



## STANISLAUS COUNTY LIBRARY

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### October Events at the Modesto Library

The Modesto Library will host free programs for all ages this month, beginning with LEGO programs on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. Children of all ages will have the opportunity to build LEGO displays for the library. Duplo blocks will be available for children under the age of 4, however they must have direct parental supervision. LEGO programs help children develop fine motor skills while encouraging them to think creatively.

Local financial consultant Michael Howell from Blom and Associates will discuss cost reducing strategies for parents of college bound students on Monday, Oct. 12 at 6 p.m. Participants will learn how schools determine financial need and how to financially position themselves for both successful college planning and retirement. For more information, please call (209) 857-5207. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

On Saturday, Oct. 17 the library will host the 46th Annual All-Kids Craft Fair. Children ages 7 to 14 will sell handmade crafts from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the Modesto Library portico. This event helps children learn about advertising, customer service, handling money, and other aspects of running a small business.

The library will host "Color Yourself Calm: Coloring for Grown Ups" on Oct. 17 at 1 p.m. Coloring has been proven to help relieve stress and spark creativity. The library will provide coloring sheets designed for adults, as well as colored pencils and crayons. Light refreshments will also be provided by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

Teens can celebrate Teen Read Week at the library Oct. 19 – 24 with the Landmark in a Jar contest. A distorted picture of a famous landmark will be placed in a jar in the teen area of the Modesto Library. Teens who guess the landmark correctly will be entered into a drawing for a prize.

Teens and children can Get Goosebumps Oct. 26-31. During this week-long event, participants can take a picture with a giant Goosebumps book, find something hidden in the room, and enter a drawing for prizes.

Children can take part in a Halloween themed Perler bead craft on Monday, Oct. 26 at 3:30 p.m. Participants can make creepy crawly designs out of colorful Perler beads, which fuse together when heat is applied.

A special Halloween parade will follow the 10:15 a.m. Story Time on Wednesday, Oct. 28. Participants can march through the library collecting Halloween treats. Costumes are welcome, but not required to participate. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

The Grossology program will take place on Thursday, Oct. 29 at 3:30 p.m. Children can enjoy gross and slimy science experiments. This program has the potential to be messy, so participants should wear clothes they don't mind getting dirty.

Children can Get Crafty on Saturday, Oct. 31. Participants can stop by the Children's Room throughout the day to craft a non-food treat.

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 about Children and Teen programming, please contact the Modesto Library's Children and Teen Department at (209) 558-7810. For information on adult programming, please contact the Modesto Library Reference Desk at (209) 558-7814.

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