



STANISLAUS COUNTY LIBRARY

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Friends of Libraries Week October 18-24

October 18-24 is National Friends of Libraries Week, a time to celebrate and recognize the value of libraries in Stanislaus County. Friends of the Library groups raise money and awareness for libraries and advocate for their local library.

In Stanislaus County, there are active Friends of the Library groups in Ceres, Denair, Empire, Hughson, Modesto, Newman, Oakdale, Patterson, Riverbank, Salida, Turlock and Waterford. Each Friends group raises money to provide for special needs at their local library. The Friends often provide performers for special children's programs, incentive prizes to encourage teens and children to read, or equipment that the library is unable to fund through its regular budget.

Friends of the Library groups raise funds through events, such as used book sales and Scholastic Book Fairs, through membership drives and individual donations. Community members are encouraged to join their local Friends of the Library. Annual dues vary by location, ranging from as little as \$1 for a student to \$25 for a family. Business/Organization and lifetime memberships are also available.

For more information about Friends of the Library groups please visit www.stanislauslibrary.org/about_friends.shtml or call your local library branch.

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