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Yolo Reads Newsletter

Fall 2019



“How wonderful it is that nobody
need wait a single moment
before starting to improve
the world.”
Anne Frank

Fall is upon us, leaves are changing colors and it is time to gear up for the Holiday Season. It has been a productive Summer for Yolo Reads. Yolo Reads staff has steadily attended literacy training over the summer. These were made possible by a grant for family literacy from California Library Literacy Services: Mother Goose on the Loose, "Play your way to Literacy and STEM"; "Starpower - Story times for Everyone! Adults as Partners in Developing Language and Literacy in Young Children", by Saroj Ghoting; and "Library Workshops to Go", presented by the National Center for Families Learning.

Essentially, all the workshops showed us how to use play in Library programs to build children's skills. This broadens our work with children and families to include building social and emotional skills in addition to literacy skills. We aim to give children opportunities to be successful and to give parents opportunities to see their children succeed. We will create opportunities for Yolo Reads Learners to interact in a fun way with their children while tackling early literacy concepts and socio-emotional skill-building.

We will discuss and share all the wonderful materials and literacy ideas given at our next Tutor Support Network meeting!

COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Nancy Pacheco

As your Yolo Reads program coordinator, I want to encourage all our tutors to talk about Family Literacy with their adult learners. The Yolo Reads family literacy assistant, Leticia Flores, is offering parent engagement workshops. Leticia has offered the workshops through CHOC Community Housing and the Davis & Winters library. We ask that tutors inform adult learners of this new addition to the Yolo Reads program. We hope to come into contact with all the families within the Yolo Reads and library network.

Adult Literacy Tutors Tell Us:

"We both attended the Juneteenth event at Davis Veterans memorial building next to the library & heard a panel discussion of the issues of African Americans in Davis & reviewed vendors." – Pat Martens

"Learner has met goals of phonological recognition; being able to help children with homework & interacting with children's teachers." – Janet Shibamoto-Smith

"S continues to write a story every week. She is improving her use of prepositions, thanks to the grammar books from Nancy!" – Beth Brock

"S is enrolled in an Early Childhood Education (ECE) class. She wrote a 3-page paper for her class." - Lucia Kaiser

"C is taking two classes at Woodland Community College. Her speaking skills are improving quickly." – Lucia Kaiser

"A passed her citizenship test and shortly will be or is a citizen." – Danielle Greenwood

"J was better prepared than I was- he's an eager student and is trying hard. J could sight read most words & knew the definition though had trouble w/ identifying spelling differences i.e. tub/tube" – Thomas Carmody

ANNOUNCEMENT

Join us for the Yolo Reads 11th Annual Celebration. The event will celebrate the accomplishments of Yolo County Library Volunteer Tutors and their Adult Learners. We encourage all our tutors and learners to attend this event. This is a wonderful way to network with fellow Yolo County Library volunteers.

Saturday, October 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. Mary L. Stephens Davis Library. In the Children's Activity Room.

Join us for the Yolo Reads 11th Annual Celebration. This event will honor the learners who have worked to improve their reading and writing skills through Yolo Reads. We will highlight our tutors who assist in accomplishing literacy goals. All are invited to attend this celebration. This event is family-friendly. Expect to enjoy excellent company, music, refreshments and finger foods, and a chance to win prizes. Please email me directly if you can assist us with the event: We need people to set-up the event. nancy.pacheco@yolocounty.org 530-666-8019



Yolo Reads Tutor, Lucia K. and Yolo Reads Adult Learner, Kate D. graciously recounted their Yolo Reads experiences with the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor, Saylor presented the Yolo County Library with the Literacy Proclamation.

SEPTEMBER 2019 IS LITERACY AWARENESS

WHEREAS, literacy consists of a set of skills that includes reading, writing, and critical thinking, whose mastery enables individuals to contribute to our economy, our democracy, and our community;

WHEREAS, adult learners come from all walks of life: co-workers, neighbors, friends and family members;

WHEREAS, over 32,000 of our Yolo County residents, or one in six adults, cannot read or write sufficiently to carry out everyday activities

WHEREAS, Yolo County has a tradition of commitment to literacy and lifelong learning; Yolo County Library invites you to celebrate Literacy month and the 35th Anniversary of Public Libraries' Literacy Programs in the State of California;

WHEREAS, Yolo Reads, the literacy program of the Yolo County Library, offers one-on-one tutoring and English Conver-

sation groups. During FY 2018-2019, Yolo Reads provided over 3,000 hours of free literacy instruction to 70+ Yolo County adults to help them improve their reading, writing, spelling, math, and grammar skills;

WHEREAS, 3 learners passed their GED, 7 passed their citizenship test; 6 found full-time employment; 15 enrolled in Woodland Community College; and, overall, learners completed 100+ goals that they set during FY 2018-2019;

WHEREAS, Yolo Reads is more than a program, it is a community of lifelong learners building a better future and coming together to celebrate their achievements each September;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors proclaims September as Literacy Awareness Month.

Writing Exercise by Yolo Reads Tutor, Phyllis Zerger

- o **Step One:** Ask your learner to talk about a topic of interest
- o **Step Two:** Write down verbatim what is said by your learner
After Step 2 it is important to read back to the learner what has been dictated. This is their first chance to make any corrections and also to hear it as the learner said it aloud. It is important not to skip this step.
- o **Step Three:** Ask learner if he or she would like to amend anything he or she said
- o **Step Four:** Go home and type up what your learner's response
- o **Step Five:** Next Tutor meeting discuss: grammar, sentence structure, spelling, principles of composition etc. This encourages lively discussion due to the fact they are reading their own words.

New Tutors

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!

Mark N.
Carl W.
Elise P.
Robin M.
Gregory S.
Richard B.
Judith Berry
Mabel R.
Pat G.
Debbie F.
Cristie W.
Anne G.
Susan B.
Ann M.
Richard W.

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, October 8th

Tutor Support Network (TSN) meeting times:

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

Wednesday, Nov 13th

Do you need a computer to help you accomplish your goals?

HOTSPOTS AND IPADS ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOLO READS TUTORS AND LEARNERS



YOLO READS

Yolo Reads has two hotspots (Internet connection better than wifi) and two ipads (oldies but goodies) for checkout. If you are unfamiliar with these devices we can give you a quick training, too.

On the other hand, if you are tech-savvy, we'd love to have help with some digital literacy workshops for the Yolo Reads community.



Contact Elizabeth or Nancy for more information

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Yolo Reads

Did you participate in our Summer Reading Program? Learners who completed summer reading are eligible for gift cards. Contact Nancy for more information.

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

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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