

STANISLAUS COUNTY LIBRARY

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February Events at the Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library

The Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library will host free programs for all ages this February, beginning with "Wee Move and Play" on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 4 p.m. This program features unstructured play time, during which toddlers and preschoolers can enjoy music, movement and sensory play.

Free Computer Basics classes will be offered on Thursdays, Feb. 2 and 16 at 10:30 a.m. Participants will be introduced to the parts of a computer, receive a tour of Windows, and learn simple tasks. Advance registration is required; please call (209) 543-7315 to sign up.

The public is invited to receive free tax preparation assistance from Volunteer Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers, trained by the IRS. Sessions will be held at the Salida Library Feb. 6 through March 27 on Mondays from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Please call the library at (209) 543-7353 to reserve a spot, as space is limited.

Children can get ready for Valentine's Day with a "book n' craft" program on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 4 p.m. The program will feature a Valentine's Day story, followed by craft activities.

The Modesto Money Mavens will host a free couponing class on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 3 p.m. Participants will learn how to find bargains and save money.

The Salida Library Book Club will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 10 a.m. to discuss *Remarkable Creatures* by Tracy Chevalier. Interested parties can visit the library's circulation desk to take advantage of the copies available for checkout, though please note that supplies are limited. Call Isabel at (209) 284-2327 for more information.

"Anime Your Way with Carlos Nieto III" will be held on Thursday, Feb. 16 at 4 p.m. Former Simpsons artist Carlos Nieto III will teach the public how to create and modify an original anime character. Participants of all ages and drawing abilities are welcome to participate in this free drawing program. All materials will be provided. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Salida Library.

Family Dinner and Movie Night will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. Families are invited to bring a picnic dinner to a showing of the film *The Secret Life of Pets*. Participants are encouraged to bring a blanket on which to sit, and children may come in pajamas. The library will provide a beverage and popcorn.

The Salida Tween Book Club will meet on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 4 p.m. This month's program will feature a discussion of the graphic novel *The Underground Abductor* by Nathan Hale, as well as games and activities. The

Tween Book Club is designed for ages 9 to 12. Please contact the Salida Library at (209) 543-7353 to reserve a copy of *The Underground Abductor*.

"Color Yourself Calm: Coloring for Grown Ups" on will be held on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 1:30 p.m. The library will provide coloring sheets designed for adults, as well as colored pencils and crayons. Light refreshments will be provided.

Children can build and play with LEGO® bricks on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 4 p.m. LEGO® play helps children develop fine motor skills. Children under 4 are welcome to participate, however they must have direct parental supervision.

Children's programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Salida Library. The Salida Library is located at 4835 Sisk Road. For more information, please call the Salida Library's branch supervisor, Carol Blomquist, at (209) 543-7353.

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