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January Events at the Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library

Children, teens and adults are invited to take advantage of a number of free programs at the Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library this January, beginning with Minecraft Week Jan. 2 through 6. Throughout the week, children and teens are invited to find the Creeper in the library to win a prize. At 3 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 5, children and teens can make creepers, play Minecraft BINGO, and more.

Great Valley Museum will present a hands-on program about rocks and minerals on Tuesday, Jan. 2 at 4 p.m. Students will learn how rocks and minerals are formed, where they come from, and how they differ.

A new teen study group will be offered on Wednesdays, Jan. 3, 17 and 31 at 4:30 p.m. Tables will be reserved for study time, and snacks will be provided. This program is designed for ages 13 to 18.

“Wee Move and Play” will be held on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. This program features unstructured playtime, during which toddlers and preschoolers can enjoy music, movement and sensory play.

Free Computer Basics classes will be held on Thursdays, Jan. 4 and 18 at 10:30 a.m. Participants will be introduced to the parts of a computer, receive a tour of Windows, and learn simple tasks. Advance registration is required; please call (209) 543-7315 to sign up.

Ages 13 to 18 are invited to experience virtual gaming technology with the library’s Oculus Rift virtual reality headset on Monday, Jan. 8 at 4 p.m. This event will be first come, first served.

Community members can attend a free home buyer workshop on Monday, Jan. 8 at 6 p.m. Realtor Cyndy Hackett will explain how to buy a home with little to no money down. She will also discuss credit score numbers, and offer tips for getting offers accepted.

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The Salida Library Book Club will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 10 a.m. to discuss *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. Interested parties can visit the library's Circulation Desk to take advantage of the copies available for checkout, though please note that supplies are limited. Call 209-543-7315 for more information.

Preschoolers and toddlers are invited to dance and play on Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 4 p.m. The program will feature shakers, scarves, and Story Time music.

The "Tech Connect: Library Mobile App Petting Zoo" will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 3 p.m. Community members are invited to learn about the library's free apps on a variety of devices. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions about online language learning, eBooks, eMagazines, downloadable audiobooks, and more. Advance registration is required. Please visit the Salida Library or call 209-543-7353 to sign up.

Tweens ages 9 to 12 can enjoy a Babymouse and Squish extravaganza on Thursday, Jan. 11 at 4 p.m. Participants can take part in activities inspired by the Holm siblings' favorite comic characters, Babymouse and Squish, including cupcake decorating, slime making, and more.

The Modesto Money Mavens will offer a free couponing class on Saturday, Jan. 13 at 3 p.m. Participants will learn how to find bargains and save money.

Family Dinner and Movie Night will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 6 p.m. Families are invited to bring a picnic dinner to a showing of the animated movie, *Cars 3*. Participants are encouraged to bring a blanket on which to sit, and children may come in pajamas. The library will provide a beverage and popcorn.

Children can build and play with LEGO® bricks on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 4 p.m. Children under 4 are welcome to participate, however they must have direct parental supervision.

The Salida Tween Book Club will meet on Thursday, Jan. 25 at 4 p.m. The program will feature a discussion of *Brave* by Svetlana Chmakova, as well as games and activities. The Tween Book Club is designed for ages 9 to 12. Please contact the Salida Library at 209-543-7353 to reserve a copy of *Brave*.

The Salida Teen Advisory Board meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 27 at 3 p.m. Teens can share their ideas on teen library programs and services, while earning community service credit.

The "STEAM* Snow" program will be offered on Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 4 p.m. Following a reading of Emily Jenkins' *Toys Meet Snow*, each child can try to build the tallest marshmallow snowman, and make faux snow.

Children's programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Salida Library. The Salida Library is located at 4835 Sisk Road. For more information, please call the Salida Library's branch supervisor, Wayne Philbrook, at (209) 543-7353.

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