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March Events at the Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library

Children, teens and adults can enjoy free programs at the Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library this March, beginning with Wiggle Worms on Wednesdays at 10 and 11 a.m. Wiggle Worms is a special Story Time program designed for babies, active toddlers, and adult caregivers, however all ages are welcome to attend. Wiggle Worms participants can enjoy stories, lap bounces, music, dancing, rhythm activities, fingerplays and more.

Girls in 6th through 12th grades are invited to learn how to create websites and code games as part of the library's new Girls Who Code program, held every Wednesday at 4 p.m. starting March 7 through May 9. The club will meet for 10 weeks, and is a cumulative program where girls will work together to make a community service impact project using their learned computer science skills. Girls are encouraged to bring their own laptops, or sign up to use one of the library's laptops. Advance registration is required, as space is limited. Please call 209-543-7353 for more information.

Teens can join the library's study group on Wednesdays, March 7 and 21 at 4:30 p.m. Tables will be reserved for study time, and snacks will be provided.

Preschool Story Time will be held on Thursdays at 10 a.m. 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. Story Times are followed by "Wee Move and Play" at 10:30 a.m. Toddlers and preschoolers can enjoy unstructured playtime full of music, movement and sensory play.

A tween paint day will be held on Thursday, March 8 at 4 p.m. Participants will have an opportunity to create works of art using tempura paint and other craft materials.

The Modesto Money Mavens will offer a free couponing class on Saturday, March 10 at 3 p.m.

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Participants will learn how to find bargains and save money.

Community members are invited to receive free tax preparation assistance from IRS trained Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers on Mondays from 4 to 7:30 p.m. through March 26. Advance registration is required. Please call 209-543-7315 to sign up.

Ages 13 to 18 are invited to experience virtual gaming technology with the library's Oculus Rift virtual reality headset on Monday, March 12 at 4 p.m. This event will be first come, first served.

The Salida Library Book Club will meet on Tuesday, March 13 at 10 a.m. to discuss *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks. A limited number of copies will be available for checkout at the library's Circulation Desk. Please call 209-543-7315 for more information.

Preschoolers and toddlers are invited to dance and play on Tuesday, March 13 at 4 p.m. The program will feature shakers, scarves, and Story Time music.

Realtor Cyndy Hackett will lead a workshop for home buyers on Tuesday, March 13 at 6 p.m. Participants will learn about credit score numbers, and how to buy a home with little-to-no money down. Hackett will also share tips on how to get offers accepted.

A free Computer Basics class will be offered on Thursday, March 15 at 10:30 a.m. Advance registration is required; please call 209-543-7315 to sign up.

Family Dinner and Movie Night will take place on Tuesday, March 20 at 6 p.m. Families are invited to bring a picnic dinner to a showing of *The LEGO Ninjago Movie*. 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, March 22 at 4 p.m. The program will feature a discussion of *Space Dumplings* by Craig Thompson, 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 graphic novel.

Families can enjoy a free performance by Act!vated Story Theatre on Tuesday, March 27 at 4 p.m. The Goza family will perform two multicultural folktales full of physical comedy, music, song, dance, American Sign Language, and audience participation.

The Salida Library Teen Advisory Board meeting will be held on Saturday, March 31 at 3 p.m. Teens can share their ideas on teen library programs and services, while earning community service credit.

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 supervisor, Wayne Philbrook, at 209-543-7353.

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