

## STANISLAUS COUNTY LIBRARY

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## **September Events at the Modesto Library**

Community members can enjoy free activities and informational programs at the Modesto Library this September, beginning with "A Matter of Balance" on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. This award-winning program is designed to help adults manage falls and increase activity levels. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothes and shoes for the approximately 20 minutes of gentle exercise per class. The program will be held in the Modesto Library Auditorium, and light refreshments will be provided, courtesy of the Friends of the Modesto Library. For more information, or to sign up, please call Kim Viviano, master trainer at (209) 523-2800.

The library will host a Toddler Dance and Play program on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 10:15 a.m. The library will provide shakers, scarves, and more for toddlers to enjoy. This 30-minute program will feature music and activities.

LEGO days will be held on Wednesdays, Sept. 7, 21, and 28 at 3:30 p.m. Children are invited to build LEGO creations, which 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.

Community members can take part in free computer classes this month, beginning with Internet Basics on Thursday, Sept. 8 at 1:30 p.m. Computer Basics will be offered on Mondays, Sept. 12 and 26 at 10 a.m. Word Intermediate will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 5 p.m. Email Basics will take place on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 1:30 p.m. Email Basics participants will need to create an email account prior to the beginning of the class. On Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 5 p.m. customers can take part in Excel Intermediate. Advance registration is required for all computer classes; please contact the Modesto Library Reference Department at (209) 558-7814 to sign up.

Tech Connect: Tech Saturday will be held on Sept. 10. Community members are invited to visit the library anytime between 1 and 4 p.m. to learn about the many free eResources available through the Stanislaus County Library. Participants are encouraged to bring their devices for hands-on learning. Library staff and volunteers will offer guidance on how to use services such as Cloud Library (eBooks) and Hoopla (downloadable audiobooks, digital movies, and more), databases, and the library's website. Participants should bring their library cards, devices, and any user names and passwords they may need. Registration is not required for this event.

Children and their families are invited to the Modesto Architecture Festival's Family Architecture Experience and Children's Workshop on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants can enjoy crafts, games and activities outside on the library portico. Children must be supervised by a parent or adult guardian. This event is sponsored by the Modesto Architecture Festival.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, the Modesto Library will host "Making a Poem: the Beauty of Form" from 1 to 3 p.m. in partnership with the Modesto-Stanislaus Poetry Center (MoSt). Local poet Salvatore Salerno will discuss how poets use rhythm, rhyme, and forms in order to enhance the beauty and durability of their works. Participants are asked to bring five copies of two of their unfinished poems to this workshop. Light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Modesto Library. For more information, please contact the Modesto Library Reference Department at (209) 558-7814.

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.