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Right Time, Right Place

Library Security Guard Janice Tumelson has been recognized for recent life-saving actions by her employer, Allied Universal Security Company, and the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors. The county library contracts with Allied for library security.



Janice, a Modesto Library security guard for six years, was in front of the library when yelling alerted her to a problem. She crossed the street and found an unresponsive individual. Someone was already on the line with 911, but after learning drugs were involved Janice directed another employee to get four doses of Narcan, a nasal spray that reverses opioid overdoses. She administered the spray and began chest compressions. The individual became responsive just as emergency services arrived. Janice learned first aid and CPR years ago and encourages everyone to take a CPR course or refresher. The EMT's complimented her on her response to the emergency. County Library Director Sarah Dentan said she is incredibly thankful that Janice was

there and acted so quickly to save the man's life, noting that the man would have died expect for Janice's quick thinking.

Let's Go Digital



There's a section of the Stanislaus County Library that you can't walk into, but it is free, convenient, and available 24/7—our library's vast digital collections of ebooks, audiobooks, music, and videos.

You just need internet service and the apps to download digital items onto a variety of devices. There are no late fines since digital items are automatically removed from your device when due. Usual check-out lengths are: ebooks-21 days, albums-7 days and movies-3 days.

Library digital offerings began about eight years ago. Due to high costs for ebooks and audiobooks, the collection was limited. Stacey Chen, head of Stanislaus County Library's Collection Services, was quick to get us on board as part of a statewide public library sharing of online materials (called CloudLink). This has increased the number from 7,500 to 260,000. Both ebooks and audiobooks are available. As many as 25 books can be checked out at a time through the CloudLibrary.

Since then the library has added two more digital collections – Hoopla and The Palace Project. The library catalog shows ebooks and audiobooks and in which of the three collections an item is available.

Hoopla limits borrowers to five items per month although it offers bonus borrows that don't count against the limit. The Palace Project borrows are unlimited and useable on all device except desktop computers.

To get started digitally, you'll need:

- A library card
- A device for reading or listening or watching: a smart phone, a notebook/tablet, a laptop, or a desktop computer (Reminder: desktop access not available for The Palace Project).
- The free digital apps, which must be loaded onto your device. Instructions are available at stanislauslibrary.org.
- Need help? Take your device to the library reference desk and ask for help.

Stacy's Digital Tips: See an ebook or audiobook that you want to read or listen to? Borrow it immediately. It might not be available the next day because someone else might check it out or the license expired. Can't access Hoopla because of the daily limit? Don't give up. Check CloudLibrary or The Palace Project. There are a huge number of ebooks or audiobooks to choose from. You will surely find something you like.

President's Message

What going? Not much. **JUST** a busy fall with Scholastic and Barnes & Noble book fairs, Halloween at the Library, and National Friends of Libraries Week. **JUST** planning for a fabulous, year-long Friends of the Modesto Library 50th birthday celebration in 2024. **JUST** gathering volunteers for Crabfest early next year. **JUST** preplanning for a major capital fundraising campaign, also set to launch in 2024. We want to include everyone in these exciting plans, so watch for details and ask yourself how you can contribute.

Meanwhile, we urgently need someone to step forward and take on the role of FOML treasurer (or co-treasurer) for the balance of the fiscal year ending June 2024. We've set up the role to make it straightforward and easy to manage. If you or someone you know might be willing to take on this job, let's chat. Call me: 209-765-6388.

With everyone bringing their special skills to the party (literally) we can be successful beyond even our highest hopes. Thank you for your enthusiastic support.—*Denise Nordell*

Crabfest 2024!

We are beyond grateful that Dallas and Garrad Marsh, owners of Modesto's McHenry Bowl, have designated Friends of the Modesto Library as the beneficiary of their annual Crabfest in 2024. This major fundraiser is a wonderful opportunity for us and YOU CAN HELP in a number of ways:

- o Donate an item for the Dessert Auction
- o Donate silent auction/raffle items or solicit goods and services as donations
- o Become a sponsor or purchase an ad
- o Coordinate and solicit sponsors for FOML
- o Volunteer for set-up
- o Purchase a ticket or a table for the Feb. 10, 2024, event

With your help this can be our best fundraiser ever! Consider how you can help, then contact Isa Wiechmann at (209) 380-3839.

Calendar These Shopping Dates to Raise Funds for FOML

FOML will hold the **Scholastic Book Fair November 8-13** in the Modesto Library basement. Check in mid-October at modestolibraryfriends.org or www.scholastic.com/bf/modestopubliclibrary for updated hours and days. It's a great place to do holiday/birthday shopping for teens and children.

Another annual FOML shopping/fundraising opportunity takes place **Dec. 9 & 10** at the **Modesto Barnes & Noble**. FOML receives a portion of the weekend's sales. Each shopper will receive a voucher from a FOML volunteer when entering the store. The voucher is turned in to the clerk when you pay. You will also be provided with a voucher number for online sales.



Making Friends at the Farmers Market

FOML members Cathie Peck, Sue Connor, Judy Pierce, Anne Britton and Isa Wiechmann recently spent a Thursday morning doing community outreach at the Farmers Market. They signed up young children for the new Imagination Library's early literacy program, reminded people of all that the library offers and made friends for FOML.