 in the Rye**
- **Dom Quicks-olay**
- **Gullible's Travels**
- **Fifty Shades of Grey's Anatomy**
- **How to Kill a Mockingbird**
- **The Girl with the Lizard Tattoo**
- **The Attic of Anne Frank**
- **The Diary of Aunt Frank**
- **Lord of the Flies by Tolkien**
- **The Hungry Games**
- **The Lively Bones**

*\*I Work at a Public Library: A Collection of Crazy Stories from the Stacks by Gina Sheridan, is available at the library.*

## Staff picks – answers

Most-circulated library books (from page 5)

1. Adult Fiction: *Fifty Shades of Grey* by E.L. James
2. Adult Nonfiction: *Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue*
3. Children's: *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss
4. Young Adult: *Mockingjay* by Suzanne Collins



## New Chromebooks

The library has acquired 52 Chromebooks for in-library use by library customers. Most of the computers were provided by grants and will help address the need for more computers, which are in high demand at all libraries. The Chromebooks were rolled out in Modesto in December and will soon be available at all branches. Modesto customers may check them out at the service desk. Like all library information and materials, they may be borrowed free of charge.



## Help Wanted: Photographer

Do you love the library? OK, sorry, that was a trick question. We ALL love the library! Are you a skilled or improving photographer? We need a volunteer events photographer – someone who can be assigned to take pictures at FOML events and FOML-sponsored library programs so we can tell a visual story of all the things we do to support the library. Interested? Give us a ring at (209) 765-6388.



## All Things Jane... The End

If you haven't seen, heard or experienced Jane Austen in the last few months, you must have had your head buried in a book by a different author. It seems the whole town boarded the Jane Train, and the Friends of the Modesto Library had seats right up front!

Our Barnes & Noble fundraiser (a \$1,000 success!) had a Jane Austen theme, with costumed guests and musical interludes by Opera Modesto singers. The Friends sponsored Jane Austen Escape Rooms at the library in November and "Happy Birthday, Jane!" in December. Our big event was "All Things Jane" on Jan. 3 which featured a panel discussion with the library staff's own Janeophiles, Michele Machado and Laura Ferrell, a spirited game of "Marry, Date, or Dump" and a preview of Modesto Opera's Story Into Song performance of "Mansfield Park."

With the help of many community partners, Opera Modesto produced two days of talks and workshops in addition to two performances of the opera 'Mansfield Park.' The company also held free performances for schools, home schools and adult students. "Just judging by the smiles and enthusiasm I saw in every session, JaneCon was a success," said event Co-chair Hillari DeSchane, an Opera Modesto board member.

Opera Modesto's Story Into Song Literacy Initiative is intended to provide educators with an additional tool for encouraging students of all ages to engage with great works of literature by presenting opera versions. Next season's offerings are opera versions of Cervantes' "Don Quixote de La Mancha" and Anaya's "Bless Me, Ultima."

# MODESTO LIBRARY EVENTS – February/March/April 2020

## FEBRUARY

**Feb. 1 - 29**

### Random Reads!

Take a chance on one of the mysteriously wrapped staff selections and read randomly this month!

**Thursday, Feb. 6, 3:30 p.m.**

### Game Day

Get your game on! Bring the family and play giant versions of Jenga, dominos, and more! Ginormous fun? You bet! Children under 4 are welcome, but must have direct adult supervision.

**Feb. 10-15**

### Mo Willems Week!

Celebrate author Mo Willems! Mo Stories = Mo fun in the Children's Room.

**Monday, Feb. 10, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

### Whine and Chocolate

Adults and teens, let off a little steam before Valentine's Day with a little chocolate and a little whining. Enjoy a variety of chocolates while writing out your thoughts on dissolvable paper. Place your paper in water and watch your problems disappear. No sign-ups required. Drop-ins welcome.



**Tuesday, Feb. 11, 6:15 p.m.**

### Family Story Time: Elephant & Piggie & Pigeon, oh my!

Enjoy stories about Gerald & Piggie and (of course) the Pigeon! Stick around for a craft. Check out the Children's Room for even more fun.

**Thursday, Feb. 13, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

### Veterans Pathway to Citizenship Workshop

Veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces may be eligible for expedited citizenship due to their military service. The CalVet Minority Veterans Division has partnered with California Human Development and the Stanislaus County Library to provide free legal assistance to veterans seeking citizenship and/or naturalization services. Additionally, veterans will have the opportunity to learn about state and federal benefits they have earned. Registration is encouraged by visiting <https://conta.cc/2rV5fCW>. Call (209)558-7814 for more information.

**Friday, Feb., 14, Open hours**

### Modesto Coloring Day

All ages can join us to unwind and have fun in a comfortable environment. Colored pencils, crayons, and a variety of artistic designs will be available at the Children's Information Desk. Coloring Day All Day!



**Friday, Feb. 14, 3:30 p.m.**

### Great Valley Museum: Magical Magnets

Discover this mysterious invisible force that can both repel and attract other objects. Learn about magnetic properties through hands-on experiments. Includes making an electromagnet. Designed for 2nd grade and up! Presented by Great Valley Museum and sponsored by Friends of the Modesto Library.

**Monday, Feb. 17**

### CLOSED for Presidents' Day

**Tuesday, Feb. 18, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.**

### Modesto Teen Tuesday

Hey teens! Looking for a place to hang out? Want to try something new? We've got you covered. Come hang out at our NEW Teen Tuesday program held once a month. Every Teen Tuesday we'll "Switch" up the activities. See ya there! Sponsored by Friends of the Modesto Library.

**Friday, Feb. 21, 3:30 p.m.**

### EcoLearn: Animals & Environments

Learn about our environment in a new series of programs! Over the next four months, the EPA will present a series of environmental enrichment activities for students in preschool through fifth grade. This month we will learn about animals & environments. This program follows Second Grade Common Core Standards, as well as Next Generation Science Standards, but younger and older grades are welcome to attend. Presented by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**Monday, Feb. 24, 4 p.m.**

### Teen Health and Wellness: New Year's Resolutions

Teens, join us for a monthly series of Teen Health and Wellness programs at the Modesto Library. February's program will focus on resolutions for the New Year. Local teen Avni Parmar will lead a session to help learn about making and keeping your fitness and nutrition goals. Teens will meet in the Teen Area.

**Tuesday, Feb. 25, 4 p.m.**

### World of Wonky Felt

Families are invited to join us for a special program with Sara Lytle-Pinhey, felt extraordinaire and creator of Wonky Felt! Learn all about Sara's amazing creations and then make your own felt board with felt pieces. All materials will be provided. Sign-ups are requested by registering through the library's online calendar or by calling (209)558-7814.

**Thursday, Feb. 27, 4 p.m.**

### Modesto Family Book Club

Come together for a fun family read-aloud and discussion on the last Thursday of every month! Families read the book together at home and then join us at the library for a discussion and related activity. Stick around after the discussion for a fun activity! Sponsored by Friends of the Modesto Library. In the Children's Room.

**Friday, Feb. 28, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

### DIY Kids: Automatic Drawing

This month at DIY Kids, learn a little about Surrealist Art and make your own unique drawing using techniques from the art movement. Materials will be provided. Children must be supervised by a parent or guardian. Ideal for ages 8+. Children's Room, under the Tree.

## MARCH

**Monday, March 2**

### Dr. Seuss Day

Check in the Children's Room to see how we celebrate!

**Wednesday, March 4, 5:30 p.m.**

### Friends of the Modesto Library Annual Meeting

The year in review and election of officers will be followed by Dr. ChrisAnna Mink discussing how "Reading Helps Children Develop and Cope with Stress."

**Thursday, March 5, 3:30 p.m.**

### Game Day

Get your game on! Bring the family and play giant versions of Jenga, dominos, and more! Ginormous fun? You bet! Children under 4 are welcome, but must have direct adult supervision.

**Tuesday, March 10, 6:15 p.m.**

### Family Story Time

Bring the whole family for an evening Story Time, followed by a fun activity.

**Friday, March 13, Open hours**

### Modesto Coloring Day

All ages can join us to unwind and have fun in a comfortable environment. Colored pencils, crayons, and a variety of artistic designs will be available at the Children's Information Desk. Coloring Day All Day!



**Tuesday, March 17, 3:30 p.m.**

### Great Valley Museum: Lights and Rainbows

This discovery program is presented by Great Valley Museum and sponsored by Friends of the Modesto Library. Call Children's Room at 558-7810 for more information.

**Tuesday, March 17, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.**

### Modesto Teen Tuesday

Come hang out at our NEW Teen Tuesday program held once a month. Every Teen Tuesday we'll "Switch" up the activities. See ya there! Sponsored by Friends of the Modesto Library. Teen Area.

**Friday, March 20, 3:30 p.m.**

### EcoLearn: Energy

Learn about our environment with the EPA. Includes environmental enrichment activities for students in preschool through fifth grade. This program follows Second Grade Common Core Standards, as well as Next Generation Science Standards, but younger and older grades are welcome to attend. Presented by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**Thursday, March 26, 4 p.m.**

### Modesto Family Book Club

Come together for a fun family read-aloud and discussion on the last Thursday of every month! Families read the book together at home and then join us at the library for a discussion and related activity. Stick around after the discussion for a fun activity! Sponsored by Friends of the Modesto Library. In the Children's Room.

**Friday, March 27, 3:30 p.m.**

### DIY Kids

[Check with Children's Rooms for details.]

**March 27-31**

### Regular story times ON BREAK.

Lego Play continues, however. Story times resume April 27.

## APRIL

**April 1-25**

### Regular story times ON BREAK.

Resume April 27.

**Thursday, April 4, 3:30 p.m.**

### Game Day

Get your game on! Bring the family and play giant versions of Jenga, dominos, and more! Ginormous fun? You bet! Children under 4 are welcome, but must have direct adult supervision.

**Tuesday, April 7, 4 p.m.**

### Unicorn Story Time!

[Check with Children's Rooms for details.]

**Thursday, April 9, 4 p.m.**

### Activated Story Theatre

[Check with Children's Rooms for details.]

**Friday, April 9, Open hours**

### Modesto Coloring Day

All ages can join us to unwind and have fun in a comfortable environment. Colored pencils, crayons, and a variety of artistic designs will be available at the Children's Information Desk. Coloring Day All Day!



**Friday, April 17, 3:30 p.m.**

### EcoLearn: Marine Debris

Learn about our environment with the EPA. Includes environmental enrichment activities for students in preschool through fifth grade. This program follows Second Grade Common Core Standards, as well as Next Generation Science Standards, but younger and older grades are welcome to attend. Presented by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**Tuesday, April 21, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.**

### Modesto Teen Tuesday: Nintendo Switch

Hey teens! Looking for a place to hang out? Want to try something new? We've got you covered. Come hang out at our NEW Teen Tuesday program held once a month. Every Teen Tuesday we'll "Switch" up the activities. See ya there! Sponsored by Friends of the Modesto Library.

**Friday, April 24, 3:30 p.m.**

### DIY Kids

[Check with Children's Rooms for details.]

**Monday, April 27**

### Story Times RESUME

**Thursday, April 30, 4 p.m.**

### Modesto Family Book Club

Come together for a fun family read-aloud and discussion on the last Thursday of every month! Families read the book together at home and then join us at the library for a discussion and related activity. Stick around after the discussion for a fun activity! Sponsored by Friends of the Modesto Library. In the Children's Room.

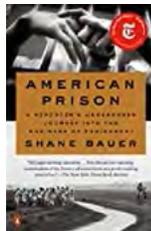
*All programs are in the Modesto Library Auditorium, unless stated otherwise. Dates are subject to change. More programs to be announced. Please check the Stanislaus County Library's website at [www.stanislauslibrary.org](http://www.stanislauslibrary.org) and click on Events and Classes for information.*

*Sign up to receive news about library programs and services delivered straight to your inbox! You can now subscribe to the library's monthly calendar of events, as well as periodic email blasts from your local library. These emails come in an engaging format that is easily accessible from a computer or mobile device. Go to <https://bit.ly/2D7eURA>.*



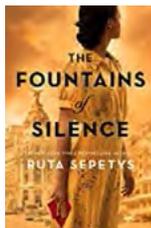
## WHAT ARE YOU READING?

Let us know at [info@modestolibraryfriends.org](mailto:info@modestolibraryfriends.org)



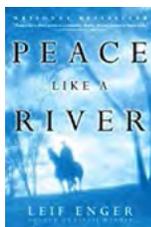
### ***American Prison: A Reporter's Undercover Journey into the Business of Punishment* by Shane Bauer**

Tells the story of journalist Shane Bauer working as an entry-level prison guard at a private Louisiana prison in 2014. The history of for-profit prisons is interspersed for a deeper understanding of the cruelty of our current system and its place in the larger story of mass incarceration. – Ellen Dambrosio



### ***The Fountains of Silence* by Ruta Sepetys**

A Spanish American visits his mother's country, Franco's Spain in the 1950s, where the past is smothered in silence. – Anne Britton



### ***Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger**

This is one of those books that you feel you have discovered yourself, only to find out your friends have already read – and loved – it. The story of Reuben Land's journey to find his outlaw older brother "shows how family, love, and faith can stand up to the most terrifying of enemies, the most tragic of fates." – Denise Nordell