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Write Where You Are: A Memoir Writing Workshop

Library officials hope that this summer's "Stanislaus Reads" community-wide reading event will inspire people to write their own family histories. Through Stanislaus Reads, everyone is encouraged to read the same book (or books) and participate in family learning events at libraries.

For those interested in writing their own family stories, a memoir writing workshop at the Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library on Saturday, May 14, may provide the inspiration and coaching needed to get started. The workshop, led by award-winning author and poet, Tim Z. Hernandez, is a unique opportunity to explore the craft of turning one's reality into prose. Attendees should bring ideas, works-in-progress, questions, and openness. This workshop is for all ranges of experience and backgrounds. Those who write in a language other than English are also encouraged to participate.

Three Stanislaus Reads books, at varied reading levels, feature common themes of agriculture and family. David Mas Masumoto tells his family's story of running their Central Valley farm in "Wisdom of the Last Farmer." Pam Muñoz Ryan tells a story of a girl's journey with her family as they immigrate to California from Mexico in "Esperanza Rising." In "Apples to Oregon," Deborah Hopkinson tells the story, for young children, of the journey Delicious and her pioneer family take, as they bring apples and peaches, pears, plums, grapes, and cherries across the plains, from Iowa to Oregon. Copies of the books will be available at the workshop and readers are asked to pass books on to others when finished.

For more information or to sign up for the workshop, please call 543-7353.

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