

Press Release

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BOOK LAUNCH FOR *LATTE REBELLION* AT MODESTO LIBRARY

MODESTO, CA – Central Valley young adult author Sarah Jamila Stevenson will be presenting at the book launch for her novel *Latte Rebellion* (Flux, January 2011) on **Saturday February 5, 1-2 p.m.** in the downstairs auditorium of the Modesto Library. The event is co-sponsored by the Stanislaus County Library and the Friends of the Modesto Library.

Latte Rebellion is a story about Asha Jamison and Carey Wong, who, in an effort to raise money for their post-senior year trip to London, sell T-shirts branding themselves as members of the “Latte Rebellion,” an imaginary cause with their own manifesto which they glibly describe as promoting “the cause of brown people, the love of coffee and a latte-colored world.” As the shirts catch on, what started as a simple fundraiser evolves into a social movement with students across the city looking to join the cause. But as the movement gains popularity, Asha is faced with a difficult decision and must decide where her values and loyalties lie.

Author Sarah Jamila Stevenson is an artist, freelance journalist, graphic designer, and writer. Her articles have appeared online at the BBC Wales website, Suite101.com and IGN.com, and

in print for San Joaquin Woman Magazine. She is active in the online young adult literature community as co-founder of two blogs. The *Latte Rebellion* is her debut novel for teens.

Stevenson will be reading from her work and speaking about the novel. She will also answer questions and sign copies of *Latte Rebellion*, which will be available for purchase at the event. The event is free and the public is invited.

Contact Stella Berattis, Friends of the Modesto Library (president@modestolibraryfriends.org or (209) 613-9283) or Susan Lilly, Stanislaus County Library, communications, marketing and fund development manager (lillys@stancounty.com or 209-558-4813) for more information.

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