

## STANISLAUS COUNTY LIBRARY

Vanessa Czopek County Librarian

1500 I Street, Modesto, CA 95354 209-558-7801 Fax: 209-529-4779 www.stanislauslibrary.org

## **PRESS RELEASE**

October 11, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

For more information, contact: Beth Holmes, 558-7817

## **Celebrate Teen Read Week**

Teen Read Week is October 17-23. Local teens ages 12-18 can celebrate by making a free Voki video booktalk. Voki enables users to express themselves in a creative and fun way. Teens can customize a Voki avatar to look like their own image or create a character completely different. With an avatar created the teen can add voice using a computer microphone, telephone, or a "text to talk" option. Booktalks can be up to 90 seconds long and should be about a book that the teen has read.

On Wednesday, October 20 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., teens will have the opportunity to watch submitted booktalks on the big screen in the Modesto Library's downstairs auditorium.

To participate, teens should visit voki.com and sign up for a free account. The booktalk can be about fiction or non-fiction books. Finished videos should be sent to <u>teens@scfl.lib.ca.us</u> with the word "Booktalk," first name and age in the subject line. Videos will be posted on Stanislaus County Library's website. Booktalks should be submitted between Sept. 17 and Oct. 23.

Teen Read Week is a national celebration of teen literature.

For more information, please call 558-7827 or visit www.stanislauslibrary.org.

# # #