



Stanislaus County Library

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Shark Week events to be offered at local libraries

Local libraries are sinking their teeth into shark-themed crafts and activities

Several Stanislaus County Libraries will celebrate Shark Week, held this year at the Empire, Salida, and Newman Libraries the week of July 22.

The Empire Library's celebration will include daily crafts and games, as well as a Find the Shark activity from July 23 through 27. Throughout the week, children who find the shark hiding in the library will receive a prize. On Tuesday, July 23 at 3:30 p.m., children can enjoy a shark play day with shark-themed games, puzzles and crafts. Children can make clothespin sharks on Thursday, July 25 at 3:30 p.m. The Empire Library is located at 18 South Abbie. For more information, please call the library supervisor, Diane Ramirez, at 209-524-5505.

Shark enthusiasts at the Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library can look for the shark hidden in the library July 22 through 27 for a chance to win a prize. On Tuesday, July 23 at 4 p.m. there will be a Shark Week Edition of the library's monthly CrafterNoon program, during which each child can excavate a shark's tooth, craft their own shark, and more. Free tickets will be given out one hour prior to the CrafterNoon event. 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 library supervisor, Wayne Philbrook, at 209-543-7353.

On Tuesday, July 23 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., children at the Newman Library can each make a shark in a box. Staff will demonstrate how to create a dimensional sea scene using a variety of craft supplies, complete with shark and other sea life.

"There is a misconception that all sharks are just blood-thirsty man eaters, like we see in the movies. Shark Week is an opportunity to expand children's knowledge about this creature that so many find fascinating," said Sophia Petrakis, Newman Library supervisor. "When we incorporate crafts and activities into the learning process, it helps to make that process fun and inspires kids to learn more."

The Newman Library is located at 1305 Kern Street. For more information, please contact Sophia Petrakis at 209-862-2010.

Information about regularly occurring library programs can be found at www.stanislauslibrary.org, under the "Events and Classes" tab.

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About the Stanislaus County Library

The Stanislaus County Library engages all members of the community and offers access to information, knowledge, and the tools for innovation and personal development. With 13 locations throughout the county, the Library offers free access to a diverse collection of materials, computers and Wi-Fi, Story Times, programming for all ages, and more. To learn more about the Library's wide array of programs and services, visit www.stanislauslibrary.org.

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