



Stanislaus County Library

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

February Events at the Modesto Library

The Modesto Library will offer free programs for children, teens and adults this February.

Children and their families are invited to a Game Day on Thursday, Feb. 1 at 3:30 p.m. This event will feature giant versions of Jenga, dominos, and more.

The library will collect Valentine's Day cards for local seniors Feb. 5 through 12. Materials to create the valentines will be available at both the Children's Information and Reference desks.

Homemade cards are welcome, and may be dropped off at the Reference Desk. On Valentine's Day, the cards will be taken to local senior citizen facilities.

Free computer classes will be held this February, beginning with Computer Basics classes on Mondays, Feb. 5 and 26 at 10 a.m. Excel Basics will be offered on Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 5 p.m. and Excel Intermediate will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 5 p.m. Internet Basics will take place on Thursday, Feb. 8 at 1:30 p.m. Word Basics will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 5 p.m., and Word Intermediate will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 5 p.m. Email Basics will take place on Thursday, Feb. 22 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 call 209-558-7814 to sign up.

Children of all ages can enjoy LEGO® Days 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.

"Adulting 101: Résumé Workshop" will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 6 p.m. Ninfa Smith from the Stanislaus County Office of Education will discuss creating an effective resume. Handouts will be provided to aid in the resume creation process. This program is sponsored, in part, by the Stanislaus County Office of Education.

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Friday, Feb. 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. is Mo Willems Day in the Children's Room. Children can have their picture taken in a giant book, and find Pigeon hiding in the room to receive a prize. Coloring pages will be available throughout the day.

All ages are invited to the Circus of Smiles event on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 12:30 p.m. This free show is designed to bring the fun of the circus to the library. This show is ideal for preschool age children and up. Free tickets will be available one hour before the show at the library's Children's Information Desk.

"Saturday Stories and Art" will be held on Saturday, Feb. 17 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Following a reading of Patricia McKissack's *Stitchin' and Pullin'*, all ages will make paper and fabric quilts in the style of Gee's Bend artists. This program is sponsored, in part, by the Central California Art Association, and the Mistlin Gallery.

Teens can join fellow teen writers and artists for an hour of creativity as part of the Sketch and Script program on Tuesday, Feb. 20 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Teens are invited to bring their laptops, art materials, and imagination. The library will provide writing prompts, themes, and materials while supplies last. Sketch and Script will be held in the library's Teen Zone.

Comix Club will meet on Thursday, Feb. 22 at 4 p.m. Participants will take part in discussions, games and activities featuring the comic book of the month, *Babymouse* by Jennifer and Matthew Holm. The Comix Club is suggested for ages 8 and up.

Ages 13 and up are invited to experience virtual gaming technology with the library's Oculus Rift virtual reality headset on Friday, Feb. 23 from 12 to 4 p.m. This event will be first come, first served.

Scrapbooking Fun will take place on Saturday, Feb. 24 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.

LEGO® Days, Adulting 101, Mo Willems Day, Circus of Smiles, Saturday Stories and Art, Sketch and Script, Comix Club, Virtual Reality: Oculus Rift, and Scrapbooking Fun are sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library. The Modesto Library is located at 1500 I St. 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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