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October Events at the Modesto Library

This month, the Modesto Library will offer free crafts, informational programs, and seasonal activities.

The library's "Saturday Stories and Art" program will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Following a reading of Lois Ehler's *Leaf Man*, all ages will create leaf creatures to take home. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library and the Central California Art Association.

Community members can take part in free computer classes this month, beginning with Computer Basics on Mondays, Oct. 9 and 23 at 10 a.m. Word Intermediate will be held on Monday, Oct. 9 at 5 p.m., and Word Basics will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 5 p.m. Excel Basics will be offered on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 5 p.m. and Excel Intermediate will be held on Monday, Oct. 23 at 5 p.m. Email Basics will take place on Thursday, Oct. 19 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.

All ages are invited to enjoy building and playing with LEGOs on Wednesdays, Oct. 11 and 25 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.

The library will host its annual All-Kids Craft Fair on Saturday, Oct. 14. 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 All-Kids Craft Fair is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

On Saturday, Oct. 14, local poets Linda Toren and Gary Thomas, in partnership with the Modesto-Stanislaus Poetry Center (MoSt), will lead a poetry workshop in the auditorium from 1 to 3 p.m. The workshop is an opportunity for participants to correspond with others using free verse, haiku, tanka, or a form of their preference. The workshop will lead participants in short exercises designed to inspire conversations. Light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

Great Valley Museum will present "Magical Magnets" on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 4:30 p.m. This program will teach children about magnetic properties through hands-on experimentation. Magical Magnets will be held in the Modesto Library auditorium, and is designed for school-aged children in second grade and up, however, all ages are welcome. The Magical Magnets program is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

Families are invited to a screening of a Halloween movie on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 5:30 p.m. The library will show an animated film that follows the bullfighter Manolo and his adventures through the Land of the Living and the Land of the Remembered. The film is rated PG. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

Comix Club will meet on Thursday, Oct. 26 at 4 p.m. Participants will take part in engaging discussions, games and activities featuring the comic of the month. The Comix Club is suggested for ages 8 and up.

Children of all ages are invited to listen to some “not-too-spooky” stories during Story Time on Tuesday, Oct. 31 at 6:15 p.m. Costumes are encouraged, but not required.

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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