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Art Contest at the Library

The Stanislaus County Library is hosting an Art Contest to kick-off this summer's Stanislaus Reads program. The art contest, which runs April 4 through 30, is open to Stanislaus County students in grades K-12. Art work must call attention to anything agriculturally related to Stanislaus County and be no smaller than 8.5" x 11" and no larger than 11" x 17". The art work will also be used to promote the Stanislaus Reads program.

Students who enter have the opportunity to win great prizes, including a grand prize iPad, Flip cameras, digital cameras, iPod shuffles, and various gift cards from local businesses. Complete rules and entry forms can be picked up at any Stanislaus County Library or by visiting the library's website www.stanislauslibrary.org.

Stanislaus Reads is a community-wide reading event. The library invites everyone to read the same book, "Wisdom of the Last Farmer" by David Mas Masumoto, and then participate in events including geocaching, book discussions, book giveaways, fun library events, and more through late

spring and summer. There are two additional books for younger readers, “Esperanza Rising” for middle school children and “Apples to Oregon” for preschool and elementary school children. The books were chosen based on the strong agricultural themes present in each of the books and the natural relationship between those themes and our community.

The Stanislaus Reads program is sponsored by the Stanislaus Library Foundation and community sponsors including Modesto Irrigation District, E. & J. Gallo Winery, MOCSE Credit Union, J.S. West and Company, Gary Wagner, M.D., Turlock Irrigation District, SaveMart Supermarkets, California Poultry Federation, Just Tomatoes and Friends of the Turlock Library.

For more information, please call Susan Lilly at 558-4813 or visit www.stanislauslibrary.org.

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