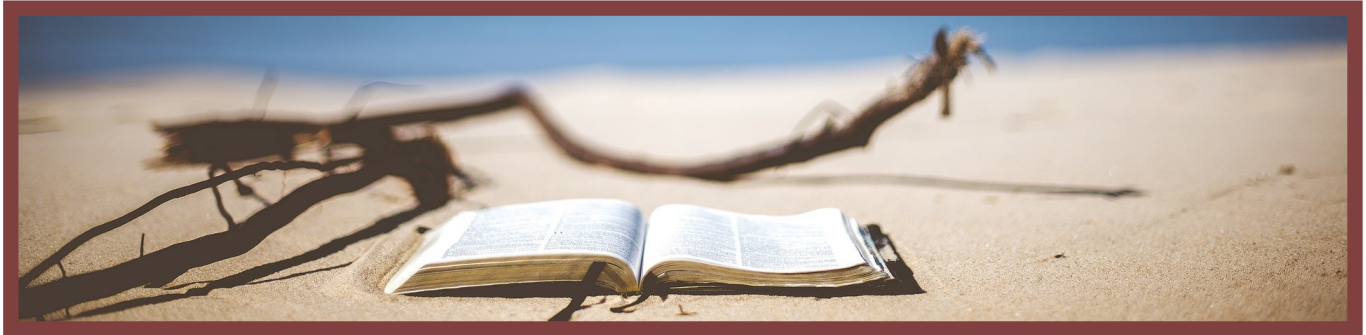




YOLO COUNTY
LIBRARY

We connect people and ideas

Yolo Reads Newsletter



*"Service to others is the rent
you pay for your room here on
Earth." - Muhammad Ali*

Summer 2019

Spring is upon us, flowers are in bloom and it is time to turn over a new leaf. Here are some ideas to liven up your usual tutor routine! Try taking your tutoring sessions outdoors. Meet at a local park or arboretum. These new environments may also invoke new conversations and entice exploration within the community.

It has been a productive winter here at Yolo Reads. We are gearing up to offer family literacy resources to our Yolo Reads learners who have babies, preschoolers, and school-aged children at home. Ask us for more information and let your learners know of this new addition to the program. We hope to come into contact with all the families within the Yolo Reads and library network.

Check out all our fun programs and services for families at yolocountylibrary.org/events

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COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Nancy Pacheco

Hello Everyone,

As your Yolo Reads program coordinator, I want to encourage you all to discuss educational pathways with your learner. Our program is one small part of the educational outlets available in Yolo County. Yolo Reads received a grant that helped us support our community by offering ESL courses at the Esparto Regional Library in collaboration with the Woodland Community College.

Entering adult school or Community College is a rite of passage for many families and can have a lasting positive effect. A parent's commitment to time invested in educational attainment is the biggest indicator of a positive inter-generational effect on literacy levels. Your investment in educational services and opportunities allows your learner to access a pathway, assists them in staying on the pathway and builds the skills they need to maintain resiliency and agency in pursuit of their dreams.

Yolo Reads has found that our program's design in providing one-on-one mentoring relationships and a learner-centered mindset builds self-determinism and resiliency. It is our commitment which transforms an opportunity into success.

Adult Literacy Tutors Tell Us:

"The learner created a draft introduction to a project paper related to her field; using that, we are working on academic citation conventions and other aspects of academic as opposed to other styles of writing" – Janet S.S.

"The learner volunteered at the Logos bookstore again on Feb 16 with two Chinese friends. One friend is a trained volunteer and the other is interested in becoming a volunteer, so in addition to tending to customer's sales and inquiries, the learner helped introduce the third friend to the procedures at the bookstore." – Pat M.

"S is writing in her own words instead of responding to prompts in the book. She wrote about Spring Festival (aka Chinese New Year), the way technology impacts our lives (phone control) and she reviewed the movie *Green Book*." – Beth B.

"When her brother had to go to the emergency room, A was able to communicate with doctors and nurses. While waiting for her car in a smog shop, she found a newspaper article that interested her. She communicates with customers by text. She realized the importance of getting flu shots." – Carol J.

NEW TUTORS

Welcome!

With Yolo Reads continuing to grow, we wanted to make sure to recognize our newest additions to our team of tutors. We are excited to work with each and every one of you!

Ryley D.

Stephanie P.

Navin K.

Darrin T

Mona B.

ANNOUNCEMENT: CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Join us for the Annual Volunteer Celebration Saturday, May 11th, 1-4pm in the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library, located at 315 E. 14th Street in Davis. The event will celebrate the accomplishments of Yolo County Library Volunteers. We encourage all Yolo Reads tutors to attend this event. This is a wonderful way to network with fellow Yolo County Library volunteers.

Please RSVP to nancy.pacheco@yolocounty.org

Note: not to be confused with the Yolo Reads Annual Celebration which is held in September

Writing Prompt

Read a book and circle some words on a page. Use those words to craft a poem. Alternatively, you can cut out words and phrases from magazines.

Events Calendar

Yolo Reads (YR) Orientation times:

Interested in becoming a Yolo Reads tutor? All are welcome to attend our YR Orientation to learn how to become a literacy champion. Our best tutors come from in-program referrals.

All orientations are held at the Stephens Davis Branch in the Children's Activity Room from 6-8pm.

Monday, June 24th

Monday, July 29th

Tutor Support Network (TSN) meeting times:

All TSN meetings are held at the Stephens Davis Library Branch in the Blanchard Room from 12-1pm.

Tuesday, May 14th

Tuesday, July 16th

Tuesday, Sept 10th

Wednesday, Nov 13th

TEN TIPS FOR HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH HOMEWORK

Tutor Submission

Lucia Kaiser submitted this article as a resource she uses and adapts for her learner.

1. Provide a quiet space and materials.

Make sure kids have a desk or table with good lighting. Provide a quiet space. Provide paper, pencils, glue, scissors, a dictionary, and other supplies. Before leaving school, make sure your children bring home everything they need.

2. Set a schedule.

Plan a schedule with study and free time. Some kids work best in the afternoon. Others like to wait until after dinner. Set a routine that works for your child.

3. Limit distractions.

Limit TV, cell phone, and computer use during homework. Allow computer time only to do homework. Children will finish their work sooner if you limit distractions.

4. Be ready to help.

Review directions. Do a problem together. Watch as your child does the next one. Make homework a priority.

5. Avoid giving the answers.

Instead, ask questions to help your child see the problem in a different way. Kids learn best when they have to think for themselves.

6. Use an assignment book.

Give your children a notebook to write down assignments. This will help them re-

member everything. Compare their work and the notebook. Check that everything is done.

7. Meet the teacher.

Go to school events to meet your child's teacher. Ask how you can help with homework. Ask if the teacher has a website where assignments are listed. Find out if the school has tutors or study sessions. Share your concerns with the teacher about homework. Tell the teacher if your child cannot do most of the work alone.

8. Review work and mistakes.

Look over graded assignments. Don't punish your child for bad grades or mistakes. Discuss errors to be sure your child understands. Incorrect answers are an opportunity to learn. It is a good idea to help your child learn the correct answer.

9. Encourage healthy habits.

Many kids do not get enough sleep. If your child falls asleep while doing homework, start earlier. Set an earlier bedtime. You may need to limit some extra activities. Encourage children to eat healthy foods and be physically active.

10. Praise your child's work and efforts.

Put a good test on the refrigerator. Share their successes with family. Praise your kids for reading and completing homework on time.

Source: Kid's Health. <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/homework.html>

Yolo Education Center's 2019 College & Career Fair

The Yolo Education Center will have a wide range of resources to help our students sort through the many opportunities they have as they transition into the next chapter of their lives. For some, it may be continuing their education; for others, it may be starting internships, entering the military or starting a successful career. We hope you are able to join us. There is no cost to attend.

Date: May 2, 2019

Time: 10:30AM—12:00PM

Location: Yolo Education Center Cafeteria

919 Westacre Road

West Sacramento, CA 95691



SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Tutors and Learners! May 20th-August 31st, 2019. Take part in our Summer Reading Program. Sign up at your library and get a free book to keep. The program is open to all ages. Read 10 books, 10 days or 10 hours during the summer. Also, be sure to check with your local branch for ongoing events throughout the Summer.

The Yolo County Library and the California State Library would like to assist your learner in finishing their high school education through Career Online School. The program is completely online and a limited number of scholarships are available to learners who pass their first prerequisites.

Contact the Literacy Coordinator to sign up your learner today!



ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUPS

Join one of our English Conversation Groups to practice English in a casual setting. All languages and all levels of learners are welcome.

Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library:

Mondays: 2pm, Tuesdays: 1:30pm, Wednesdays: 10:30am, Thursdays: 1:30pm, Friday: 2pm

Arthur F. Turner Community Library:

Wednesdays: 4pm, Fridays: 10am

Esparto Regional Library:

Tuesdays: 1:15pm

Winters Community Library:

Thursdays: 6:00pm

Submit your writing to the Yolo Reads Newsletter:

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LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Central Services

226 Buckeye Street
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Mary L. Stephens

Davis Branch Library
315 E 14th Street
Davis, CA 95616
(530) 757-5593

Arthur F. Turner

Community Library
1212 Merkley Avenue
West Sacramento, CA 95691
(916) 375-6465

Clarksburg Branch Library

52915 Netherlands Rd.
Clarksburg, CA 95612
(916) 744-1755

Esparto Regional Library

17065 Yolo Avenue
Esparto, CA 95627
(530) 787-3426

Winters Community Library

708 Railroad Avenue
Winters, CA 95694
(530) 795-4955

Knights Landing Branch Library

42351 3rd Street
Knights Landing, CA 95645
(530) 735-6593

Yolo Branch Library

37750 Sacramento Street
Yolo, CA 95697
(530) 662-2363