



Stanislaus County Library

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March Events at the Modesto Library

All ages are invited to take part in free programs at the Modesto Library this March, beginning with a celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday on Friday, March 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Children who visit the library's Children's Room throughout the day can search for the Cat's hat to earn a prize, as well as enjoy Seuss-themed crafts and coloring pages.

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.

Free computer classes will be held this March, beginning with Excel Basics on Tuesday, March 6 at 5 p.m. and Excel Intermediate on Tuesday, March 13 at 5 p.m. Internet Basics will take place on Thursday, March 8 at 1:30 p.m. Computer Basics will be offered on Mondays, March 12 and 26 at 10 a.m. Word Basics will be held on Tuesday, March 20 at 5 p.m., and Word Intermediate will take place on Tuesday, March 27 at 5 p.m. Email Basics will take place on Thursday, March 22 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.

All ages can unwind with a Coloring Day on Friday, March 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Colored pencils, crayons, and a variety of artistic designs will be available at the Children's Information Desk.

The library's "Saturday Stories and Art" program will be held on Saturday, March 10 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Following a reading of Lois Ehlert's *Planting a Rainbow*, all ages will paint a flower garden. This program is sponsored in part by the Central California Art Association, and the Mistlin Gallery.

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Teens and adults are invited to participate in the Modesto-Stanislaus Poetry Center's (MoSt) quarterly poetry book club meeting on Wednesday, March 14 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The meeting will feature the book *blud* by Rachel McKibbens. Participants will share their favorite poems, discuss the poet's style, and write poems in the style of the poet. Please visit the Modesto Library Reference Desk to borrow a copy of the book.

Scrapbooking Fun will take place on Saturday, March 17 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.

From March 19 through 24 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.

"Adulting 101: Home Buying" will be held on Wednesday, March 21 at 6 p.m. Realtor Cyndy Hackett will help guide participants on the path to home ownership. Adulting 101 is designed for ages 16 to 25, but all ages are welcome to attend.

Teens and adults can enjoy a movie night on Monday, March 26 at 5:30 p.m. The library will screen a dynamite film about Idaho's best student body president. The film is rated PG for Parental Guidance.

VA Mobile Medical Outreach will provide medical services and benefit information to veterans on Wednesday, March 28 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.

Families can enjoy a free performance from Act!vated Story Theatre on Wednesday, March 28 at 3:30 p.m. The Goza family will perform two multicultural folktales full of physical comedy, music, song, dance, American Sign Language, and audience participation. Free tickets will be available in the Children's Room one hour before the show.

Comix Club will meet on Thursday, March 29 at 4 p.m. This month, participants are invited to read graphic novels about mythology and join in on discussions, games and activities featuring the topic of mythology. The Comix Club is suggested for ages 8 and up.

LEGO® Days, Saturday Stories and Art, MoSt Poetry Book Club, Scrapbooking Fun, Adulting 101, and Movie Night 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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