



January 2019

Providing **Free** Adult Literacy Services at Sonoma County Libraries since 1986

Upcoming Holidays/Library Closures:

- January 1: Closed New Year's Day
- January 21: Closed Martin Luther King Jr Day
- February 18: Closed President's Day
- March 31: Closed Cesar Chavez Day

NOW is the Time. Please Refer a Friend
We Need More Volunteer Tutors!

Our next New Tutor Training at Central Library in Santa Rosa will be:

January 23rd 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm (part 1)
January 26th 10:00 am – 2:30 pm (part 2)

Right now, we have approximately 30 students waiting for a tutor – most are requesting instruction in the city of Santa Rosa with additional need in Sonoma Valley, Petaluma, and Rohnert Park.

If you know of someone great with 2hrs a week to help an adult build their literacy skills at one of the library locations above, please have them contact us for information or to sign up for these training dates in January. literacy@sonomalibrary.org or 707-544-2622.

If you want to tutor an additional student in 2019, please let us know. Thank You.

~The Adult Literacy Team: Alisa, Christine, Jessica & Melissa

Learner Goals – Update by January 31st

In the first week of January, we sent a letter with instructions and forms asking you to work on the *Roles & Goals* form update with your learner during an early January session.

Please return the updates to us by January 31st. If you have any questions, please contact our program office. We're here to help: 707-544-2622 or literacy@sonomalibrary.org

Thanks for Stopping by during Our Holiday Open House...



Ben and Alex enjoy some treats



New Year - New Tote Bags for this Learner & Tutor Pair



Tutor Virginia & Melissa explore the literacy apps on the new Hublet resource



Christine shows a new Hublet digital tablet to Natalia & Pat

Accomplishing Great Things Together

Adult Learners Tell Us ...

- I learned about JobLink and their resources. I met with a counselor about possible CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) schools and jobs.
- I have improved in my comprehension of English, and I read with a wider awareness of usage, constructions, and articles.
- I learned a lot about history and the culture of America through our study of vocabulary and reading novels.

Adult Literacy Tutors Tell Us ...

- Learner is learning how to write a story and learning more sight words.
- Learner is enjoying the English Conversation Circle group prior to our tutoring session on Saturdays!
- Learner is getting better at citizenship questions.
- Such a delight. Always interesting. Love our time together. I learn too!
- Reading *Young Adult* novels are good for learner and getting easier to understand.
- Learner pursuing new career goal, working with vocabulary related to musculoskeletal anatomy.
- Learner was awarded a modest scholarship to the SRJC!!
- Steady improvement in reading; finished *The Breadwinner*.
- Learner has completed another ESL course at the SRJC.
- Learner is now able to navigate the different aspects of relocating.
- Learner pursuing career skill focus. Used Google search to diagnose car and replace defective part.
- After practicing, Learner is now doing great with coin money.
- Learner completed her Spanish G.E.D. Woo Hoo!
- Finished reading story aloud.
- Learner reading *The Breadwinner* trilogy.
- Learner is eager to read.
- Learner enjoyed reading about the life of Jim Thorpe and wrote a short essay about the disappointment he suffered with having his Olympic medals denied him. Her ability to write has really come a long way.



Wishing you a Happy 2019!

Thank you for being a member of our library community.

~Melissa, Jessica, Christine & Alisa