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# Yolo Reads Newsletter



Welcome, Leticia!  
Family Literacy Program  
Assistant

Please join us in welcoming Leticia Flores, our Family Literacy Assistant. Leticia will be working out of our Woodland office supporting our Yolo Reads Family Literacy Program.

Leticia has expertise in the area of family literacy, parenting education, and community outreach. She is familiar with the communities of Esparto and Winters and the rural areas of Yolo County. She is excited to bring her knowledge of Yolo County communities and parenting education to the library. Her experience working with community members has helped her build connections with families and individuals to promote self-sufficiency, resiliency and growth. Leticia has been in the Early Childhood Education field for twelve years.

In the coming weeks Leticia will be contacting Yolo Reads Learners and their families with exciting learning opportunities.

## SUMMER READING

Summer is a great time for Tutors & Learners to set reading goals together. It is also a good time to share books with your learner. This year's Summer Reading program at the Yolo County Library allows you to select your own books and participation level.

The Friends of the Davis Library donated 10 gift cards for the first 10 learners to sign up through Yolo Reads. So let Nancy know when you and your learner sign up!

Here's what you need to know: Participants can choose to read 10 books; or 10 hours; or on 10 different days. Everyone who signs up gets a themed reading list and can choose a free book. Participants receive their finisher prizes when they finish either option.

Yolo Reads encourages tutors, learners & their families to participate. Visit <https://forms.gle/ga3tRV5PBWioELsYA> to sign-up today. Visit the library & let them know you enrolled. Staff will give you the materials and a free book.



# COORDINATOR'S CORNER

## Nancy Pacheco

How do we find motivation to read over the summer? The key is to keep the motivation component 'alive and kicking'. As a family, we certainly do not want to view reading as a chore.

Start by letting your children choose what they would like to read. This is paramount to their identity as a future reader. You can always help guide their decision, but ultimately they should choose the book. This practice will ensure they are interested in the topic they are reading about and that they will continue reading. Consider discussing what you are currently reading with your family. This allows the child to see how passionate you are about reading.

Reading with your child is another way to lead by example. Schedule a time to read at home. Many families make it a habit to read together before bedtime. Reading together can encompass a broad definition of reading. It could be listening to an audiobook or radio program, for example. This could be a joint activity or a chance to practice a mindfulness activity.

### Adult Literacy Tutors Tell Us:

"We got to the comprehensive words review section of the Challenger 3 book and both noticed how much her pronunciation and vocabulary has improved since we started." – Aaron P.

"M went to several national parks at the end of March and did a lot of reading with her children for earning junior ranger badges." – Marla S.

"S continues to write a short story every week. She describes significant events, such as an issue with her landlord and a traffic accident when someone rear-ended her. She drafted a statement to submit to insurance and I helped with grammar, punctuation, and some wording." – Beth B.

"L was in the parade for Picnic Day with an International group/Global affairs and dictated an essay about her experience and impression of Picnic Day (our third essay). She also volunteered at Logos Bookstore in the afternoon of April 13 for four hours. This gave her more exposure to English Speaking public." – Pat M.

"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention." – Oscar Wilde

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## NEW TUTORS

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### Welcome!

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

Carl W. (Davis)

Thomas C. (Winters)

James G. (Knights Landing)

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## TUTOR SUPPORT NETWORK MEETING

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Yolo Reads welcomed guest speaker Ariel Long, from the University of California, Davis. Ariel is a tutor at the Academic Assistance and Tutoring Center at UCD. Ariel joined our Tutor Support Network meeting to discuss the citizenship test literacy and tutoring pedagogy. Ariel organized a thought-provoking presentation from an academic standpoint. She covered the naturalization process; N-400 Application; going to the interview; and history civics portion. Her presentation put emphasis on the vocabulary used during the reading and writing portion of the exam.

Ariel also focused on the necessary foundations of tutoring. These include scaffolding and the zone of proximal development; the big three: positive reinforcement, practice problems and teach by asking questions; the importance of the process of learning, not the finished product such as grade level increase.

We are happy to announce Ariel will be joining us for our Tutor Support Network meeting on Tuesday, July 16th. Bring ideas, questions, and topics for discussion!

## 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 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**

### 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, July 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, Sept 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Visit our webpage for previous issues and more resources**

[www.yolocountylibrary.org/yolo-reads/](http://www.yolocountylibrary.org/yolo-reads/)

# AWAKENING THE BEST LITERACY TUTOR IN ALL OF US

## NCLC SYMPOSIUM

On May 3rd, the Northern California Library Coalition welcomed guest speakers to the Woodland Public Library. With over 50 library staff and volunteer tutors attending, many were excited to learn and participate in literacy informed discussion. The event opened



One tutor shared her expertise with the group and one tutor was brave enough to discuss her own battles with dyslexia. The group enjoyed a working lunch with the keynote speaker, Emily Sedwick, the project manager for the National Center for Families Learning

with Michael Evans, the Executive Director of the Kalamazoo Literacy Council.

Michael stated, “adults who struggle to read need a community that supports them, a learning environment that encourages them, and a positive message that is relevant to their world.” We learned how to address the issue of adult literacy in ways that raise awareness about the cause without adding stigma. Strategies for how to identify and approach potential struggling readers were discussed in addition to how to improve engagement practices with community partners.

A panel discussion addressed useful strategies for tutoring adults with learning disabilities. Facilitators Casandra Issaka & Sabrina Rosen-gren led the discussion with a panel of tutors.

[www.familieslearning.org](http://www.familieslearning.org). Emily spoke about the NCFL’s mission and how their resources can support library work in adult education. NCFL has specialized in family literacy for 30 years, and has many free resources, including a Learn to Earn Toolkit and a Volunteer Toolkit.

Katy Azevedo, from Butte County Library, covered USA Learns [www.usalearns.org](http://www.usalearns.org). This is a free interactive website which allows tutors to monitor their learners’ progress remotely. USA Learns has also incorporated a citizen component, making this program increasingly valuable. USA Learns offers intuitive courses that incorporate video lessons and thousands of learning activities to create effective and interactive lessons.

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## NCLC SYMPOSIUM CONT.

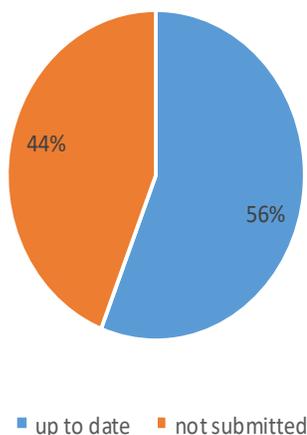
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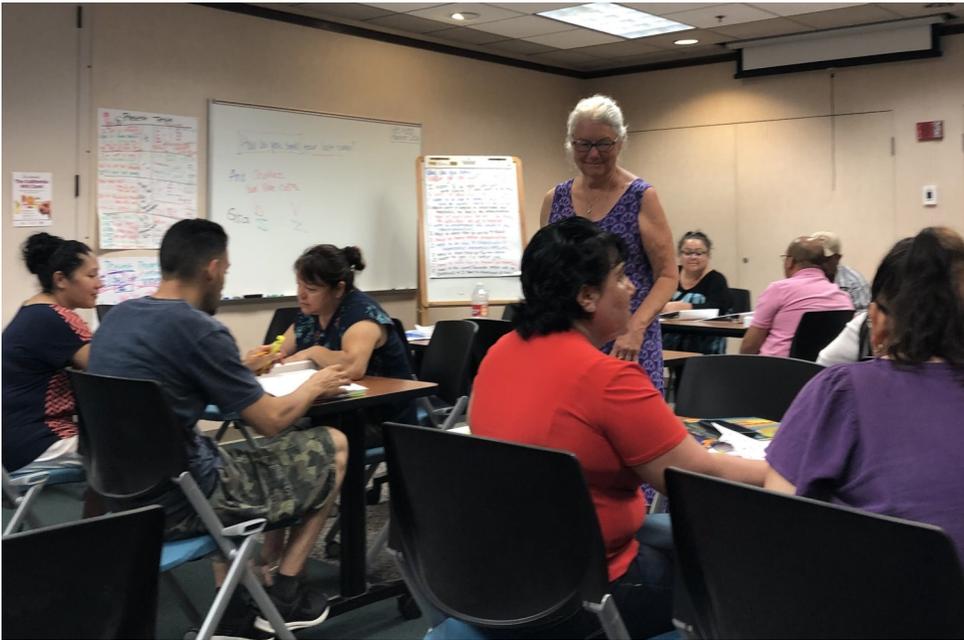
And Susan Vega, from the Chula Vista Library, covered how to use iPads in your tutoring sessions. Susan discussed free apps that we can use to teach and practice decoding, reading, math, and grammar. She focused on IOS devices (iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch) although Android devices were also discussed. If you would like copy of her presentation, please email Nancy Pacheco.

The event closed with Michael Evens delving into how to build effective literacy community collaboration. Michael highlighted his work to change the state of adult literacy at the community level and how this requires a mobilized collective impact effort on many fronts. It requires effort from our local government, school systems, social services, and employment efforts. Learning how to build effective collaborations that deliver positive outcomes for adult learners on a systemic level is possible. Our group was reminded once again; adult literacy is a community issue—not an agency issue.

**Thank you for turning in your Monthly Reports.** We're getting ready to turn in *our* report to the State Library on the Yolo Reads Adult & Family Literacy program. We use your Monthly Reports to find outcomes, # of hours volunteered, Goals Set and Goals Achieved. We can't effectively tell our story and communicate the value of our program without your Monthly Reports. Thank you Beth, Carolina, Joan, Jeff, Carol, Kristine, Pat, Gretchen, Aaron, Janet, Bill, Jan, Kathy, Susan, and Lucia for your consistent reporting. Thank you all for sharing your success stories and keeping in touch.

Monthly Reports - Let's make this 100%





## 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: 6pm

Knights Landing Library:

Tuesdays: 4pm

Submit your writing to the Yolo Reads Newsletter:

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## LIBRARY LOCATIONS

**Central Services-  
Yolo Reads Office**  
226 Buckeye Street  
Woodland, CA 95695  
(530) 666-8005

**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