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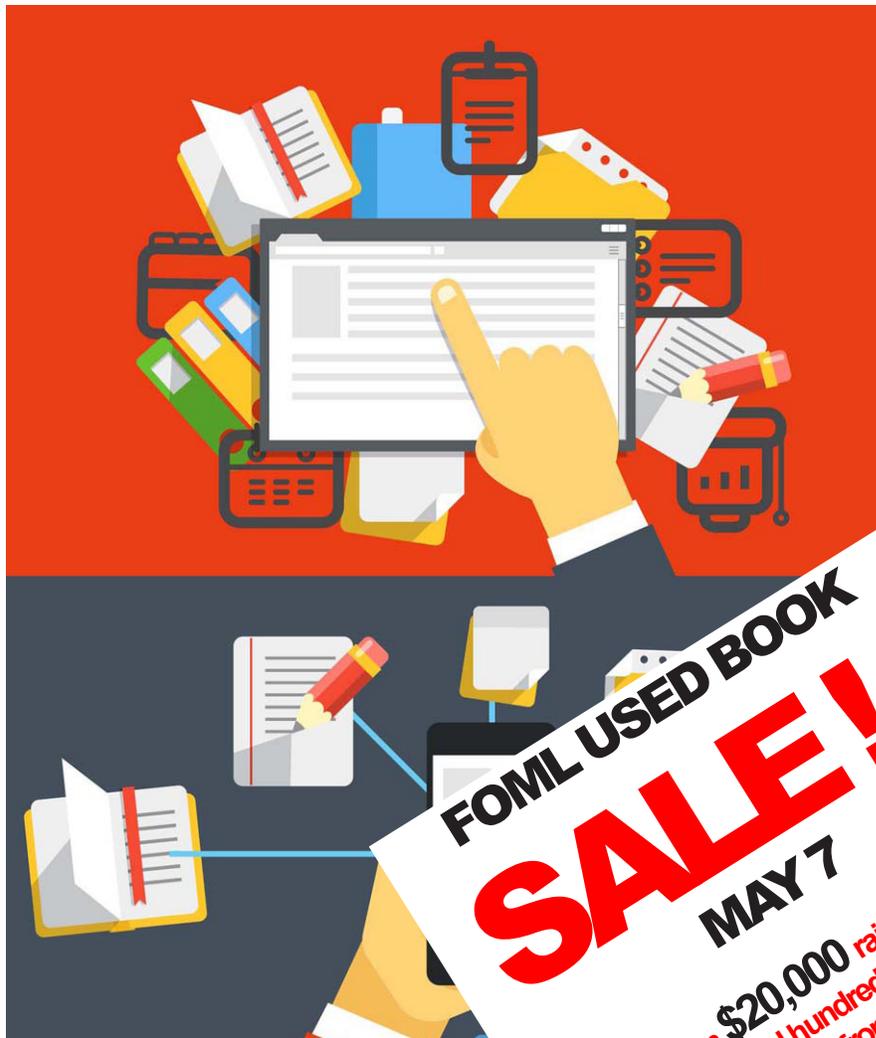
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GOING DIGITAL

Is It New?
Or Just New
to You?

The Library offers a luscious plate of digital resources like Mango, Zinio, and the 3M Cloud Library. Go to Page 4 to see what the Hoopla is about for digital access to free audiobooks, eBooks, emagazines or language learning with the use of your library card.

—Denise Nordell and Anne Britton



**READ
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• **1/2 Off New Books for Kids from Scholastic.**

• **Wonderful source for high quality, low cost books for children and teens. Great shopping for teachers, parents, grandmas, aunts/uncles, and neighbors.** **Page 2**

SCHOLASTIC BOOK SALE!

MAY 17-19 & 21

FOML USED BOOK SALE!
MAY 7

- More than \$20,000 raised in 7 years.
- Hundreds and hundreds — no, thousands — of used books — from cookbooks to philosophy to mysteries to sports to favorite children's classics.
- \$1.00 for hardbacks and 50 cents for paperbacks.

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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 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Conference Room and are open to all members or interested individuals.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

From book sales to special projects

Hello, happy spring and soon to be summertime. It is a busy time at our Modesto Library.

Be sure to note the dates of two major fundraising events: The Friends of the Modesto Library Used Book Sale May 7 and the Scholastic Children's New 50% off Book Sale May 17, 18, 19 and 21 (good for birthday and holiday gifts). All of the money raised at the Used Book Sale goes toward library projects serving children and adults.

Also, the campaign to Save Stanislaus Libraries has just begun. This pertains to the 1/8th of one percent sales tax renewal in 2017. This sales tax funds 88 percent of the Stanislaus County Library (all thirteen branches) budget. The public library is vital to this community. Without this tax the public libraries in Stanislaus County would close. The campaign committee can be contacted at (209) 353-2217 or PO Box 4204, Modesto, CA 95352 for more information.

My second term as president of the Friends of



the Modesto Library comes to a close at the end of June. Maree Hawkins and Denise Nordell, seasoned and experienced Stanislaus County Library volunteers, will share the role of president in the coming year.

My presidency has been richly rewarding learning the significant value and importance of the Friends group to the Modesto Library. Our officers and directors are outstanding. The team also includes chairmen for the book sales new and used, grant application writing, special events, newsletter team, webmaster, and our Friends of the Modesto Library Little Shop's manager and volunteers.

Congratulations to Kristine Ezovski, The Little Shop manager, on her recent Shining Star Award.

These industrious people give countless hours of their time and talents to the good of our Modesto Library. Thank you all!

— Christine Brereton
President, Friends of the Modesto Library

BOOK 'EM! Buy 'em! Read 'em!

The annual Used Book Sale is Saturday, May 7, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. with bargains galore for every age: fiction, biographies, mysteries, nonfiction, children's books, history and more! All for \$1.00 for hardbacks and 50 cents for paperbacks.



Used Book Sales have brought in \$20,000 in the last seven years! All because Clare Noonan said "Yes," when asked to organize one. She put together a great sorting team, found donated storage space thanks to Beard Land Improvement Company, and even stacked boxes of books in her home the first year!



Scholastic Book Sale & FOML Used Book Sale

The Used Book Sale has consistently generated about 1/3 of the annual income for the Friends of the Modesto Library. Funds that meant more books for the library, more programs, and sometimes new furniture, paint or equipment.

So, a big Thanks! to Clare. But also a big Thanks! to you for donating books, coming to shop and helping get the word out about the sales. Remember. May 7. Send your friends, neighbors, colleagues and family to find their own

treasures. Happy hunting!

And, if you're wondering where FOML gets all those new books for Día (Page 5), well, to paraphrase an old ad: "We earned them." For the last 10 years FOML has hosted a 1/2 Off New Books for Kids Sale of new books from Scholastic. At those sales, Friends volunteers are paid in books for staffing the sale. Those books make up the core of the gifts at Día. The sale this year is May 17, 18, 19 and 21.

The sale is a wonderful source for high quality, low cost books for children and teens. Teachers, parents, grandpas, aunties/uncles, neighbors, youth leaders and especially, service clubs find bargains for the young and the young at heart in their lives.

— Anne Britton

This is **AWESOME!**

AWE Early Literacy Stations, designed specifically for children ages 2-8, are now available at all Stanislaus County Libraries.

The colorful keyboards and interactive learning software provide a fun and safe learning experience. AWE computers are not connected to the Internet, yet they offer 70 software titles and more than 4,000 learning activities. These fun, interactive and engaging computers include content that spans all seven curricular areas: math, science and nature, social studies and geography, reading, art and music, writing and computer skills, and reference.

The Modesto Library has four AWE computers available in the Children's Room. Future plans include the addition of Spanish bilingual AWE computers. The cost



of these premium Early Literacy Stations is approximately \$3,000 each. Those who wish to contribute to the cost of expanding this valuable

service are invited to make donations through the Friends of the Modesto Library.

— Susan Lilly



CALLING ALL BOOK CLUBBERS:

Contact Laura Ferrell at (209) 558-7817 to register your book club for a future program.

Shining Star glows in The Little Shop



Kristine Ezovski was named a Shining Star by the Stanislaus Library Foundation at a recent award ceremony.

Kristine has been the general manager of The Little Shop (TLS) in the Modesto Library for the past several years.

As a volunteer herself, she supervises the volunteer clerks, selects and displays

all the merchandise as well as handling all the paperwork for the shop. Profit from TLS is one income source for the Friends. With it FOML supports Modesto Library's mission with the "extras" that are not in the library's budget.

Our congratulations for the recognition and thanks to Kristine for keeping the shop running.

Kristine is seen here on the left with FOML Treasurer, Jonaca Driscoll.



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DIGITAL

These days, you can enjoy much of what the library offers without leaving home. Did you know our library offers digital solutions to help you learn a language, listen to a book and read some of your favorite magazines? Not to mention, reserve books and check your library account using your phone!

Here is a quick guide to some of the Library's newer digital offerings:

Learn a language with Mango



From Arabic to Italian to Norwegian to Yiddish, and yes, even English, Mango Languages makes learning a language fun. The web-based interactive program features a simple, step-by-step interface to help you learn practical conversation skills for more than 60 different languages. No downloads or technical expertise is necessary. Simply create a Mango account and you're on your way to parlez-vous Francais!

Browse a magazine

Zinio is an online magazine collection that the library subscribes to for the reading and browsing enjoyment of our customers. Currently the library offers 51 magazines—from Architectural



Digest to Women's Health—that can be read on computers and mobile devices.

You can check out as many magazines as you like and keep them as long as you wish.

You never need

to return checked out magazines, and they do not expire. Just create a Library Collection account on the website www.rbdigital.com/stanislausca/service/zinio/landing? and you'll be on your way!

Audiobooks



The Library offers Hoopla Digital, a new, refreshingly quick way to get audiobooks, comics, eBooks, movies, music, and television shows. All Hoopla content is available on demand. No holds necessary and there is no waiting.

Users can access their selections via online streaming. Audiobooks may be temporarily downloaded to a mobile device for listening without an internet connection.

You can check out up to six items a month.

Prefer to read? Try e-Books



The Stanislaus County Library offers access to thousands of eBooks through the 3M Cloud Library. Enjoy downloads immediately with mobile devices or tablets supporting the iOS or Android operating systems or transfer from a PC to a compatible device! You can enjoy eBooks at home or on the go. Browse, check out, read, and transfer eBooks to your eReader with the 3M Cloud Library PC Application and Mac Application.



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materials, check your account and more, all with the Stanislaus Library app. Go to the Stanislaus County Library App on your device's browser, or to your device's app store to download the app.

It's really just that easy. Find out more about these and all of the library's services. Go to www.stanislauslibrary.org/ and select e-Services today!

— Denise Nordell

Oh, what a DÍA

Celebrating children and books

Children and books collided for a smash-up celebration on Saturday, April 2, at the Modesto Library. For the tenth anniversary of El día de los niños/ El día de los libros, Day of the Child/ Day of the Book at Modesto, close to 700 people came to view performers, make crafts, play games, and — most exciting of all — leave with a brand new book in the hand of every child who attended.

In addition to the 600-plus new children's books donated by the Friends of the Modesto Library [FOML], every child left with an activity book donated by Stanislaus READS! and a specially printed Día booklet. The booklets, printed by Dittos, made their way into the homes of our community's families with hints to encourage reading at home. Stanislaus County Library is partnering with Stanislaus READS! to address the low literacy rate in the county. Día is one effort toward this and FOML is delighted to be part of it.

— Anne Britton

Imagination Library

On March 21, Stanislaus READS! presented a progress report to the community. Reports were given on the implementation of exciting programs related to School Readiness, Attendance and Summer Learning. The goal is to double the number of



students in participating pilot schools reading proficiently by the end of third grade by 2020.

One of the programs under the umbrella of School Readiness is Imagination Library, which sends free books, mailed monthly, directly to the homes of children from birth to age 5 who live in the zip code of the pilot schools. To date, 452 children have been enrolled at Burbank, Moon School in Waterford, Chrysler, Sylvan and Las Palmas in Patterson.

The Stanislaus Community Foundation has raised \$60,000 in donations from involved community groups and individuals, enough to sponsor 850 children. Champions are active on these campuses raising awareness and signing up new members daily. Workshops are being planned for the parents of these children to share best practices in reading, discussing and sharing books. The Imagination Library is lucky to

pair with the library on this endeavor. Thank you Olga Cardenas!

We look forward to adding to our growing list and seeing the difference it makes to the success of Stanislaus READS! and the youngest community of learners it serves.

— Cathie Peck, "Champion" for Burbank School

Stanislaus READS! Update

To date the Stanislaus County Library system has received more than 3,500 new children's books from Stanislaus READS! thanks to the Stanislaus Community Foundation and Stanislaus County Office of Education. About 2,000 books were distributed to children throughout the county at library Día events. Another 1,500, which youth outreach services librarian Olga Cardenas calls "marvelous tools" for parents who attend early literacy workshops and other events, will be sent home for use putting new skills into practice in our community's families.

— Anne Britton

MEMBERSHIP



If you haven't renewed, please do—we miss you

Friends, where are your membership renewals? Our post office box is empty. So is our PayPal account.

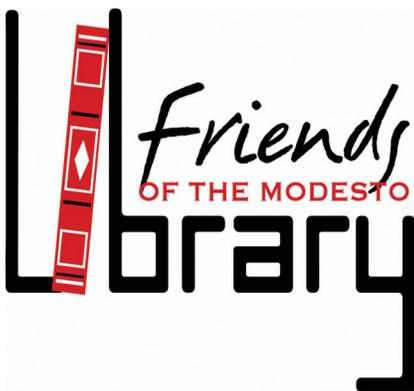
Fewer than half of our 2015 members have renewed this year. And, for unknown reasons, many library supporters who were members in 2014 and earlier never renewed.

On the bright side, we've had some people rejoin the organization this year who had lapsed for a few years. We're so glad you're back!

To those who have not yet renewed just consider this a 'Friend-ly' little nudge. Complete and mail the membership form on the right or go to www.modestolibraryfriends.org and click the Donate button at the bottom of the page.

Your membership dues and other donations make a big difference to the Modesto Library. Your dues help fund requests from the library staff in excess \$10,000 annually.

— Ellen Dambrosio



Changes in Save Mart S.H.A.R.E.S.

Do you shop at Save Mart? Food Maxx? Lucky? If so, you need to know that starting April 1 Save Mart S.H.A.R.E.S. became Shares powered by eScrip.

Why should you care? Because every time you shop at these stores, the Friends can earn up to 3 percent of what you spend—at no cost to you.

What changed? You used to carry a S.H.A.R.E.S. card and show it to the cashier when you checked out. This guaranteed the Friends received a donation every time you shopped. Now you don't have to carry a card, but

you do have to sign up online to participate.

What do you do now? (1) Go to www.savemart.com/ and click Sign Up/ Log In to sign up for Save Mart's new rewards program. (2) Go to <http://escrip.com/shares/> to sign up with eScrip. Choose Friends of the Modesto Library as your nonprofit organization and register the phone number you plan to use at checkout. For more complete instructions, go to our website or email Ellen at membership@modestolibraryfriends.org.

How much do the Friends make? Each enrolled shopper earns up

to 3 percent for Friends of the Modesto Library on qualifying purchases when they check out with their registered phone or card number. For our organization that has meant about \$1,200 per year for over five years.

A dozen Friends who received an email about the change in Save Mart's fundraising program in March have signed up with eScrip, and a few others had previously signed up. That's a start, but if we can get a large group of participants, we can earn a lot more than we have been. Raley's or O'Brien's also will donate a percentage of your purchases when you shop there.

— Ellen Dambrosio

Be our Friend

Sign up here or go to modestolibraryfriends.org to sign up online and pay with PayPal.

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Today's date: _____

Join FOML: I am a

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Student membership \$5

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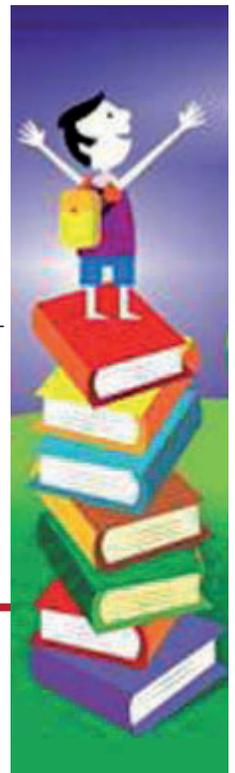
Make checks payable to FOML.

Mail this form and your check to:

Friends of the Modesto Library

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

May 2-14 Story Times Break. All Modesto story times resume May 14.

Tuesday, May 3 7 p.m. Crafts Trending on Pinterest: Tassels. Modesto Library Auditorium. Join us as we learn how to make popular arts and crafts and seen on Pinterest. This week's craft is tassels. This program is intended for adults, teens, and older children. Not suitable for children under the age of 7.

Wednesday, May 4 3:30 p.m. LEGO Play. Modesto Library Auditorium

Saturday, May 7 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Used Book Sale. Library's East Portico. Bargains galore for every age: fiction, biographies, mysteries, non-fiction, children's books, history and more! All hardbacks \$1.00 and paperbacks 50 cents.

Tuesday, May 10, 3:30 p.m. Angry Birds. Join us for real life activities and games based on the popular Angry Birds game app.

Tuesday, May 10 7 p.m. Crafts Trending on Pinterest: Baskets. Modesto Library Auditorium. Join us as we learn how to make popular arts and crafts and seen on Pinterest. This week's craft is baskets. This program is intended for adults, teens, and older children. Not suitable for children under the age of 7.

Wednesday, May 11 3:30 p.m. LEGO Play. Modesto Library Auditorium

Monday, May 16 6 p.m. On the Road to Citizenship: Citizenship Basics and Interview Process. Modesto Library Upstairs. Are you or someone you know, trying to navigate the naturalization process? Join us for a series of free monthly naturalization programs and events. A representative from United States Citizenship and Immigration Services will be on hand to give an overview of what it takes to become a citizen and will discuss the interview process in detail. Spanish translation will be available. Registration is required by calling the Modesto Library Reference Desk at (209) 558-7814.

Speak Out!

The library will conduct a survey in June and/or July asking your opinions about the library — facilities, services, programming, staffing, etc. No details yet, but there will be both online and print surveys available. Be sure to provide feedback this summer. The library really wants to hear what you think.



May 17-21 Scholastic 1/2 Off New Books for Kids Sale. Modesto Library Auditorium. Tues., Wed., Thu. 10-7, closed Fri., Sat. 10-3. Friends of the Modesto Library fundraiser and your local source for high quality, low cost books for children and teens.

Wednesday, May 18 3:30 p.m. LEGO Play. Children's Room.

Thursday, May 26 9 a.m.-noon. Senior Enrollment Fair. Modesto Library Portico. Celebrate Senior Citizens Month with an informational fair for senior citizens. Local Stanislaus County organizations and agencies will be on hand to help seniors with information on topics such as legal aid, transportation, senior meals, veteran's benefits, healthy aging, Medicare, CalFresh, and more. Please call HICAP at (209) 558-4540 for more information.

Saturday, May 28 1-3 p.m. Color Yourself Calm: Coloring for Grown Ups. Modesto Library Auditorium. Coloring isn't just for kids anymore! Adults can benefit greatly from the proven calming effects of coloring. Let us help you relax and de-stress with a day of coloring, conversation, and refreshments. We will provide coloring sheets designed for adults as well as colored pencils and crayons. Adults only, please. Drop-in, no sign up required.

Monday, May 30 LIBRARY CLOSED for Memorial Day.

JUNE

Wednesday, June 1 3 p.m. On the Road to Citizenship: The Application Process. Modesto Library Auditorium. A representative from Catholic Charities will provide information regarding the who, what, why, and how of citizenship. Who is eligible to become a citizen? How to do you begin the process? What is USCIS looking for when you apply? Why is it important to have the correct information on your application? Learn about this and more at this important presentation. Registration is required by calling the Modesto Library Reference Desk at (209) 558-7814.

Saturday, June 18 9 a.m.-1 p.m. All-Teens Craft Fair. Teen crafters, ages 13 - 18, showcase their talents and learn about sales, customer service and business, while having fun! Crafters need to sign up before June 9.

Saturday, June 18 1 p.m. Summer Reading Family Movie. Modesto Library Auditorium. Celebrate Summer Reading with a coming-of-age baseball comedy about Scott Smalls and his friends during the summer of 1962. And what's a baseball movie without s'mores?! Popcorn and no-bake s'mores will be served during the film. The film is

May 24 – Aug. 4. Summer Reading: Read for the Win. Children, teens, and adults can Read for the Win this summer at the Stanislaus County Library. Sports related programs will be offered. Great prizes for all ages will be given out.

is rated PG for Parental Guidance. No registration required.

Wednesday, June 22 12:30-5 p.m. Summer Reading All Ages Coloring. Modesto Library Auditorium. Relax this summer and spend some time coloring. Bring your friends and family. All ages are welcome. We will provide sports themed coloring pages, crayons, and color pencils. Drop in when available.

1st and 3rd Tuesdays, starting June 21 12 noon. Prenatal Yoga. A gentle mind-body workout class for pregnant women. Please bring a mat and a blanket.

Saturday, June 25 12:30-4 p.m. Scrapbooking Fun. Modesto Library Auditorium. Stop by the Modesto Library to learn about and practice scrapbooking. This program is open to scrapbookers of all levels. Participants will learn techniques with free time afterwards to work on your own scrapbook. Some materials will be provided but you are encouraged to bring your own. This program occurs regularly and you are welcome to drop in at any time. Prizes are given out at every meeting. Drop-in, no sign up required.

JULY

Monday, July 4 LIBRARY CLOSED for Independence Day

Wednesday, July 6 3:30 p.m. LEGO Play. Modesto Library Auditorium

Saturday, July 9 1-3 p.m. Color Yourself Calm: Coloring for Grown Ups. Modesto Library Auditorium. Coloring isn't just for kids anymore! Adults can benefit greatly from the proven calming effects of coloring. Let us help you relax and de-stress with a day of coloring, conversation, and refreshments. We will provide coloring sheets designed for adults as well as colored pencils and crayons. Adults only, please. Drop-in, no sign-up required.

Wednesday, July 13 3:30 p.m. LEGO Play. Modesto Library Auditorium

Wednesday, July 20 3:30 p.m. LEGO Play. Modesto Library Auditorium

Saturday, July 23 12:30-4 p.m. Scrapbooking Fun. Modesto Library Auditorium. Stop by the Modesto Library to learn about and practice scrapbooking. This program is open to scrapbookers of all levels. Participants will learn techniques with free time afterwards to work on your own scrapbook. Some materials will be provided but you are encouraged to bring your own.

Wednesday, July 27 3:30 p.m. LEGO Play. Modesto Library Auditorium

Saturday, July 30 1 p.m. 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. Modesto Library Auditorium. Celebration for the first class of graduates and their families who have completed the program by July 19, 2016. For further information about this event or to R.S.V.P. please contact Olga by July 21 at (209) 556-9170.

Dates subject to change. More programs to be announced. Please check www.stanislauslibrary.org and click on events.

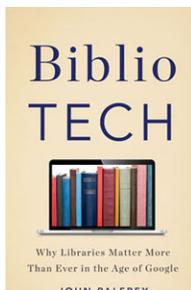
QUICK STARTS

First sentences (or a bit more) from selections in the New Book area

“As a newly appointed library director, I was amazed at the number of times I had the exact same conversation with friends at backyard barbecues and cocktail parties. It went something like this.

FRIEND: Oh, how interesting, you’re now the director of a library? I thought you were a law professor. You’re not even a librarian.

ME: Yes, I am very excited about the challenge, and no, I am not trained as a librarian.



FRIEND: But wait. We don’t really need libraries as much now that we have Google, right?

ME: No, actually I think we need them more than ever

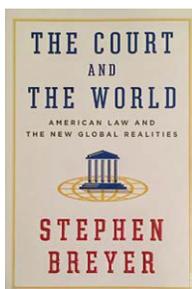
FRIEND: (cutting me off): Oh, now I’m getting it. You’re the digital guy, and you’re coming in to get rid of the library, right? Now this all makes sense.”

— “Biblio TECH, Why Libraries Matter More Than Ever in the Age of Google” — by John Palfrey



“Cicero set forth what would eventually become one of the best-known legal principles concerning the role of courts during wartime.”

— “The Court and The World”
— by Stephen Breyer

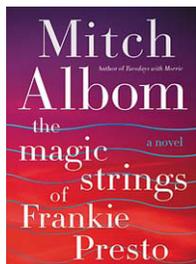


“Before I had any notion I would have a baby in my life, I frequently worked with clients whose dogs’ behavioral problems fell into the dog-baby or dog-toddler category.”

— “Please Don’t Bite the Baby (And Please Don’t Chase the Dog)”
— by Lisa J. Edwards



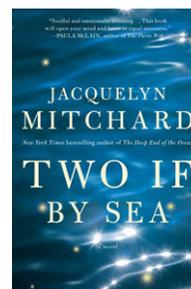
“I have come to claim my prize.” — “the magic strings of Frankie Presto”
— by Mitch Albom



“If you asked me how it began, I could truthfully say that the first time, it was an accident.”
— “Maestra”
— by L.S. Hilton



“So many things happen when people can’t sleep.”
— “Two If By Sea”
— by Jacquelyn Mitchard



What **DAY** is it anyway?

We all know that the month of May brings Mother’s Day and Memorial Day. And for many families with children, May brings the end of the school year.

But did you know that May 12 is National Limerick Day? That the third Friday in May is National Endangered Species Day? Or that the last Wednesday in May is National Senior Health & Fitness Day?

Specially designated days like these can serve as a great reason for a trip to the library — for yourself or for a child in your life to learn about something new.



But if getting to the physical library is not always easy, remember to explore the Stanislaus County Library website at <http://stanislauslibrary.org>

Here you will find eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, language learning software, and more, all available from the comfort of your home. See article on Page 4 for more details about these valuable resources.

To see what else is happening in May — or any other month — check out the full list of celebrations at www.nationaldaycalendar.com/

— Ellen Dambrosio