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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **January Events at the Modesto Library**

Community members of all ages can enjoy free programs at the Modesto Library this January, beginning with 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: Money Matters” will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 6 p.m. Wells Fargo banker Adriana Ayala will discuss budgeting, how to open a checking and savings account, and ways to obtain good credit. “Adulting 101: Money Matters” is sponsored, in part, by Wells Fargo.

Children will have two opportunities to enjoy a magic show with Magic Dan on Thursday, Jan. 4 at 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. Magic Dan’s performances are filled with positive messages and encourage kids to love reading as well as themselves. Free tickets will be available one hour before each show at the library’s Children’s Information Desk.

Children and their families are invited to a Game Day on Thursday, Jan. 4 at 3:30 p.m. This event will feature giant versions of Jenga, dominos, and more.

Free computer classes will be held this January, beginning with Computer Basics classes on Mondays, Jan. 8 and 22 at 1:30 p.m. Excel Basics will be offered on Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 5 p.m. and Excel Intermediate will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 5 p.m. Internet Basics will take place on Thursday, Jan. 11 at 1:30 p.m. Word Basics will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 5 p.m., and Word Intermediate will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 5 p.m. Email Basics will take place on Thursday, Jan. 25 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.

“Tax Basics” will be offered on Monday, Jan. 8 at 6 p.m. A representative from H&R Block will discuss tax forms, tax credits, and Affordable Care Act tax information. Participants will have an

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opportunity to have their tax questions answered before filing 2017 taxes.

All ages can unwind with a Coloring Day on Friday, Jan. 12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Colored pencils, crayons, and a variety of artistic designs will be available at the Children's Information Desk.

Scrapbooking Fun will take place on Saturday, Jan. 13 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.

Teens and adults are invited to join the Modesto-Stanislaus Poetry Center's (MoSt) new quarterly poetry book club. Each meeting will focus on a different book of poetry. Participants will share their favorite poems, discuss the poet's style, and write poems in the style of the poet. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 17 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and will feature *Look: Poems* by Solmaz Sharif. Please visit the Modesto Library Reference Desk to borrow a copy of the book.

The library's "Saturday Stories and Art" program will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Following a reading of Monica Brown's *Frida Kahlo and Her Animalitos*, all ages will create pet portraits to take home.

The #ModestoROCKS rock painting program will be held on Monday, Jan. 22 from 6 to 7 p.m. in partnership with the #ModestoROCKS movement. Participants will paint rocks with designs and messages designed to inspire kindness in the community. The program is designed for ages 8 and up.

"Before You Seek a Grant: A Checklist for New Nonprofits" will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. The program features a step-by-step checklist approach to help increase an organization's readiness for foundation fundraising. This course is geared toward community groups without nonprofit status or new nonprofits with little experience in grant seeking. Advance registration is required. Please call 209-558-7814 to sign up.

Comix Club will meet on Thursday, Jan. 25 at 4 p.m. Participants will take part in discussions, games and activities featuring the comic of the month. The Comix Club is suggested for ages 8 and up.

VA Mobile Medical Outreach will provide medical services and benefit information to Veterans on Wednesday, Jan. 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Interested Veterans are encouraged to check in inside the library, no appointment necessary. Enrollment Specialist, Medical Provider, Veterans Service Officers on site. Participants should bring a copy of their DD 214 if they are not currently in the VA system.

LEGO® Days, Adulting 101, Magic Dan, Tax Basics, Scrapbooking Fun, MoSt Poetry Book Club, Saturday Stories and Art, and the #ModestoROCKS rock painting program 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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