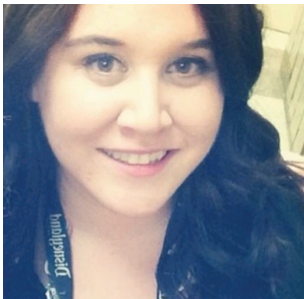


Meet Library Outreach Coordinator Laura Ferrell



In her role as Community Outreach Coordinator, Laura Ferrell educates the public about the free services and programs that the library offers. She oversees the

library's Home Delivery Service, a program that brings library materials to homebound Stanislaus County residents who can't get to the library due to advanced age, injury or disabling illness. Staffed by volunteers, HDS serves customers throughout the county.

Ferrell, who joined the library staff as a page in 2011, also coordinates the library's docents, who lead free, behind the scenes tours of the Modesto Library. The tours are full of fun facts about the library, and offer customers a chance to see firsthand how their library works. (To schedule a library tour call Ferrell at 558-7817.)

"I love getting people excited about the library, whether through print materials, social media, or community outreach," says Ferrell, who has been in her current position for four years now.

The library's Local Author Fair is another annual event that Ferrell organizes. This event is an opportunity for the public to meet with and support our local writing community. Authors of children's, teen and adult books are featured at the event. The Local Author Fair is typically held in the fall at the Modesto Library.

Whereas Olga Cardenas (see related article in this issue) focuses on programs for youth and early literacy, Ferrell's outreach focus is the community at large. She also supports the outreach efforts of other departments and is available

to assist them in their outreach events; for instance, she has attended events with Youth Outreach, helped out at the Ceres Street Fair, and attended the Salida Old Fashioned Country Festival.

"I love knowing that what I do has a direct and positive impact on the community," says Ferrell. "For example, through my work with the Home Delivery Service I have witnessed the vital role the library plays for those who can no longer get there. It allows their minds to stay active, and to virtually travel to other places and experience things they otherwise wouldn't have an opportunity to do."

A Modesto native with a degree in English from UC Berkeley, Ferrell also appreciates having the opportunity to work in a creative environment and working with creative people. For instance, she says, "Last year for the Volunteer Appreciation Event, we built a beanstalk as part of the event's Fairy Tale theme! I particularly enjoy creating engaging print material, and with the recent update to the look of the library's monthly calendar of events email, I've had an opportunity to have some fun with design."

Of the Home Delivery Service, Ferrell says, "HDS is staffed by volunteers, so the availability of the program is dependent on having volunteers to staff the program. We have amazing volunteers who serve homebound customers throughout the county. However, we are always looking for more volunteers to meet the growing demand for this important program."

Friends of the Modesto Library Annual Meeting

Wednesday, Mar. 7th 5:30 p.m.
Library Auditorium

All members and visitors welcome

HOME DELIVERY SERVICES

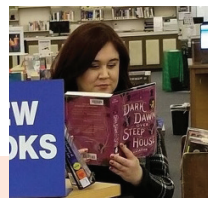
"It's impossible to work with the Home Delivery program and not see the direct impact of the library. My Home Delivery customers are so appreciative, sometimes even emotional, about the importance of this program in their lives," says Ferrell. "One of my customers, a particularly voracious reader, has friends out of state, who are amazed that a library would have such a program. It is evident that by having a supply of books to read, she not only has something to do, but it is one more thing to discuss with friends."

Want to get involved?

Volunteers are always needed for Home Delivery Service. Contact Laura at (209) 558-7817 if you would like to know more. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age, and willing to make a long-term volunteer commitment of at least 6 months. Volunteers for this program use their personal vehicles to make the deliveries, so they must have a valid driver's license and automobile insurance. Volunteers complete an application and will be sent to be fingerprinted, after which they receive training and are matched with a customer.

7 things to know about Laura Ferrell

1. Favorite color: Blue
2. Favorite movie: *The American President*
3. Favorite new book: *Sing, Unburied*, Sing by Jesmyn Ward. "The writing is amazing, and the story is powerful."
4. Favorite dessert: Anything chocolate
5. Sun Sign: Taurus
6. Favorite place: Disneyland
7. Fun fact? "When I was younger, I wanted to be a member of the United States Senate. Although I was interested in public service, I mostly wanted to be a member of Congress so I could borrow books from the Library of Congress."



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The Friends promotes goodwill and community support for the Modesto Library, stimulates public awareness of Modesto Library needs, and seeks sources of cultural and educational programs for the Modesto Library.

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of March, June, September and December in the Library Conference Room and are open to all members or interested individuals.

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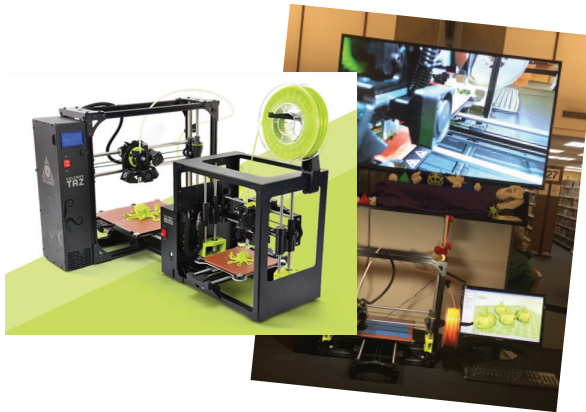
FROM THE PRESIDENT



New Year, New Services at the Modesto Library

2018 promises to be full of excitement at the Modesto Library. With funding assured for the next 12 years, library staff can plan with confidence for a vibrant, customer-focused library. Here are just a few examples of things to watch for in the coming year:

- A new 3-D printer, which will be a cornerstone of the much-anticipated makerspace at the Modesto Library, can create anything from a working fidget spinner to a machine part. Stop in and watch it at work. You can choose and print from hundreds of designs – free! A portable, mini-3D mobile printer is touring the branch libraries, so everyone can have a look and give it a try.



- Electric charging stations will soon be installed in the parking lots of the Modesto library and several of the larger branches. Electric car owners can charge their vehicles free while visiting the library.
- Discover & Go – Your next trip to a regional museum or exhibit might be free, thanks to a new service provided by the library. Discover & Go will provide free passes to places such as the DeYoung Museum, Exploratorium, Asian Art Museum and California Arts and Sciences Museum.
- Library Calendar – The Library's events and programs calendar is now available for delivery to your email inbox. Get the latest information on children's and adult programs. Sign up at <http://bit.ly/2D7eURA> or visit the Stanislaus County Library website at Stanislauslibrary.org.

The Modesto Library will continue to be a place of learning, community engagement and fun in 2018. Join us as we embark on a full, productive year!

-- Denise Nordell, Co-President

SHINING STAR NOMINATIONS

Library Foundation seeks nominations for 2018 Shining Star Awards

The Shining Star Awards were established in 2004 to honor individuals, businesses or organizations, and Friends of the Library members for their support of the library through volunteer efforts, advocacy, programs or financial contributions. In addition, the Foundation presents the Joan Patterson Stellar Achievement Award recognizing a volunteer who has fulfilled a long-term, ongoing commitment of service to Stanislaus County Libraries.

The Shining Star Awards will be presented on April 28, 2018.

Nominations are due by March 23.

For a list of previous honorees or to submit a nomination, visit <http://bit.ly/2FwHQjh>.



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REPEAT AFTER ME: MORE BOOKS FOR MORE KIDS!



Thanks to the success of our recent book fair, that is just what Friends of the Modesto Library is able to provide!

Ellen Dambrosio did a bang-up job leading a crew of 18 "Friends" and one high school student staffing the three-day event in November to generate books to improve literacy throughout Modesto. Here's how it works.

Donations received during the book fair are used to purchase high-quality, low-cost books at the fair from the lists for organizations like Children's Crisis Center, Haven Women's Center, LearningQuest and Stanislaus READS as well as for the Modesto library itself.

More books for more kids!

Profits from the sale of new books are used to buy more books. And in April at the library's Día de los Niños/ Día de los Libros event those books go directly into the hands of children for their

home libraries. Every child who attends that first Saturday in April will go home with a book to keep forever.

More books for more kids!

The next Scholastic event is the Discount Sale, May 8-12. FOML earns cash from that to support next year's Día. Members also help staff that sale, earning credit which means, you guessed it:

More books for more kids!

To quote from *The Reading Mother* by Strickland Gillilan

*You may have tangible wealth untold;
Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold.
Richer than I you can never be--
I had a Mother who read to me.*

Thank you for your help and support. And one more time, repeat after me:

More books for more kids!

-- Anne Britton, Book Fair Coordinator

Modesto Sound Update

California Audio Roots Project (CARP) reveals storytelling is still popular

Modesto Sound is excited to announce a successful start to its latest local community audio outreach program called the California Audio Roots Project. The goal of the California Audio Roots Project, or CARP for short, is to create local media content to distribute to radio stations and other outlets with the participation of local everyday citizens. Area supporters include newspapers and radio stations, Friends of the Modesto Library, the Mary Stuart Rogers Foundation, and the Bright Family Foundation. A grant through the California Arts Council, called the Arts & Public Media grant, helped jump-start the project with an initial grant. As of January 10, 2018, five, thirty-minute shows have been completed at Modesto Sound's recording studio; in the shows, each participant is sharing their story, one has music, and one includes a poem. Producers of the shows are Lucky Lew and Stella Beratis. The participation thus far indicates that storytelling is an appealing opportunity to locals.

The mission of the project is to encourage people to come to the studio and record their experiences of living in California and their life stories, through music, poetry and storytelling.

Mark your calendars to attend the free showcasing of completed shows, including the attendance of media representatives, producers, engineers, and participants of the project. The showcase will be held Saturday, June 23, 2018, from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. at the Stanislaus County Library in downtown Modesto.

To listen to completed shows right now, please visit modestosound.org. Modesto Sound welcomes new sponsors to become involved, to partner with us in assuring that everyone who wants to participate in the California Audio Roots Project by sharing their story will have the opportunity to do so! For information on participating in the project, call Program Director Janet Seay, at 209-573-0533 or email Modesto Sound staff at studio@modestosound.org.



Join the Friends Today!

Friends of the Modesto Library provides funds to enhance the programs and services at the Modesto Library.

Dues are paid on a calendar-year basis (Jan. 1– Dec. 31). Please select a membership level and indicate the amount of your donation.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City/ZIP _____

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Thank you for giving us your email! It reduces our postage cost and lets us keep in touch.

Join FOML:

I am a ___ new member ___ renewing member ___ returning member

Sign me up for

- Reader (\$25 - \$49) \$ _____
- Storyteller (\$50 - \$99) \$ _____
- Novelist (\$100 - \$249) \$ _____
- Bestseller (\$250 - \$499) \$ _____
- Classic (\$500-\$999) \$ _____
- Epic (\$1,000 and above) \$ _____



Method of payment: ___ cash ___ check # _____

If paying by check, make payable to FOML. Provide information on form, then mail to:

Friends of the Modesto Library
PO Box 4565
Modesto, CA 95352-4565

You can also go to <http://modestolibraryfriends.org> and use the Donate button to pay with PayPal.

OUTREACH LIBRARIAN RECOGNIZED AS A GIVING HERO OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION



Olga Valencia Cardenas, outreach librarian at Stanislaus County Library, started a book club at the local Juvenile Hall and Juvenile Commitment Center for young men a couple of years ago. It wasn't long before word started to spread out about how popular and successful the book clubs were, and how thrilled the youth were to have their ideas and opinions heard.

For her amazing work, going truly above and beyond her role as a local librarian, Olga was chosen to receive the I Love My Librarian Award, which comes with a \$5,000 cash prize. While most people might have used the prize money

for personal reward, Olga donated every cent to create a new Juvenile Justice Center Library at the Juvenile Hall and Juvenile Commitment Center. To her, the success of the book clubs showed that the need for a library at the Hall was paramount.

Though the money was obviously important for the completion of the project, none of this would be possible without Olga's drive to do so much more for the community than expected. Olga is an inspiration to us all and her extraordinary generosity shows that any one person can change the world.

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SAFETY FIRST!



Safety at the Library

LIBRARY BAN LIST

The library is a public place that is open to everyone—young and old, rich and poor. That includes homeless and indigent people as well. Occasionally, library visitors express concern about safety and comfort when visiting the Modesto library. You might be interested to know that library staff members follow a safety policy that calls for individuals to be temporarily banned from the library for inappropriate or offensive behavior. The bans range from one day to six months or greater. If you ever feel uncomfortable during your library visit, seek out a staff person, who will address the situation immediately.

Another Way to Serve

THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD



Measure S, the 1/8-cent sales tax that funds the Stanislaus County Library's 13-branch system, provides for a citizens committee to oversee the spending of the tax revenues and advise the County Library Director on needed programs and services. This committee is known as the Library Advisory Board and there are currently several vacancies. Representatives are needed in special areas such as agriculture, education and youth services, as well as for County District 3, which includes Salida. If you are interested in knowing more, contact County Library Director Diane McDonnell at (209) 578-7081 and learn more about the Advisory Board member role and its responsibilities at <http://bit.ly/2DqeW30>.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018?

Membership dues reset in January for the calendar year, so it is now time to renew. We are very grateful for the early renewals of so many Friends in the past couple of months.

Donations made to cover annual memberships account for 25-30% of all the income the Friends generate each year. Memberships were down slightly in 2017, which meant we didn't have as much money available to give to the library as we would have liked. We hope you'll choose a membership level that's right for you and mail your 2018 membership form right away. The library has many requests we'd like to fill this year; without your generous donations, we may be unable to fill them all.



If you prefer to pay online with PayPal, go to ModestoLibraryFriends.org and click the DONATE button at the bottom of the page. Please include a note in the text box indicating that you are renewing your membership and be sure to include any new contact information.

The following individuals have supported Friends of the Modesto Library by becoming new members at the end of 2017. We welcome and appreciate you!

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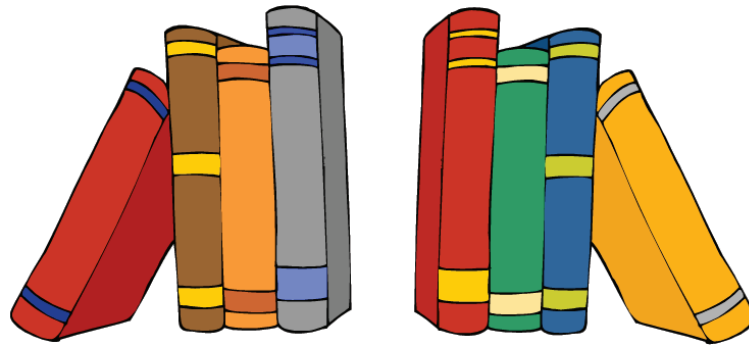
Anna & Steve Seidell

Isa Wiechmann



And welcome to our newest business member, **Beard Family Corporation**.

-- Ellen Dambrosio, Membership Director



USED BOOK DONATIONS NEEDED

for Friends of Modesto Library Used Book Sale

For free pick up: (209) 985-7156

or pat.glattk@gmail.com

Used Book Sale: Saturday, May 5, 2018
8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Modesto Library Portico
1500 I St. Downtown Modesto

YULE BALL DRAWS WIZARDS AND MUGGLES FOR HOLIDAY FUN

The Harry Potter Yule Ball, which was held the first week in December, was a big success, with approximately 185 wizards, muggles, animagus, seekers, house-elves, and Hogwarts students of all ages in attendance. Library Manager Chris Moreno presented a poster-size thank you card to the Friends of the Modesto Library, which sponsored the event.



ALWAYS SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE

From the better-known days commemorating things like ground hogs, valentines and presidents—to the lesser known and quirky – World Nutella Day (Feb. 5), Flannel Day (Feb. 10), Thumb Appreciation Day (Feb. 18), National Cheese Doodle Day (Mar. 5)—it seems there's always a reason to tip your hat or simply smile.

How about these reading-related days coming up soon:

Feb. 3 - Take your Child to the Library Day

Feb. 9 - Read in the Bathtub Day

Feb. 25 - Quiet Day

Feb. 26 - Tell a Fairy Tale Day

Mar. 28 - Children's Picture Book Day

Apr. 11 - School Librarians' Day



Of course, libraries get a whole week devoted to them. This year, National Library Week is April 8-14. Watch for news of library events and activities!

News from other branches

Grayson Pop-up Library:

Library staff applied for and received a \$55,000 grant from Sunlight Giving, which will be used to create a pop-up library at the Grayson Community Center. Grayson residents currently travel to Patterson for library services.

Turlock Expansion:

An architectural firm has been chosen from among five competitors to build the new Turlock library, with construction to begin soon.

Empire Community Visioning Project:

Under this plan, the Empire library will expand from its current size of 1,900 sq. ft. to 3,000 sq. ft., a much-needed improvement.

EVENTS

Now, you can receive the Library's Monthly Calendar by email

The new and improved calendar email features:

- An engaging format that is easily accessible on your computer or mobile device
- Highlights of free monthly programs
- An easy to print version of the library's calendar of events

Sign up today at <http://bit.ly/2D7eURA>

FEBRUARY

Thursday, Feb. 1, 3:30-4:30p.m.

Game Day

Get your game on! Bring the family and play giant versions of Jenga, dominoes, and more! Ginormous fun? You bet! In the Children's Dept.

Feb. 5-12

Valentine's Day Cards for Seniors.

Make Valentine's Day extra special for local senior citizens. Valentine Stations will be located in the Children's Room and at the Reference Desk. All materials will be provided. All ages are welcome to make cards. The library will donate completed cards to local senior citizen facilities in Modesto

Wednesdays Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28, 3:30p.m.

LEGO Play

Children will have the opportunity to build LEGO® displays for the library. LEGO® play helps children develop fine motor skills. Children under 4 are welcome, but must have direct adult supervision.

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 6p.m.

Adulting 101: Resumé Workshop.

Ninfa Smith from Stanislaus County Office of Education will present information about creating the valuable "adult" skills for an effective resumé and provide handouts to aid in the process. Designed for ages 16 to 25, but all ages are welcome.

Friday, Feb. 9

Mo Willems Day

Celebrate author Mo Willems in the Children's Library. Find Pigeon hiding in the room to get a prize! Take your picture in a giant book! Coloring pages will be available all day long.

Saturday, Feb. 10, 12:30p.m.

Circus of Smiles

Non-stop excitement and family-friendly theatrics that get people laughing and inspire learning and FUN by bringing the circus to you. Open to all ages; perfect for preschool children and older. Sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library.

Saturday, Feb. 17, 1p.m.

Saturday Stories and Art: African-American Quilts.

Following the reading of Patricia McKissack's book *Stitchin' and Pullin'*, participants will use paper and fabric quilts in the style of Gee's Bend artists to explore an art concept, creating their own pieces to take home. All ages welcome. Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

Monday, Feb. 19

LIBRARY CLOSED for Presidents Day

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 3:30-4:30p.m.

Sketch & Script

Meet other teen writers and artists during this hour of creativity in the Modesto Library Teen Zone! Feel free to bring your laptop, art materials, and imagination. We'll have writing prompts, themes, and materials available while supplies last.

Thursday, Feb. 22, 4p.m.

Comix Club

Like to read? So do we! Come hang out on the last Thursday of every month for discussions, games and activities featuring our comic of the month. Comix Club is suggested for ages 8 and up. Modesto Library's Children's and Teen Services Department at (209) 558-7810 for more information.

Saturday, Feb. 24, 12:30-4:30p.m.

Scrapbooking Fun

Open to scrapbookers of all levels. Participants will learn techniques with free time afterwards to work on your own scrapbook. Some materials will be provided but you are encouraged to bring your own. This program occurs regularly, and you are welcome to drop in at any time. Prizes are given out at every meeting. Drop-in, no signup required.

MARCH

Mar. 2 - Apr. 14

"Cover to Cover" Reading Program!

Read five books and earn a free hamburger from In 'n' Out. Ages 4-12. Limit three burgers per child. Sign up in the Children's Department.

Thursday, Mar. 1, 3:30-4:30p.m.

Game Day

Get your game on! Bring the family to the Children's Department and play giant versions of Jenga, dominoes, and more! Ginormous fun? You bet!

Thursday, Mar. 2

Dr. Seuss Day

Drop by the Children's Room and see what Suessical activities await!

Mar. 4-10

Teen Tech Week: Libraries are for Creating

Teens ages 13-18! Guess the book from the emojis shown to enter your name into a prize drawing. Limit one entry per person.



Friday, Mar. 9

Coloring Day

Add some color to your world! All ages can join us to unwind and have fun in a comfortable environment. Colored pencils, crayons, and a variety of artistic designs will be available!

Wednesdays Mar. 7, 14, and 21, 3:30p.m.

LEGO Play

See Feb. 7

Wednesday, Mar. 7, 5:15 - 8p.m.

Friends of the Modesto Library Annual Meeting

Meeting is open to all members or interested individuals. (209) 527-1867.

Saturday, Mar. 10, 1p.m.

Saturday Stories and Art

Free art program for the family featuring a picture book and a related art project, using a variety of mediums and techniques to explore an art concept, creating their own pieces to take home. All ages welcome. Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

Wednesday, Mar. 21, 6p.m.

Adulting 101: Home Buying

One of a series of monthly free "Adulting" programs designed for ages 16 to 25, but all ages are welcome. Realtor Cyndy Hackett will help guide you on the right path to home ownership. For first time home buyers or those wanting to prepare to buy a home. Bring all your home buying questions.

Monday, March 26, 5:30p.m.

Movie Night @ the Modesto Library

Join us for this 2004 comedy about an awkward, 16-year-old boy from Idaho as he helps his friend win school student body president by getting everyone to "Vote for Pedro." This film is rated PG.

Thursday, Mar. 29, 4p.m.

Comix Club

See Feb. 22

APRIL

April 2-28

ALL STORY TIMES ON BREAK

Wednesdays, Apr. 4, 11, 18, and 25, 3:30p.m.

LEGO Play

See Feb. 7

Thursday, Apr. 5, 3:30-4:30p.m.

Game Day

Get your game on! Bring the family to the Children's Department and play giant versions of Jenga, dominoes, and more! Ginormous fun? You bet!

Saturday, April 7, 10 a.m. - 1p.m.

¡Día de los Niños / Día de los Libros!

Celebration of literacy for every child on Day of the Book/Child! Enjoy crafts, activities, games and a special Bilingual Story Time. Children can get a free book while supplies last, compliments of the Friends of the Modesto Library.

Friday, Apr. 13

Coloring Day

Add some color to your world! All ages can join us to unwind and have fun in a comfortable environment. Colored pencils, Crayons, and a variety of artistic designs will be available!

Saturday, Apr. 14, 1p.m.

Saturday Stories and Art

See Mar. 10.

April 14

"Cover to Cover" Reading Program Ends

Last day to collect certificates.

Thursday, Apr. 26, 4p.m.

Comix Club

See Feb. 22

Dates are subject to change. More programs to be announced. Programs are in the basement auditorium unless stated otherwise. Please check the Stanislaus County Library's website at www.stanislauslibrary.org and click on Events and Classes to see information about all of the great programs in store for you.

QUICK STARTS

FIRST SENTENCES FROM SELECTIONS IN THE NEW BOOKS AREA



Lydia heard the distant flap of paper wings as the first book fell from its shelf.

From Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore by Matthew Sullivan



While I dressed, I played Cole Porter's "Miss Otis Regrets," the Ella Fitzgerald version. It made me smile.

From Domina by L. S. Hilton



When he was fourteen, Innish teré Maér Eönetaé tried for the first time to kill his father. He did not succeed.

From Winter of Ice and Iron by Rachel Neumeier



Grief is the most solitary emotion: it makes islands of us all.

From Mississippi Blood by Greg Iles



Francis never expected the silverware would be his undoing.

From World of Tomorrow by Brennan Mathews



I stayed up at the bar a few times but I didn't want the barman thinking that I needed someone to talk to.

From Smile by Roddy Doyle



The morning air was still as Caeden brushed his thumb against the axe's edge, nodding as a fine line of crimson blushed where the skin made contact.

From An Echo of Things to Come- The Licanius Tilogy: Book Two by James Islington