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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **“Stranger Danger” presentation at the Library**

Parents and children won't want to miss the “Stranger Danger” presentation at the Modesto Library, Saturday, Oct. 6, at 11 a.m. Designed for children ages five to nine, the Stranger Danger video features original puppets, created for this Modesto Police Department program. The puppets are used to teach important safety concepts in three video vignettes, with pauses for interactive discussion with the children.

This program will teach children about the dangers of stranger contact in a “kid friendly” and entertaining format. The program debuted at the Housing Authority Community Center earlier this year and has been well received.

For more information, please call (209) 558-7810.

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### **Story Quilters featured at Family Fun Night**

Families will be treated to a professional storytelling performance by the Story Quilters, at the Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library on Tuesday, Oct. 9. Guests are invited to bring their dinner to eat at the library at 6 p.m., with the performance beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Story Quilters is made up of tandem storytellers Cynthia Restivo and B.Z. Smith, who captivate audiences young and old. The Story Quilters create a blend of traditional storytelling with theater, using folk tales, poetry, and original stories. They magically transport their listeners to imaginative times and places in their engaging performances.

Family Fun Night introduces children to a dinner theater style event, in the familiar setting of the library. While the program is fun for parents and children alike, it's also an opportunity for children to learn the social skills appropriate for a live theater performance.

This free program will be offered in the Community Room at the Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library, located at 4835 Sisk Road. For more information, please call 543-7315.

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### **Getting started in family history research**

Is your last name Washington? Franklin? Could you be related to someone famous? Discovering your genealogical history can be a fun adventure, but it may not be an easy task. To celebrate “Family History Month,” Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County President Millie Starr will present information about the latest online catalogues, indexes and image databases, at the Modesto Library, 1500 I Street, on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Starr says it’s time to “stop surfing and start researching.” With some guidance to resources such as free Census sites, the Bureau of Land Management, World Vital Records and Ancestry, the Genealogical Society hopes to get people started in researching their own family histories.

The free workshop will also provide information about how to get started and how to phrase online searches for the best results. For more information or to reserve a seat, please call 558-7801.

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### **Shop till you drop at the Modesto Library All Kids Craft Fair**

Shoppers will have the opportunity to buy hand-crafted treasures at the All Kids Craft Fair on the portico of the Modesto Library, 1500 I St., Saturday, October 13, 9 a.m. to noon.

The craft fair provides a chance for young artists and crafters to showcase their talents and learn about sales, customer service and business, while having fun. The children are responsible for setting up their booths, merchandising and selling their items, and making change for customers. All items must be sold for \$5 or less and must be crafted by the young artists themselves.

"The kids have been working on their crafts for weeks," said Anita Young, children's librarian at the Stanislaus County Library. "The fair is a lot of fun and it's a great learning experience for our young crafters."

For more information, contact the Modesto Children's Library at 558-7810.

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**Note: Great Photo Opportunity**