



Stanislaus County Library

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June Events at the Modesto Library

Community members are invited to enjoy a variety of free programs at the Modesto Library this June. Multiple Story Times are offered each week:

Wiggle Worms, a special Story Time designed for babies, active toddlers, and adult caregivers takes place on Mondays and Tuesdays at 10:15 and 11:15 a.m. Wiggle Worms features stories, lap bounces, music, dancing, rhythm activities, fingerplays and more.

Preschool Story Time is held on Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. and Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. Preschool Story Times feature new and classic picture books, flannel board and puppet stories, fingerplays, music and dancing, for preschoolers ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers, however all ages are welcome.

Spanish Story Time, designed for ages 3 to 6, takes place on Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. Children can enjoy new and classic Spanish picture books, flannel board and puppet stories, fingerplays, music and dancing.

Bilingual Story Time, designed for ages 3 to 6, is offered on Saturdays at 10:15 a.m. Children can enjoy Spanish and English picture books, flannel board and puppet stories, fingerplays, music and dancing.

Free computer classes will be held this month, beginning with Computer Basics on Mondays, June 4 and 18 at 10 a.m. Excel Basics will be offered on Tuesday, June 5 at 5 p.m. and Excel Intermediate will be held Tuesday, June 12 at 5 p.m. Internet Basics will take place on Thursday, June 7 at 1:30 p.m. Word Basics will be held on Tuesday, June 19 at 5 p.m. and Word Intermediate will take place on Tuesday, June 26 at 5 p.m. Email Basics will be offered on Thursday, June 21 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 call 209-558-7814 to sign up.

Children and their families can enjoy a free magic show on Tuesday, June 5 at 12:30 and 2 p.m. Magician Magic Dan's show will encourage children to embrace reading and to feel good about themselves.

LEGO® Days will be held on Wednesdays 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.

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Children and their families are invited to a Game Day on Thursday, June 7 at 3:30 p.m. This event will feature giant versions of Jenga, dominos, and more.

The Modesto-Stanislaus Poetry Center (MoSt) will offer a free poetry workshop on Saturday, June 9 from 1 to 3 p.m. Stella Beratlis, Modesto's poet laureate, will lead this workshop on "crowd-sourced" poetry, or creating new poetry with friends. All experience levels are welcome.

In celebration of the Summer Reading Challenge, the library will screen movies this summer with travel and exploration themes. This month, community members are invited visit the library on Monday, June 11 at 5 p.m. to experience the story of Mark Watney as he fights for survival on Mars. This film is rated PG-13.

All ages can unwind with a Summer Reading Challenge themed coloring day on Friday, June 15 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Colored pencils, crayons, and a variety of travel and space themed designs will be available. Participants will have the opportunity to enroll in this year's Summer Reading Challenge.

Shoppers are invited to visit the Stanislaus County Library's All-Teens Craft Fair on Saturday, June 16, held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Modesto Library portico. Local teens will showcase and sell handmade crafts priced at \$10 or less. This event helps teens learn about sales, customer service, and money management.

Teens and adults are invited to test their knowledge at the library's Trivia Night on Monday, June 18 at 5:30 p.m. Participants may compete on their own or as a team, up to a limit of 4 people. Categories include movies/TV, pop culture, and general knowledge.

VA Mobile Medical Outreach will provide medical services and benefit information to veterans on Wednesday, June 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Interested veterans are encouraged to check in inside the library, no appointment necessary. An enrollment specialist, medical provider, and veterans service officers will be on site. Participants should bring a copy of their DD 214 if they are not currently in the VA system.

Pokémon Day will be hosted in the Children's Room on Thursday, June 21. Throughout the day, children and teens can test their Pokémon knowledge with a quiz and enjoy a Pokémon craft. From 3 to 5 p.m., the library will offer a scavenger hunt, tables will be set aside for the Pokémon Trading Card Game and Nintendo DS players, and lures will be dropped for PokémonGO players.

Comix Club will meet on Thursday, June 28 at 4 p.m. This month, participants are invited to read and join in on discussions, games and activities featuring the comic book series *Avatar: the Last Airbender* by Gene Luen Yang. The Comix Club is suggested for ages 8 and up.

The library, in partnership with the #ModestoROCKS movement, will offer a rock painting program for teens and adults on Friday, June 29 from 1 to 4 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring their own rocks and drop in to paint rocks with designs and messages intended to inspire kindness in the community.

Story Time programs, LEGO® Days, the MoSt poetry workshop, movie program, coloring day, Trivia Night, Pokémon Day, and the #ModestoROCKS program are sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library. The Modesto Library is located at 1500 I St. 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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