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March Events at the Modesto Library

This March, the Modesto Library will offer free programs for children, teens and adults to enjoy.

Community members can take part in free computer classes this month, beginning with Internet Basics on Thursday, March 9 at 1:30 p.m. Computer Basics will take place on Monday, March 20 at 10 a.m. On Tuesday, March 21 at 5 p.m. participants can take Excel Intermediate. Email Basics will take place on Thursday, March 23 at 1:30 p.m. Email Basics participants will need to create an email account prior to the beginning of class. Community members may visit the Modesto Library Reference Desk for help setting up an email account. Advance registration is required for all computer classes; please contact the Modesto Library Reference Department at (209) 558-7814 to sign up.

Teens and adults are invited to celebrate the 20th anniversary of *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* on Friday, March 10 from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Participants can watch episodes of the TV show while enjoying cupcakes and punch, while supplies last.

"On the Road to Citizenship: Naturalization 101" will be held on Wednesday, March 15 at 6 p.m. A representative from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services will give an overview of what it takes to become a citizen and how eligibility is determined. The program will address the naturalization interview and how to avoid potential scams

Families are invited to "Saturday Stories and Art," a new series of free art programs featuring picture books and related art projects. Participants will use a variety of mediums and techniques to explore an art concept, creating their own pieces to take home. The first program will take place on Saturday, March 18 at 1 p.m. Following a reading of Nina Laden's *When Picasso Met Mootisse*, all ages can make portraits using paint mixings and collage techniques. The finished art will be reminiscent of Picasso and Matisse.

From March 20 through 25 the library will celebrate International Happiness Day (March 20) with a week-long happiness celebration. Community members are invited to visit the library's happiness wall, and leave notes sharing what makes them happy.

The library will celebrate Wellderly Week (March 20 through 25) in recognition of senior citizens who never act their age. Throughout the week, senior citizens are invited to enjoy the library's photo booth, complete with photo props. Participants can receive a copy of their photos by email by sharing their email with library staff.

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A "Tech Connect: Facebook Basics" class will be held on Wednesday, March 22 at 6 p.m. The class will offer instruction on how to create a Facebook account, post messages and pictures, find other users, understand privacy settings and more. Each participant must bring his or her own laptop or mobile device and email address. Advance registration is required; please contact the Modesto Library Reference Department at 209-558-7814 or register online at www.stanislauslibrary.org.

Scrapbooking Fun will take place on Saturday, March 25 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. This drop-in program will teach scrapbooking techniques, while offering time for participants to work on their own scrapbooks. Some materials will be provided, however participants are encouraged to bring their own. Free prizes are given out at every meeting.

The Modesto Library's Comix Club will meet on Thursday, March 30 at 4 p.m. This month participants will take part in discussions, games and activities featuring the graphic novel *Out from Bonesville* by Jeff Smith. The Comix Club is suggested for ages 8 and up.

Buffy the Vampire Slayer's 20th Anniversary Party, On the Road to Citizenship, Saturday Stories and Art, Tech Connect, and Scrapbooking Fun are sponsored by the Friends of the Modesto Library. 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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