



STANISLAUS COUNTY LIBRARY

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Family Programs at the Modesto Library

This May the Modesto Library will offer a number of family friendly programs, including Star Wars Week, Dinner Theater, a kick-off party for Summer Reading, and more.

LEGO programs will take place Wednesdays this month at 3:30 p.m. Participants will have the opportunity to build LEGO displays for the library. Duplo blocks will be available for children under the age of four, however they must have direct parental supervision.

All ages are invited to enjoy a dramatic reading of Shakespeare's *As You Like It* in the Story Hour room on May 2 at 2 p.m. Community members will present this 60-minute comedy alongside actors from the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival.

Sign-ups for the All-Teens (ages 13-19) Craft Fair take place May 2 – 30. The All-Teens Craft Fair is scheduled for Saturday, June 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Modesto Library Portico. This event is an opportunity for local teens to showcase their crafting talents while learning about sales, merchandising, customer service and money management. Interested parties must sign up by May 30 to participate. Please contact the Modesto Library's Children and Teen Department at (209) 558-7810 for more information.

Star Wars fans of all ages are invited to celebrate Star Wars Week beginning Monday, May 4 through Saturday, May 9. Library customers can enjoy Star Wars activities all week long, beginning with book drawings throughout the day on May 4. On Saturday, May 9 at 12 p.m. all ages are invited to dress up as their favorite Star Wars characters and join library staff for a march around the library. At 1 p.m. the library will screen the 1977 classic film that started the franchise.

Families are invited to Dinner Theater, a special family program recommended for children ages 6 and up, on May 6 at 6:30 p.m. Audience members are invited to bring a family dinner to enjoy during the show. This month's show features the Mark and Dre Show, a fast-paced sketch comedy stage show with juggling, stunts, a seven-foot unicycle and audience participation. This sketch comedy, musical parody is best for ages six and up. Space is limited; please call (209) 558-7810 or visit the Modesto Children's Library to reserve a seat. This event is sponsored by the Stanislaus County Library Foundation through a grant from Omega Nu.

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The library will kick off Summer Reading on Tuesday, May 19 with “Superhero Training: Summer Reading Party” from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Children can create a superhero or super villain identity and test their skills with activities outside on the library portico and lawn.

The Modesto Library is located at 1500 I Street in Modesto. Free parking is available in the parking lot behind the library and on surrounding streets. For more information, please contact the Modesto Library’s Children and Teen Department at (209) 558-7810.

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