



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **August Events at the Modesto Library**

Children, teens and adults can take part in free crafts, activities, and informational programs at the Modesto Library this August.

All ages are invited to enjoy building and playing with LEGOs on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. Finished LEGO creations will be placed on display in the library for one week. Duplo blocks will be available for children under the age of 4, however, they must have direct parental supervision. LEGO play is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

Community members can take part in free computer classes this month, beginning with Internet Basics on Thursday, Aug. 3 at 1:30 p.m. Computer Basics will be offered on Mondays, Aug. 7 and 21 at 10 a.m. Word Intermediate will be held on Monday, Aug. 7 at 5 p.m., and Word Basics will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 22 at 5 p.m. Excel Basics will be offered on Tuesday, Aug. 8 at 5 p.m. and Excel Intermediate will be held on Monday, Aug. 21 at 5 p.m. Email Basics will take place on Thursday, Aug. 17 at 1:30 p.m. Email Basics participants will need to create an email account prior to the beginning of the class. Advance registration is required for all computer classes; please contact the Modesto Library Reference Department at 209-558-7814 to sign up.

Scrapbooking Fun will take place on Saturday, Aug. 5 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. This drop-in program will teach scrapbooking techniques, while offering time for participants to work on their own scrapbooks. Some materials will be provided, however, participants are encouraged to bring their own. Free prizes are given out at every meeting. Scrapbooking Fun is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

Friday, Aug. 18 is Pokémon Day. Children can stop by throughout the day to make a craft, and find the Pokémon in the Children's Room. From 2 to 4 p.m. children can take part in a Pokémon scavenger hunt. Pokémon Day is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

Children and their families are invited to "Saturday Stories and Art" on Saturday, Aug. 19 at 1 p.m. Following a reading of Peter H. Reynolds' book, *The Dot*, all ages can create paintings entirely of dots, in the art style of pointillism. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

All ages are invited to gather on the front steps of the Modesto Library for the total solar eclipse on Aug. 21 from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Participants will be able to safely observe this celestial phenomenon.

Aug. 21 through 26 is Coloring Week at the Modesto Library. All ages are invited to ask at the Children's or Reference Desks for crayons or colored pencils. Coloring paper will be provided.

Community members can test their skills in a series of "Minute to Win It" timed activities on Friday, Aug. 25 at 3:30 p.m. Those who complete the challenges in less than a minute will be declared champions. This program is best for ages 8 and up, but all ages are welcome.

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A poetry workshop, in partnership with the Modesto-Stanislaus Poetry Center (MoSt), will be held on Saturday, Aug. 26 from 1 to 3 p.m. Local poet Linda Scheller, author of a recently published collection of persona poems, will lead a workshop in which the participants will read, discuss, and write persona poetry. Light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

Comix Club will meet on Thursday, Aug. 31 at 4 p.m. Participants are invited to take part in engaging discussions, games and activities that explore the world of Pokémon manga. The Comix Club is suggested for ages 8 and up.

The Modesto Library is located at 1500 I St. in Modesto. Free parking is available in the parking lot behind the library and on surrounding streets. For more information, please contact the Modesto Library's Children and Teen Services Department at 209-558-7810 or the Modesto Library Reference Department at 209-558-7814.

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