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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## Family Fun @ Modesto, Turlock and Salida Libraries

Once the novelty of holiday gifts has worn off, parents may be looking for fun and free activities for their children during vacation. At Stanislaus County Libraries there will be three different opportunities to attend programs that include actors, puppets and marionettes, which are sure to keep parents and kids happy.

Tuesday, Dec. 28 brings the actors of SWEET Theater to the Modesto Library for a modern retelling of the Brothers Grimm classic, "Hansel and Gretel." Volunteers from the audience will have the opportunity to participate in the production and help the characters of the story. There will be two shows at 1 and 2:30 p.m. Free tickets are required and are available from the Children's Department one hour before each show. For more information, please contact the Modesto Library Children's Department at 558-7810.

On Wednesday, Dec. 29 at the Turlock Library, Puppet Art Theater will present "Three Billy Goats Gruff." This program will combine wit, humor and audience participation that is sure to please all in attendance. There will be two shows at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. For more information, please contact the Turlock Library at 664-8100.



Finally, on Thursday, Dec. 30 at 3 p.m. at the Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library the Fratello Marionettes will delight the audience with three classic stories from Aesop and Hans Christian Anderson in "Carnival of the Animals." The Fratello Marionettes produce high quality marionette shows using the cabaret style of manipulation. For more information, please contact the Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library at 543-7353.

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