



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **July Events at the Modesto Library**

All ages are invited to take part in free summer programs at the Modesto Library this July, beginning with the second in a poetry workshop series in partnership with the Modesto-Stanislaus Poetry Center (MoSt) on Saturday, July 1 from 1 to 3 p.m. Local poet Salvatore Salerno will lead a workshop focused on building poems into more durable forms. Each participant should bring four copies of two poems that are currently undergoing revisions. Light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

On Monday, July 3 at 5:30 p.m. children are invited to “paint the night” using science. Participants will add paint to their science experiments in order to make works of art.

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, July 6 at 1:30 p.m. Computer Basics will be offered on Mondays, July 10 and 24 at 10 a.m. Word Intermediate will be held on Monday, July 10 at 5 p.m, and Word Basics will take place on Tuesday, July 25 at 5 p.m. Excel Basics will be offered on Tuesday, July 11 at 5 p.m. and Excel Intermediate will be held on Monday, July 24 at 5 p.m. Email Basics will take place on Thursday, July 20 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.

Children and their families can enjoy the “Didgeridoo Down Under” show on Friday, July 7 at 3 p.m. This Australia-themed show combines music, art, puppetry, comedy and science to promote tolerance and respect for all people and cultures. Children will learn about the wonders of the land “Down Under!” This program is best for ages four and up, however all ages are welcome to enjoy this interactive and educational show.

Children and their families are invited to “Saturday Stories and Art” on Saturday, July 8 at 1 p.m. Following a reading of B.J. Novak’s *The Book With No Pictures*, all ages can make their own word art creations. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

Families can enjoy two Picnic and a Movie programs this month, beginning with a showing of Disney’s *Frozen* on Wednesday, July 12 at 11 a.m. On Wednesday, July 19 at 11 a.m. the library will screen the new live-action *Beauty and the Beast* film. Participants are invited to bring a picnic and blanket, and the library will provide lemonade. The showing of *Beauty and the Beast* is sponsored by REFORMA and Allied Conmigo. All Picnic and a Movie programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

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Friday, July 14 is Pokémon Day. Children can stop by throughout the day to find the Pokémon in the Children's Room. From 2 to 4 p.m. children can take part in a craft and other Pokémon activities. The library will set up lures in Pokémon Go and discuss safety for Pokémon Go players. Participants are invited to bring their DS gaming devices, trading cards and hang out with other Pokémon masters. This program is designed for ages 8 to 14 but all ages are welcome. Pokémon Day is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

The library will host a *Game of Thrones* party on Saturday, July 15 from 1 to 4 p.m. Teens and adults are invited to celebrate the upcoming 7th season of *Game of Thrones* with trivia, food, and crafts.

All ages are invited to a coloring day on Friday, July 21 from 1 to 4 p.m. Participants can enjoy design-themed coloring pages, music, and snacks provided by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

Scrapbooking Fun will take place on Saturday, July 22 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.

July's Comix Club will meet on Thursday, July 27 at 4 p.m. Participants are invited to take part in engaging discussions, games and activities featuring the *Big Nate* series by Lincoln Peirce. The Comix Club is suggested for ages 8 and up.

The library will screen a movie on Friday, July 28 at 1 p.m. as part of its summer movie series featuring films that have won, or been nominated for, an Academy Award for Best Production Design. This month's film features an epic battle on the moon planet Pandora and the fight to save the Na'vi. Popcorn and other refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Modesto Library. This movie is rated PG-13.

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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