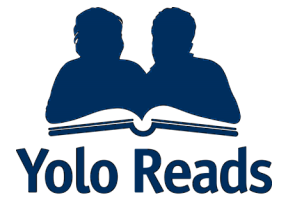




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YOLO READS NEWSLETTER

FALL 2017



Yolo Reads 9th Annual Celebration

Yolo Reads celebrated its 9th Annual Celebration on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. The event honored the accomplishments of adult learners who have reached their literacy goals or improved skills through the assistance of volunteer tutors.

The festivities began by welcoming everyone to the event and introducing Vaidehi Ramanathan, professor and chairman of the Department of Linguistics at UC Davis, Don Saylor, a Yolo County Supervisor, and Diane Adams, member of the Library Advisory Board.

Attendees gathered and mingled while playing "Get to Know You Bingo", ate delicious snacks and drinks provided by our wonderful donors, and participated in games to win prizes.

We had several speakers, tutors and learners included, who spoke about the importance of literacy programs, how Yolo Reads has personally touched and changed their lived, and the national literacy rate (1 out of every 7 Americans are functionally illiterate, and can only read and write at a third grade level).

We are excited to see what this next year will bring!

*"Alone we can do so
little; together we can
do so much."*

- Helen Keller

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Coordinator Corner

Hello Everyone,

As the needs of our learners change and evolve, so does their idea of what it means to be literate. Family literacy studies have proven that the “role of parental storybook reading has an impact on children’s success in school-based literacy instruction” (Wessels, 2014). Parents who are English language learners (ELLs) may, “come from homes... [W]here story book readings are not common practice” (Wessels, 2014). It is Yolo Reads mission to promote reading in the home. And remember, the number of books in a family’s home is strongly and positively related to children’s reading ability (Caspe & Lopez, 2017).



The library can provide many ways to increase English Language experiences for learners and their families. Early literacy programs, (story times, family activities, family place areas, and more) at all Library branches are a great resource. Don’t forget to give your learner the encouragement to read to their children, help their children with homework, or talk to a school administrator when needed. Story book reading for promoting the early language development and literacy of children is an important goal that can be reached with the help of library story times. For learners with children, *Newsela* is a fantastic source of news articles tailored to the readers’ level of proficiency.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next Tutor Support meeting in November!

Nancy Pacheco (Y.R. Program Coordinator)

Wessels, S. (2014). *Supporting English and Spanish Literacy: Through a Family Literacy Program: School Community Journal*, 147, 147–163.

Caspe M., Lopez M. E., (2017). *Seven Research-Based Ways That Families Promote Early Literacy” Global Family Research Project*, 3, 1-12.

Learner Accomplishments Spotlight

- ◇ Adela completed the Challenger 2 Series and has shown improvement in writing, conversation, pronunciation, and reading comprehension!
- ◇ Annette wrote a birthday card for a family member and received a library card!
- ◇ Ofelia has shown improvement of pronunciation of “e” words and improved the use of present tense verbs and pronouns.
- ◇ Shahwali learned new greetings in English and has mastered new words!

Your Yolo Reads Story!

During this year’s celebration, we asked our tutors and learners to submit their Yolo Reads Story. Below are some of the responses we received!

I joined Yolo Reads because I have been away from teaching, and miss it. I don’t have time to return to full-time teaching, so I enjoy the few hours I get to spend tutoring. It’s great to be teaching again!

Yolo Reads is the great program that help non-natives like me to achieve their goals. I am really grateful to Nancy and Yolo Reads Program for providing me the opportunity. I hope one day I will be able to see my dreams come true.

Roles and Goals Importance

Roles and Goals are how we keep track of our learners progress throughout their time here at Yolo Reads. Are they achieving what they want? Have their goals and priorities shifted over time? What new material and resources can we acquire to help our learners meet these goals?

Every three months Roles & Goals sheets are required to be turned in by our tutors. So make sure your learners goals are up to date!

Due the 10th: March, July, September, and December

Keeping Up With the Digital Age

There is a theory that every 18 months, the possible processing speed of computers doubles.¹ This means that generally by the time a new desktop computer is designed, manufactured, and hits the store shelf, **it is already outdated.**

Clearly today's world is becoming more reliant on computers with each passing day. And it's not going to slow down and wait for us.



So how are we supposed to keep up with this ever advancing world?

Starting in January 2018, Yolo Reads will be offering Digital Literacy Trainings. **These trainings will be required for new tutors**, and recommended for tutors already in the Yolo Reads program. These trainings will cover topics such as:

- ◇ Roles & Goals and Digital Literacy
- ◇ USA Learns
- ◇ Citizenship Resources
- ◇ GED Resources
- ◇ Learning Games
- ◇ Basic Keyboard Skills
- ◇ E-Books
- ◇ Yolo Reads Facebook, Pinterest, and website
- ◇ Google Docs and Microsoft Word

In addition to these trainings, we will also be offering 1-on-1 sessions to interested tutors. These sessions will be aligned to each individual tutor and their needs. They are **not required**, but offered for anybody who needs some help brushing up on their digital skills.

For more information or any questions regarding the Digital Literacy Trainings, please contact Rebecka at Rebecka.Gaither@yolocounty.org.

Upcoming Events

Yolo Reads Tutor Orientation

October 23rd 6pm-8pm—Davis Library

Interested in becoming a Yolo Reads Tutor? Come by our Orientation to find out how!

Roles and Goals Training

November 8th 1pm–2pm —Davis Library

What are Roles and Goals? How can we figure out what our learner wants to accomplish? What steps can we take to help them meet their goal(s)? Join us for our training to find out proven techniques and resources!

Tutor Support Network

November 14th 12pm–1pm —Davis Library

What methods are you using to help teach your learner? Do you need help or advice in a particular area? What resources do you find useful that you can share? The Tutor Support Network is a perfect place to share knowledge, find answers, and build our literacy community!

In-Service on Comprehension

November 15th 1pm-2pm —Davis Library

Join other Yolo Reads tutors for a workshop with a member of the UC Davis Linguistics Department.



Thank You To Our Donors!

Yolo Reads would like to take a moment to thank our donors for our 9th Annual Celebration.

Yolo Reads is funded by the Yolo County Library, The California State Library Literacy Services, and Friends of the Library groups.

We would also like to thank the private businesses in the community that provided the food for our celebration: The Nugget Markets, Panaderia Mana, and Raley's.

We would also like to thank the Valley Oak Embroidery Guild for the lovely bookmarks they donate every year.

But none of it would be possible without the support of volunteers throughout Yolo County. Thank you!

Chef John's Hot Spinach Artichoke Dip—Allrecipes.com

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup green onions, white and light green parts only, thinly sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- salt
- 1 (14 ounce) can artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
- 1 (10 ounce) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed, drained and squeezed dry
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded Gruyere cheese
- 1/2 cup finely grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese
- 1/4 teaspoon hot sauce
- 1 pinch ground nutmeg
- salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).
2. Melt butter in a saucepan over medium-low heat; stir in onions and pinch of salt. Cook, stirring occasionally, until onions are soft, about 5 minutes. Stir garlic into onions and remove from heat.
3. Mix green onion mixture, spinach, artichoke hearts, cream cheese, Gruyere, Parmigiano-Reggiano, hot sauce, nutmeg, salt, and pepper in a large bowl until combined.
4. Spoon artichoke mixture into two ramekins. Top each with shredded mozzarella cheese.
5. Bake in the preheated oven until tops are golden brown and bubbling, about 25 minutes.



Creative Writing Block

In each newsletter, we will share a few writing prompts to help get the creative juices flowing. Pick one (or more!) and write a response. If you like what you wrote, you are encouraged to submit it to the Yolo Reads Newsletter at Library.Volunteer@yolocounty.org and you may be featured in a future issue!

- ◇ What would happen if it really did rain cats and dogs?
- ◇ If I could choose a different name, I would choose _____ and this is why...
- ◇ What would happen if animals could talk? What would you ask them?

Get Started and Write What You Know!

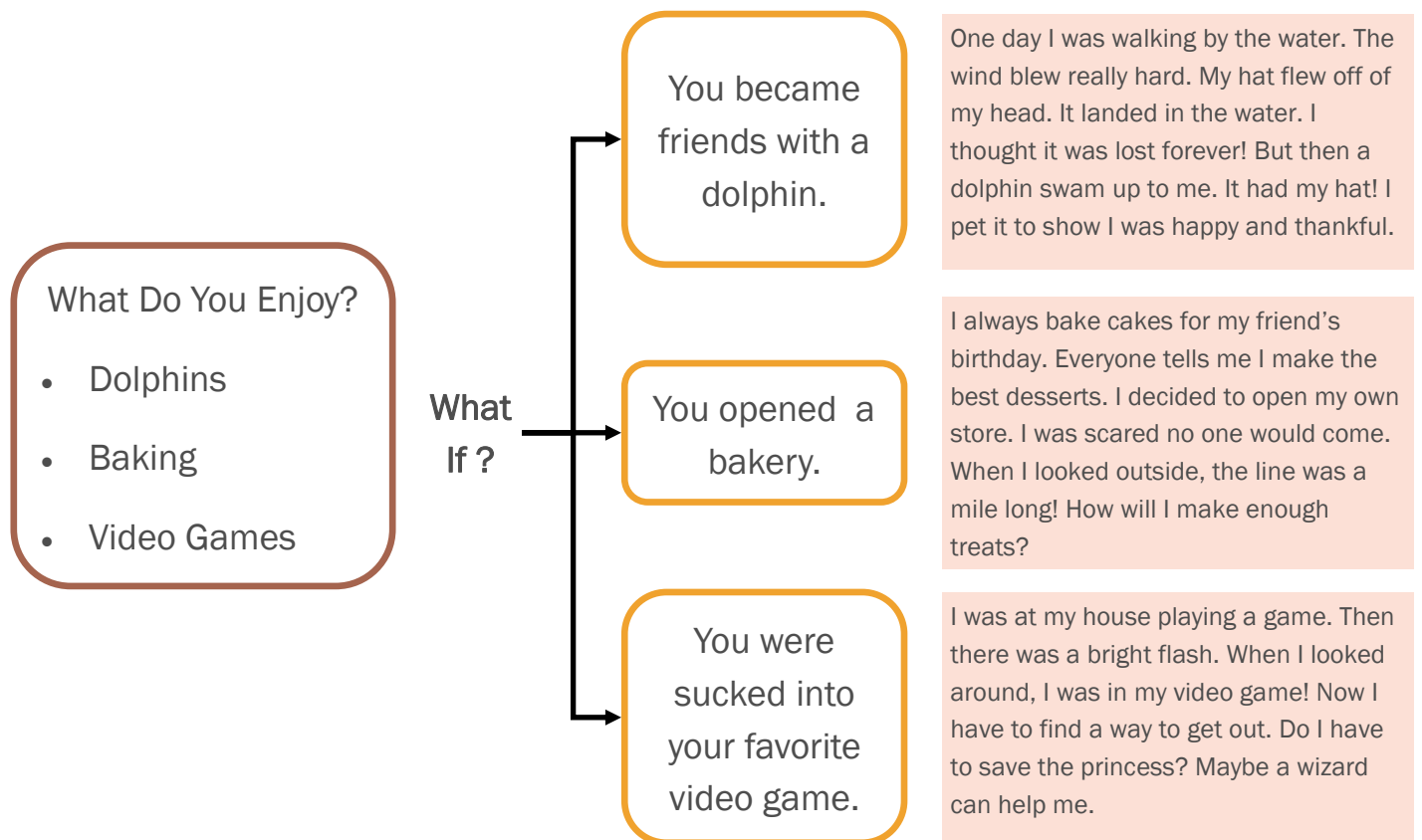
When a parent comes up to me and asks me what book I recommend for their child to get them interested in reading, the first thing I ask them is: **Well, what do they like?**

Do they enjoy sports? What about princesses? Maybe video games, or dinosaurs? Do they have a favorite television show? What is it that they can never stop talking about, what toys do they always make a bee-line for at the store?

Few things are worse than being forced to read a book “because you should”, especially if the person doesn’t enjoy reading in the first place. The same thing goes for writing. If someone isn’t interested in writing about the topic at hand, they aren’t motivated to do so, and they won’t absorb as much from it.

There is a popular saying amongst aspiring writers “**Write What You Know**”. Is there a particular tv show or book you enjoy? Make up a story about them! What if you and your friends turned into mermaids one day? What would you do? Would you try to find a way to fix the curse, or would you be happy swimming in the sea all day?

The key to writing is getting started!



YOLO READS CELEBRATION 2017



Above: **Maria S.** (former Yolo Reads Program Coordinator), **Nancy P.** (Yolo Reads Program Coordinator) , and **Elizabeth G.** (Yolo County Library Manager) celebrated Yolo Read's 9th annual Celebration.

Below: **Attendees** enjoying playing "Get To Know You BINGO" for prizes!



Right: Two attendees showing off bookmarks from the Valley Oak Embroidery Guild. Every year they give Yolo Reads beautiful handmade bookmarks to give to our tutors and learners. Thank you for your support!



Above: Two attendees posing for a photo. Yolo Reads currently has over 35 tutor and learner pairs. Every year we celebrate their hard work!





Left: Two attendees posing for a photo.

Right: Attendees enjoying delicious food provided by Nugget Market, Raley's, Panaderia Mana, and other attendees.



Right: One of our attendees receiving a certificate of recognition for his hard work, and a bookmark from the Valley Oak Embroidery Guild.

Left: Two attendees speaking about how Yolo Reads has affected and changed their lives.



Left: Donna W. sharing her presentation to the Board of Supervisors for Literacy Month in Sept.

Right: Supervisor Saylor speaking about the importance of literacy.



Share Your Love of Reading! Tutor an Adult Learner!

Available at All Library Branches

Yolo Reads is looking for volunteers who are available during weekday and/or weekend hours to tutor adult learners. Adult literacy tutors provide one-on-one assistance to an adult who wants to improve his or her reading and writing skills. Tutors assist adults to meet their personal goals such as completing the GED, creating a resume, reading a book, or acquiring new computer skills. For more information, contact Maria Sandoval at: LibraryVolunteer@yolocounty.org.

Help Reduce Recidivism! Become a DRC Tutor!

Available at Central Services in Woodland

Yolo County Library has partnered with the Day Reporting Center in Woodland to help probationers get the help they need in order to successfully re-enter society. The overarching goal is to reduce recidivism rates. One way to help is to tutor parolees and help them get the literacy basics needed to function in today's society...Training will be provided! Volunteers will meet with a group no more than five. Due to the special nature of this program, you will be asked to meet with the learner at the Day Reporting Center in Woodland, CA. For more information, contact Maria Sandoval at: LibraryVolunteer@yolocounty.org.

Can You Speak English? Help Beginning English Learners!

Available at the Clarksburg Branch Library in Clarksburg

Help adult English language learners practice their English conversation in a friendly and relaxed environment. Facilitators engage in fun and thought-provoking activities while promoting dialogue which provides English learners with the valuable opportunity to learn new vocabulary, hear and engage in English language conversation, and learn more about the diversity of English culture. For more information, contact Maria Sandoval at: LibraryVolunteer@yolocounty.org.

Submit and Contact the Yolo Reads Newsletter:

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

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

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

Knights Landing
Branch Library
42351 3rd Street
Knights Landing, CA
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Yolo Branch Library
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