



NEWSLETTER

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FOML Annual Meeting Set for March 5 at Salida Regional Library

The Friends of the Modesto Library's (FOML) annual membership meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 5, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Salida Regional Library, 4835 Sisk Road, Salida. This is an informative and important meeting to attend and learn more about what's going on now and what's ahead for FOML's recent and upcoming activities.

The Nominating Committee will present a slate of board officers for the coming year and County Library Director Sarah Dentan will provide an update on the Modesto Library renovation. Our guest speaker will be Paula Treick DeBoard, who will talk to us about all things literary—from owning Bookish, an independent bookstore in Modesto, to experiences as a published author of four novels and a creative writing educator at UC Merced.

Lifelong Legacy Campaign Update—So Close to Goal!

As of January 31, we have raised \$2,810,521 toward our \$3 million goal. The funds will provide enhancements to the library that will make our library a vibrant, attractive resource. Thank you to all who have contributed time and money to the campaign to help renovate the Modesto Library. There's still time to donate. Visit

<https://modestolibraryfriends.org/legacy/>

Modesto Library Renovation Update

The Modesto Library Renovation is underway! Well, at least the part where staff and 200,000 books and other material are being moved to the Salida Regional Library. Asbestos removal will begin in May and is expected to take several months. Once that is complete, the next phase of remodeling can begin.

Despite the Modesto Library being closed for renovation, there will be many Modesto Library events throughout Modesto. FOML's volunteer coordinator will send out the call for volunteers as events are scheduled.

Membership Update: Time to Renew or Join

The Friends membership cycle runs Jan. 1 – Dec. 31. That means it's time to show your support of the library and the Friends by making a much-appreciated donation for this year's dues. For more information:

<https://modestolibraryfriends.org/join/>

Modesto Express Library Is Open for Business

On January 6, Friends of the Modesto Library joined Modesto Library staff to welcome visitors to the new temporary library location of the Modesto Express Library at Tenth Street Plaza (1002 10th St). Services include picking up holds, returning materials, print and scan services and a small selection of books to browse and borrow throughout the Modesto Library renovation.

Although the space is small compared with the main branch, the Express Library is home to 4,000 volumes, including all new books, plus an assortment of popular children's books. The Express Library is open on Friday and Saturday 10 to 5, Monday through Wednesday 10 to 6 and Thursdays 10 to 7.

Parking Tips for Your Visit to the Downtown Modesto Express Library

Don't let parking concerns deter you from using the new Modesto Express Library in Tenth Street Plaza. While there are fees (\$1.25 per hour) for using any of the city's parking garages, there are many free one- or two-hour spots available along the street. These spaces fill quickly on weekdays, but the Express Library is also open on Friday and Saturday. Parking tip: There's usually less traffic downtown on Saturdays.

There are several also parking spaces on 10th Street between J and K set aside for 10-minute or 3-minute use. That's enough time to step into the Express Library and pick up a book or DVD waiting on the Hold shelf.

More Books for More Kids!

Thank you to all the shoppers at the November Scholastic Book Fair. FOML uses the fair profit to support the Modesto Library's mission. A total credit of \$2,254.71 was banked in our account with Scholastic. Library staff selected \$1718.58 worth of books directly from the fair for the library's collections or their programs and events. As an example, FOML has provided around 600 books for annual Día De Los Niños/Libros [Children's Book Day] celebrations. While the Modesto Library is closed, there will be no in-person Scholastic Book Fairs.

Yarning with Friends

Yarning with Friends (YwF) will continue to hold monthly classes for people who want to learn to knit or crochet or to improve their skills. We also welcome skilled yarners who'd like to work on their projects in the company of others.

The next meeting is Tuesday, March 11, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, at Salida Regional Library, 4835 Sisk Road, Salida. More information at modestolibraryfriends.org/yarn, or email Ellen at membership@modestolibraryfriends.org Our current project is making hats and gloves for the CalPride Stanislaus Winter Warmth Drive.

Recapping Recent FOML Fundraisers

FOML held one last **used book sale** before the Modesto Library closed for renovation. The "everything must go" sale netted \$1,716. FOML is not collecting books at this time, but we'll let you know when the FOML Used Book Sales might return. Meanwhile, Friends of the Salida Library's used book sale will take place in March.

In December, FOML earned \$2,500 from the Barnes & Noble Book Fair.

Help Needed: Library Memories and Book Club Books for Newsletter

We would like to run a regular feature on library memories. Write 100 words or less (even just a sentence is great) about your library memories at the Modesto Library, school libraries (any school/any level) or a library you have visited or used elsewhere.

If you're in a book club, what book has led to a great discussion and/or one that turned out to be the best book club book ever? Even if you are not in a book club, please share with us your favorite book or a book that made a difference in your life. Email mareehawkins@comcast.net with your library memories and/or book. Photos are also welcome.

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