Denair Municipal Advisory Council

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Members:
James Brugger, Chair
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MINUTES
Tuesday, October 06, 2026 @ 7 PM
Denair Unified School District, Leadership / Board Room
3460 Lester Road
Denair, CA 95316

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at: 7:00 pm
Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair.

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2. Welcome and Roll Call

- James Brugger, Chair
- Judy Kindle, Vice-Chair
- Jason De Muro, Secretary
- Adam Dalton, Member
- Samuel Paulissian, Member

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3. Public Comment

Name: Helen
Comment: Wanted to let everyone know that the speed limit on Monte Vista, from Lester to Quincy is now 45 mph.
Name: Kathryn Casey, Editor – Denair Dispatch/Hughson Chronicle
Comment:

- Asked the community to share any positive information that may be noteworthy and would love to know more about community events. Email: NewsDesk@midvalleypub.com

Name: Vince
Comment:

- The MAC asked for a measure L update.
- Thanked The MAC for providing an update on the street sweeper schedule and confirmed it did come through the neighborhood.

Name: Gaby Cortes
Comment: Running for school board in Denair

- Thanked the Denair Community for providing a variety of family-friendly events.

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4. Approval of Minutes from June 2026

Members	mtn	aye	nay	abstain
James Brugger		√		
Samuel Paulissian	1	√		
Jason De Muro		√		
Adam Dalton		√		
Judy Kindle	2	√		

Motion carried unanimously.

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5. Monthly Reports

a. Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office

Attendant: Deputy Carranza

Notes:

- They are still having issues retrieving statistics with the new data system.
- Please call to report any issues within the community.
- Reported that there would be an additional deputy in the area to provide support.

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b. California Highway Patrol

Attendant: Officer Arias

Notes:

- 2 crashes that were property damage only
- 1 abandoned vehicle
- 4 parking complaints,
- 9 reckless incidents regarding e-bikes
- There was only one call for service (minor injury accident at Main and San Joaquin).

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c. Denair Fire Department

Attendant: Absent

- See the attached flyer

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d. Denair Public Library

Attendant: Absent

- See the attached flyer

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e. Denair High School Leadership

Attendant: Brody Fitzgerald

- Homecoming festivities just ended last week.
- Fall sports were celebrated.
- Homecoming parade had a good turnout.
- Homecoming dance was well attended but there was no DJ.
- Coming up DECA gym ribbon cutting.
- Truck and tractor pull is upcoming.
- Mental health day is coming up on the 21st.

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f. Denair Unified School District (DUSD)

Attendant: Dr. Terry Metzger

- A ribbon cutting ceremony and open house for the remodeled DECA gym will be at 5 pm on Friday.

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g. Assemblymember Juan Alanis, 22nd District

Attendant: Danielle Morgart
Legislative update:

- Assemblymember Alanis has 4 bills on the floor waiting to be signed.
- Session has concluded for the year.
- Assemblymember Alanis had eight bills signed into law this year.
- Time is being taken to reconsider legislation that didn't go through that may warrant additional consideration
- Please reach out to the office with concerns and law ideas.

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h. Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors / Chief Executive Office

Attendant: Kiana Garcia – Board District Representative
Notes: Board of Supervisors approved the 2027 budget. If there are any questions or concerns, please reach out.

Attendant: Jennifer Hidalgo – Community Relations Manager
Notes: County Board of Supervisor meetings are now able to be attended via phone and internet.

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i. Stanislaus County Public Works

Attendant: Absent

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j. Stanislaus County Mobile Crisis Response Team

Attendant: Horacio Madueno
Team responds countywide; Denair receives limited calls.
Access via:
- 1-888-376-6246 (Option 4)
- 911 dispatch (if safety risk present)
    - 128 total referrals.
    - 27 hospitalizations.
    - 2 enforceable holds.
    - Only 1 call came from Denair.

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6. Information Item(s)

None.

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7. Action Item(s)

None.

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8. Correspondence

None.

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9. Council Comments and Suggestions for Future Agendas

Samuel Paulissian:

- Denair Lions club has a few upcoming events:
    - October 16 – Golf tournament.
    - October 17 – Nash light (restore gaslight theater)
    - November 1 – Pancake breakfast fundraiser, 7 a.m. to noon. Proceeds will go to the Kim Robbins family. This is a free event and donations are greatly appreciated.

Judy Kindle:

- Love Denair updates:
    - They worked with the Denair Cemetery Board on their request to paint their building.

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        - Lancaster Painting donated paint and labor to paint the building and fence.
    - The sound wall on Santa Fe, north of Zeering will get a much-needed facelift.
        - The neighborhood pressure-washed the wall and cleaned up weeds.
        - ANNE Renovation and Painting and Finishing Touches Painting have agreed to repaint the wall. The Love Denair committee chose "Natural Linen" for the color.
    - Lancaster Painting will donate paint for any building on main street.
    - "Shoe boxes for Seniors" planning meeting is next week. Donations for socks, gloves, hygiene products and more will be put together soon.
    - January will see projects to benefit students
- Thanked her husband for hanging the signs

Adam Dalton:

- No Comments.

Jason De Muro:

- Castle Noz will be hosting a Civil War reenactment on the weekend of October 17th and a Halloween party on October 24th.
- DECA Parent Club is partnering with Chipotle as a fundraiser.
- Please go vote.

James Brugger:

- Thanked Dr. Metzger and the Denair School District for continuing to partner with the Denair MAC and allowing the use of the District Board Room for our meetings.
- Thanks to DECA Parent Club for allowing Fred Yerzy and Jim to provide a star talk and telescope tour at their Movie Under the Stars fundraising event.
- Will have telescopes in front of his house on Halloween.

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10. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Next meeting November 3

DENAIR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 2026 CALLS

ACCIDENT-INJURIES	2
BURN ILLEGAL BURN	1
CARBON MONOXIDE NO SYMPTOMS	2
EMS MEDICAL AID	35
FASST FIRE ASSIST TO ANOTHER AGENCY	1
FIRE ALARM COMMERCIAL	2
FIRE ALARM RESIDENTIAL	4
MEDICAL AID CPR IN PROGRESS	1
NATURAL GAS LEAK OUTSIDE	2
PA PUBLIC ASSIST	5
PERSON DOWN	1
PERSON LOCKED INSIDE VEHICLE	1
SMOKE CHECK	2
VEGETATION FIRE	2
VEHICLE FIRE	2
WSTRUC FIRE COMMERCIAL	1
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Stanislaus County Library
Oct. 2026 Calendar of Events

All Libraries

TeenTober Teens Read Challenge
Oct. 1 - 31 on Beanstack
October is for teens, and we're challenging teen readers, ages 12-18, to read for ten hours to earn virtual tickets for prize drawings. Winners of the prize drawings will be notified by Nov. 15.

Ceres Library

Thumbprint Ghosts
Thursday, Oct. 1 at 4 pm
Illustrate haunted mansions and populate them with ghosts made from your thumbprints.

Dungeons & Dragons for Adults
Saturday, Oct. 3 at 1 pm
No experience necessary.

Magic Monday: Magic: The Gathering
Monday, Oct. 5 at 4 pm
Teens: Play and learn Magic: The Gathering.

Wee Move & Play
Tuesdays, Oct. 6, 13 & 20 at 11 am

LEGO® Play
Thursday, Oct. 8 at 4 pm

Read to a Dog
Saturday, Oct. 10, from 12 to 1 pm
Contact us at 209-537-8938 to sign up.

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens
Monday, Oct. 12 at 4 pm
No experience necessary.

Yarn-Spun Spiderwebs
Thursday, Oct. 15 at 4 pm
Learn about the different kinds of spiderwebs as you make notches in a plate and stretch yarn around it in a spiderweb pattern.

Boo-tastic Coasters
Monday, Oct. 19 at 4 pm
Teens: Use acrylic paint to create ghosts on coasters.

Halloween Tote Bag Painting*
Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 4 pm
For ages 18 and older.

Beginning Gardening for Kids: Spice is Nice
Thursday, Oct. 22 at 4 pm
Learn about spices and their many benefits. Presented by Master Gardener Manjeet Dosanjh.

Manga Book Club For Teens:
The Girl From the Other Side
Monday, Oct. 26 at 4 pm
Read, chat about your favorite moments, make friends, and enjoy snacks.

Halloween Story Time and Party
Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 10:30 am
Enjoy a special Story Time full of not-so-spooky tales, songs, and fun, followed by a Halloween party with a craft, games, and treats. Don't forget to dress up and/or bring your Halloween spirit!

STEAM Invisible Ink with Turmeric**
Thursday, Oct. 29 at 4 pm
Combine turmeric, baking soda, and rubbing alcohol to create an invisible ink we can paint with.

***Visit our website at stanlibrary.org to sign up.**

Denair Library

Denair Art Club: Painted Candy Tote
Monday, Oct. 5 at 3:30 pm
Paint tote bags and create spooky masterpieces for storing holiday treats! For ages 8-18, but all ages are welcome! Call 209-634-1283 to sign up.

Wii Bowling
Thursday, Oct. 8 at 4 pm
Put your skills to the test and compete to be the library's Wii bowling champion. Light refreshments provided. For all ages. Call 209-634-1283 to sign up.

Seasonal Scents
Thursday, Oct. 15 at 3:30 pm
Welcome the scents of autumn with a craft that uses natural materials and scents found in nature, such as cloves, bay leaves, dried orange slices, cinnamon sticks, star anise, natural twine, pinecones, and natural scented oils. For adults and teens.
Call 209-634-1283 to sign up.

Denair Library Book Club
Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 1 pm
Discussion of *After You* by JoJo Moyes.

Empire Library

Paint with Me
Thursday, Oct. 1, from 3 to 4 pm
Kids: Join us for an hour of free painting where you can express your creativity.

Wee Move & Play
Wednesdays, Oct. 7, 14 & 21, from 11:30 am to 12 pm

Playdough Day
Thursday, Oct. 8, from 3 to 4 pm
Enjoy a squishy hour of playdough fun! Playing with playdough supports fine motor skills, creativity, cognitive development, and more!

LEGO® Build Challenges
Thursday, Oct. 15, from 3 to 4 pm
Put your engineering skills to the test while tackling surprise design prompts.

Stuffed Animal "Taxidermy"*
Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 4 pm
Teens and adults: Join us for a playful event where you'll give old stuffed animals new life by transforming them into one-of-a-kind, three-dimensional display pieces.

Tissue Paper Art
Thursday, Oct. 22, from 3 to 4 pm
All ages are invited to join us to create tissue paper art using a variety of techniques.

Book Club Cafe
Saturday, Oct. 24, from 2 to 3 pm
Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea from our Keurig (or bring your own!) and relax while we discuss the book of the month and socialize. This month we'll discuss *Bury Our Bones in the Midnight Soil* by V.E. Schwab.

Button Making
Thursday, Oct. 29, from 3 to 4:30 pm
Join us in the Children's Area as we design and create photo buttons! For children ages 6 and up.

***Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math**

Hughson Library

Hughson Hobby Hour
Thursday, Oct. 1 at 11 am
Explore hands-on stations at your own pace. Try something new, revisit a favorite hobby, or enjoy the company of others during book talks, coloring, yarn crafts, cardmaking, games, and more! This program is designed for adults and seniors.

LEGO® Play: Spooky Edition
Thursday, Oct. 1, from 3:30 to 5:30 pm
Design a haunted house, ghost, candy, or whatever creation you can imagine.

Boo-tify the Library
Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 4 pm
All ages can create spooky, silly, and festive decor, then help decorate the library for the season.

Wee Move & Play
Wednesdays at 10:30 am

Pumpkin and Sugar Skull Painting
Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 4 pm
Celebrate Halloween and Día de los Muertos by painting your own festive creations.

Garden Whimsy
Saturday, Oct. 17 at 3:30 pm
Join us after the Master Gardener's presentation to make a whimsical creation for your garden using clay and trinkets.

Decorate a Treat Bag
Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 4 pm
Personalize your own tote bag! For all ages.

Hughson Library Haunted Party
Tuesday, Oct. 27, from 3:30 to 5:30 pm
Join us for a hauntingly good time! Come dressed in your Halloween costume to play games, do crafts, and, of course, get some treats! All ages welcome.

Happy Little Spooky Paintings
Thursday, Oct. 29 at 5 pm
Teens and adults: Celebrate Bob Ross' birthday with a spooky twist! Paint a happy monster or creepy creature into a landscape picture.

Newman Library

LEGO® Plays
Thursdays, Oct. 1 & 15, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Beyblades
Wednesday, Oct. 5, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm
Love battling Beyblades? Bring a friend and test your skills. For ages 13-18.

Trading Card Game Nights
Tuesdays, Oct. 6 & 27, from 5 to 7 pm
All skill levels welcome. Magic: The Gathering and Pokémon materials available while supplies last.

Wee Move & Play
Wednesdays at 10:30 am

Dungeons and Dragons for Teens
Saturday, Oct. 10 from 2 to 4 pm
No experience necessary.

Children's Nintendo Switch Party
Monday, Oct. 12, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm
Plus board games, puzzles, and more! Refreshments available while supplies last. For ages 8-13; some games may be rated E10+ (for ages 10 and up).

Newman Library (cont.)

Teen Nintendo Switch Party
Tuesday, Oct. 13, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm
Plus board games, puzzles, and more! Refreshments available while supplies last. For ages 13-18; some games may have content suitable for ages 10 and up (rated E10+).

Dungeons and Dragons for Adults
Saturday, Oct. 17, from 2 to 4 pm
No experience necessary.

Pumpkin Decorating
Tuesday, Oct. 20, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm
Bring a pumpkin to decorate, and we'll provide the art supplies! A limited supply of foam pumpkins will be available for decorating. All ages welcome; ages 8 and under will need direct supervision from parents or adult guardians.

Oakdale Library

Leaf Lanterns
Saturday, Oct. 3 at 11 am
Adults: Use leaves and a tea light to decorate a jar and create an enchanting atmosphere.

Wee Move & Play
Monday, Oct. 5 at 10:30 am

LEGO® Play
Tuesdays, Oct. 6 & 20, from 3 to 4 pm

Little Scientists: Slime
Thursday, Oct. 8 at 3 pm
Join us for a fun exploration of hands-on science as we mix simple ingredients to create stretchy, squishy slime while supplies last. Designed for children ages 5 and up.

Creepin' It Crafty: Tote Bag Creation
Monday, Oct. 12 at 3 pm
Let your imagination come to life by drawing on a bag. What will your finished creation look like?

Bubble and Chalk
Thursday, Oct. 15, from 3 to 4 pm
Join us outside behind the library to blow bubbles and draw with chalk, weather permitting.

Pumpkin Painting
Monday, Oct. 19 at 3 pm
All ages are invited to pick their perfect pumpkin for painting and decorating. Space and supplies available while they last.

Friends of the Oakdale Library Meeting
Monday, Oct. 26 at 1:30 pm

On-the-Go Modesto

Pumpkin Painting at the Modesto Farmers Market (16th Street between H & I Street)
Saturday, Oct. 10, from 9 am to 12 pm
We're joining the pumpkin fun at the market! From 9 to 11 am, kids ages 12 and under can pick a pumpkin while supplies last; see Market for full details. After you've picked your pumpkin, stop by our table between 9 am and 12 pm to decorate it!

Spooktacular at the McHenry Mansion (906 15th Street, Modesto)
Tuesday, Oct. 27, from 4 to 7 pm
Join the City of Modesto's McHenry Mansion and the Library for a special Halloween event. Ages 2 to 17 can enjoy slightly spooky Story Times, activities, trick-or-treating, and more! This is an outdoor event.

***Visit our website at stanlibrary.org to sign up.**

Patterson Library

Community Chess Club
Saturday, Oct. 3, from 10:30 am to 1 pm
Open to all ages and skill levels. Please bring your own boards, pieces, and timers, as supplies will be limited.

All Ages Nintendo Switch Party
Monday, Oct. 5 at 3:30 pm
Plus board games, puzzles, and more! Refreshments available while supplies last. Some content may be suitable for ages 10 and up (rated E10+).

Wee Move and Play
Tuesdays, Oct. 6, 13, & 27 at 11:30 am

Pumpkin Painting*
Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 3:30 pm &
Thursday, Oct. 15 at 3:30 pm
Bring your creativity and painting clothes to paint pumpkins! One pumpkin will be provided per registered participant, but you are welcome to bring your own pumpkin. For children and teens.

Workshop: How Money Works
Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 6 pm &
Saturday, Oct. 24 at 11 am
Individuals and families are invited to learn how to gain control of their finances, reduce financial stress, and build a solid path toward financial independence.

Relief Printmaking for Adults*
Saturday, Oct. 10 at 1 pm
Create one-of-a-kind art using traditional carving methods on a linoleum rubber block. Paper, ink, and tools will be provided. All skill levels welcome.

Dungeons and Dragons for Teens
Mondays, Oct. 12 & 26, from 4 to 6 pm
No experience necessary.

LEGO® Play
Wednesdays, Oct. 14 & 28 at 3:30 pm

Pros & Cons: Understanding November Ballot Initiatives
Wednesday, Oct. 14, from 6 to 7 pm
Join the League of Women Voters of Stanislaus County for a nonpartisan, unbiased presentation on upcoming ballot initiatives. This presentation will be offered in English and Spanish.
Únase a The League of Women Voters of Stanislaus County para una presentación no partidista e imparcial sobre las próximas iniciativas de la boleta electoral. Esta presentación se ofrecerá en inglés y español.
Sponsored by The League of Women Voters of Stanislaus County.

Trading Card Games
Monday, Oct. 19 at 3:30 pm
All skill levels welcome. Magic: The Gathering and Pokémon materials will be available while supplies last. A variety of board games will be available to play.

Friends of the Patterson Library Used Book Sale
Oct. 20 - 22, from 10 am to 5 pm
Shop from a selection of gently used books, DVDs, puzzles, and more, all at bargain prices.

Riverbank Library

Mayor's Book Club
Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 11:30 am
Mayor Rachel Hernandez will read bilingual stories to preschool-age children and their families following Story Time.

Riverbank Library (cont.)

Invisible Ink
Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 3:30 pm
Create disappearing masterpieces! Explore dispersing and reappearing ink effects in this fun STEAM** activity.

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Friends of the Riverbank Library Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 5:30 pm

Paper Making
Saturday, Oct. 17 at 2 pm
Teens and adults: Mix, spread, and press to make your own one-of-a-kind paper.

Pumpkin Painting
Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 3:30 pm
Kids: Bring your creativity and join us to paint colorful mini pumpkins.

Monday Crafternoon
Monday, Oct. 26, from 12 to 2 pm
Join us for a relaxing afternoon of crafting. Bring your own project or use provided materials to create a work of art.

Riverbank Library Book Club
Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 1 pm
Discussion of *The Arsonists' City* by Hala Alyan.

LEGO® Play
Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 3:30 pm

Manga Book Club for Teens: *Witch Hat Atelier*
Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 4 pm
New to manga? Already a fan? Pick up this month's book at the library's service desk and join us for a fun discussion. This month, we'll discuss *Witch Hat Atelier vol. 1* by Kamome Shirahama. The library will have a limited number of copies available to borrow during October.

Halloween Party
Saturday, Oct. 31 at 2 pm
Start the day with a trick-or-treat costume parade around the library with candy provided by the Friends of the Riverbank Library. Then, join us for a slime craft and fun snack while supplies last.

Salida Library

Wee Move and Play
Thursdays at 10:30 am

LEGO® Play
Fridays, Oct. 2 & 30 at 3 pm

Salida Silent Book Club
Saturdays, Oct. 3 & 17, from 10 am to 12 pm
Unlike traditional book clubs, you bring whatever you are currently reading --be it a novel, textbook, comic, or audiobook--and enjoy reading alone, together, in quiet camaraderie.

The first 15 minutes are allotted for help from library staff, who will be on hand to share information on the free tools and materials available to help you choose your next read, ot help you get started with our digital library apps (just bring your library card or government-issued photo ID if you'd like to sign up for a library card). After that, enjoy an hour and 30 minutes of silent, uninterrupted reading time, followed by optional wrap-up time to socialize with fellow book lovers or continue reading your book.

Salida Library (cont.)

Tinker Tuesday: Fall and Frightful Crafts
Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 4:30 pm
Kids and teens: Get into the spooky season with themed crafts.

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens
Saturdays, Oct. 10 & 24 at 2 pm
Tuesdays, Oct. 13 & 27 at 4 pm
No experience necessary.

Family Game Night!
Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 4:30 pm
Bring the whole family for an afternoon of fun and friendly competition, featuring board games, card games, and the Nintendo Switch.

Yarning with Friends
Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 5:30 pm
Join the Friends of the Modesto Library in the Salida Library Community Room for a knit/crochet class. Instruction on basic knit and crochet stitches will be provided to beginners, and those wishing to improve their skills are welcome to join as well. One-on-one assistance will also be offered to those working on their own projects. The Friends invite you to help with their yarn art projects for the library. Designed for ages 12 and up; children will need assistance from parents or adult caregivers.

Day of the Dead Floral Skull
Tuesday, Oct. 13, from 6 to 8 pm
Adults: Design decor for Halloween or the Day of the Dead! We'll provide materials for you to make a stylish skull with acrylic paint and fake flowers.

Salida Library Book Club
Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 10 am
Discussion of *My Grandmother Asked You to Tell You She's Sorry* by Fredrik Backman.

Anime Day
Saturday, Oct. 17, from 11 am to 3 pm
Teens and tweens: Join us for a convention-style event in celebration of all things anime and manga. Enjoy activities, snacks, the announcement of the TeenTober Anime Bookmark Contest winner, and more! Cosplay is encouraged, but not required to participate.
Sponsored by the Stanislaus Library Foundation

Painted Pumpkins*
Monday, Oct. 19 at 4 pm
Join us for pumpkin painting fun! Please bring your own pumpkin, and the library will provide all painting materials. For ages 9 to 18.

Family Movie Night: *Monsters, Inc.* (G)
Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 4:30 pm
Children and their families can enjoy a movie together. Children are welcome to attend in their pajamas, and families are invited to bring a picnic dinner and a blanket to sit on. The library will provide a beverage and popcorn.

Halloween Parade and Story Time
Saturday, Oct. 24 at 12 pm
Enjoy a special Story Time full of not-so-spooky tales, songs, and fun! After Story Time, kids are invited to show off their costumes in a mini parade through the library. Don't forget to dress up (though not required) and bring your Halloween spirit. Treats will be provided.

Ghost Hunting 101: Central Valley Haunts
Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 6 pm
Join us for a spine-tingling good time! Learn about ghost hunting from a local paranormal investigator hobbyist. Get experience with EMF (Electromagnetic Frequency) detectors, discover where to find the best haunted locales, and join us as we share ghost stories.

Turlock Library

Read to a Dog*
Saturday, Oct. 3 at 12 pm
Independent readers up to age 12 can build reading confidence by reading aloud to certified therapy dogs.

ArtLab Monster Symmetry
Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 4 pm
Make monsters out of paint! Children will explore symmetry by folding their painted paper in half to create mirrored "monster" designs, helping them understand reflection and balance through hands-on art. Dress to make a mess. This program is designed for children ages 8 and younger, but all ages are welcome!

T(w)een Tuesday: Fall Paper Landscapes
Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 4 pm
Join us in the Maker Space to create a beautiful fall landscape using paper. All materials will be provided. This program is designed for ages 9 and up.

Pokémon Party
Wednesday, Oct. 7 from 2 to 4 pm
Love Pokémon? Join us to meet others who share your passion! Hang out and feel free to trade or battle on your Nintendo Switch, bring your trading cards for a friendly game, hunt for shinies in Pokémon GO, and more! All ages are welcome.

Friends of the Turlock Library Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 6:30 pm

Mystery Lovers Book Club
Monday, Oct. 12 at 10:30 am
Discussion of Holly Jackson's *Not Quite Dead.*

T(w)een Tuesday: Stop-Motion LEGO® Creations
Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 4 pm
Build LEGO® creations using the library's LEGO® blocks and bring them to life with stop-motion film. What stories will your creations tell?

LEGO® Play
Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 4 pm

Coffee and Crafts: Pumpkin Party
Saturday, Oct. 17 at 10 am
Join us for a relaxing time decorating faux pumpkins while drinking coffee. Open to all skill levels, no experience needed. Materials and coffee will be provided. For ages 18 and up.

STEAM Spider Webs**
Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 4 pm
How does a spider catch flies in its web? Join us to find out! Can you help the pom-pom flies dodge the webs, or will you end up feeding the hungry spider? (No actual spiders will be at this program! Except for the one in the window, but it doesn't bother anyone. Usually.) This program is designed for children ages 8 and younger, but all ages are welcome! Children under 4 must have direct supervision from parents or adult guardians.

T(w)een Tuesday: Web Engineering
Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 4 pm
Spiders carefully engineer their webs to catch and trap prey. This allows spiders to save energy since they don't have to chase down their next meal. Join us in the Turlock Library Maker Space and learn how spiders build webs. Then test your own web-building skills in a spiderweb-building challenge.

Turlock Chess Club
Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 5 to 7 pm
Do you like to play chess? Whether you are an amateur, a master, or somewhere between, bring your board to meet and play against others for practice or friendly competition.

Turlock Library (cont.)

Wee Move and Play
Monday, Oct. 26 at 10 am
Babies, toddlers, and preschoolers can enjoy an hour of free play, music, and movement. Children under 4 must have direct supervision from parents or adult guardians.

Painted Pumpkins
Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 4 pm
Families will get a small pumpkin to decorate however they would like! Materials will be provided while supplies last. Dress to make a mess! This program is designed for children ages 8 and younger, but all ages are welcome! Children under 4 must have direct supervision from parents or adult guardians.

T(w)een Tuesday: Painted Pumpkins
Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 4 pm
It's pumpkin time! Join us in the Turlock Library Maker Space for pumpkin painting fun. Materials will be provided. Designed for ages 9 -18.

Video Game Play
Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 3 pm
Join us in our Maker Space for byte-sized video game fun on the Nintendo Switch! For ages 8 and up; however, some games may have content suitable for ages 10 and up (rated E10+).

Waterford Library

Knit and Crochet
Wednesdays at 3 pm
Join fellow knitting and crochet enthusiasts as you work on your current project or start a new one! Participants of all skill levels are welcome.

Pumpkin Painting
Thursday, Oct. 8 at 3 pm
Families will get a small pumpkin to decorate. Materials will be provided while supplies last. This program is designed for children ages 8 and younger, but all ages are welcome!

Friends of the Waterford Library Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 4 pm

Waterford Library Book Club
Monday, Oct. 26 at 3 pm
Discussion of *Rebecca* by Daphne du Maurier.

Master Gardeners

Composting Basics
Discover how easy it is to turn kitchen scraps and yard waste into nutrient-rich compost. Learn the basics and get simple tips for building and maintaining a successful compost pile.

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Riverbank: Saturday, Oct. 24 at 2 pm
Salida: Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 6 pm
Turlock: Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 6 pm
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**Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math

Virtual Author Talks

Courage, Choice, and What Comes Next with Dystopian Icon Veronica Roth
Thursday, Oct. 1 at 4 pm

A single choice can transform your destiny. Join us for an online conversation with #1 New York Times bestselling author Veronica Roth as we celebrate the enduring legacy of her Divergent series, one of the most iconic young adult series of a generation, and get an exclusive sneak peek into her highly anticipated upcoming novel, *The Sixth Faction*!

Fifteen years after readers first stepped into dystopian Chicago alongside Tris Prior, the Divergent universe continues to captivate readers with its unflinching exploration of identity, courage, and sacrifice. And in the alternate universe of *The Sixth Faction*, we revisit familiar characters in a completely new way...

Veronica Roth is the #1 New York Times best-selling author of numerous titles including When Among Crows, Chosen Ones, the Divergent series, Carve the Mark, and Seek the Traitor's Son.

Register at **libraryc.org/stanislauslibrary/212092** (or through the link on our website) for the chance to ask questions and get an exclusive sneak peek of *The Sixth Faction*–out on October 6, 2026!

Art in Flight: Reinventing Postmodernism with Smithsonian Curator Carolyn Russo
Thursday, Oct. 8 at 11 am

Join us for a captivating online conversation with acclaimed author and Smithsonian curator Carolyn Russo as we dive into her fascinating book, *The Ascent of Rauschenberg*. Explore the towering legacy, unexpected inspirations, and creative heights of one of America's most influential artistic icons.

Register at **libraryc.org/stanislauslibrary/208657** (or through the link on our website) for the chance to view art history through the unique prism of flight.

Virtual Author Talks (cont.)

The Power of Limits: How Constraints Drive Genius with David Epstein
Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 11 am

Join us for an inspiring virtual conversation with bestselling author David Epstein as we explore his latest book, *Inside the Box*, and redefine how to approach our greatest challenges!

In *Inside the Box*, David Epstein draws on science, research, and fascinating real-world case studies to demonstrate how constraints, boundaries, and structure can become powerful catalysts for ingenuity and mastery. Epstein challenges traditional ideas about skill acquisition, focus, and problem-solving, revealing how top performers and innovators across industries turn rigid limits into unmatched strengths.

Register now at **libraryc.org/stanislauslibrary/210718** (or through the link on our website) to learn how to reframe everyday obstacles and apply science-backed performance strategies to your career and personal life.

Virtual Book Club

Virtual Book Club for Adults*
Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 11:30 am

This month we will discuss *By Any Other Name* by Jodi Picoult.

Register for the Zoom link at stanlibrary.org

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Story Time: Tuesdays at 10:30 am
Bilingual Story Time: Thursday, Oct. 1 at 10:30 am

Denair - 4801 Kersey Rd.
209-634-1283
Mon-Thurs: 10-6
Story Time: Tuesdays at 10 am

Empire - 98 I St.
209-524-5505
Tues-Thurs: 10-6, Fri-Sat: 10-5
Story Time: Wednesdays, Oct. 7 & 14 at 11 am
Bilingual Story Time: Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 11 am

Hughson - 2412 A Third St.
209-883-2293
Tues-Thurs: 10-6, Fri-Sat: 10-5
Story Time: Wednesdays at 10 am

Modesto Express - 1002 10th St.
209-558-7808
Mon-Wed: 10-6, Thurs: 10-7, Fri-Sat: 10-5
Wiggle Worms: Friday, Oct. 23 at 10:30 am

Newman - 1305 Kern St.
209-862-2010
Mon: 10-6, Tues: 12-8, Wed-Thurs: 10-6, Sat: 10-5
Story Time: Wednesdays at 10 am

Oakdale - 151 S. First Ave.
209-847-4204
Mon: 10-6, Tues: 12-8, Wed-Thurs: 10-6, Sat: 10-5
Story Time: Wednesdays at 10:30 am
Wiggle Worms: Thursdays at 10:30 am

Patterson - 46 North Salado Ave.
209-892-6473
Mon-Tues: 10-6, Wed: 12-8, Thurs: 10-6, Sat: 10-5
Wiggle Worms: Mondays at 10:30 am
Story Time: Tuesdays, Oct. 6, 13 & 27 at 11 am

Riverbank - 3442 Santa Fe St.
209-869-7008
Mon-Tues: 10-6, Wed: 12-8, Thurs: 10-6, Sat: 10-5
Bilingual Story Time: Tuesdays, Oct. 6 & 20 at 11 am
Story Time: Tuesdays, Oct. 13 & 27 at 11 am

Salida - 4835 Sisk Rd.
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Wiggle Worms: Wednesdays at 10 & 11 am
Story Time: Thursdays at 10 am

Turlock - 550 Minaret Ave.
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Wiggle Worms: Tuesdays at 10 & 11 am
Story Time: Thursdays Oct. 1, 8, 15 & 22 at 10 & 11 am

Waterford - 324 E St.
209-874-2191
Mon-Tues: 10-6, Wed: 12-8, Thurs: 10-6, Sat: 10-5
Story Time: Thursdays at 10 am