



December 2018

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

Holiday Open House Week: December 17 thru 22nd
Adult Learners and Tutors, Please stop by the Adult Literacy
Office 10 -3 pm this week for a treat and our thanks!

**Please Visit during our
Adult Literacy Holiday Open House:
December 17th thru 22nd
10am – 3pm**

We welcome this opportunity to wish our adult learners and volunteer tutors a happy holiday season. We'll have hot cider, tea & holiday treats on hand this week.

This is our first Holiday Open House in our new location – upstairs at Santa Rosa Central Library, 211 E Street.

Come see our new space, browse the literacy collection, play with our new "Hublet" digital tablets, and have a holiday cookie!

All tutors and learners welcome.

Hope to see you soon and Happy Holidays!

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

2019 Learner Goals – Focus for a New Year

The New Year is approaching, and we will be asking learners to clarify their literacy goals with their tutors in January 2019.

A letter explaining the process for working with your learner to review their past literacy goals and make plans for what goals to focus on in 2019 will be sent out to all tutors at the end of December.

Please plan to work on this Roles & Goals update with your learner during early January and return the updates to us by January 31st – A complete packet with instructions will be sent out on December 31, 2018.

Upcoming Holidays/Library Closures:

December 24: Libraries will close at 2:00 pm

December 25: Libraries closed Christmas

December 31: Libraries will close at 2:00 pm

January 1, 2019: Libraries closed New Year's Day

Model for Adult Learners: Ask a Librarian

Our library wants to help all patrons feel comfortable asking for help from a library staff member, and one of our program goals is to have adult learners become library users.

Sometimes our adult learners are not comfortable with *who or how* to ask for help in a library. One of the things tutors can do to help adult learners become confident and independent library users, is: take them with you when you go up to ask for help at the library.

In the beginning, you can model how you ask a librarian for help with the adult learner right at your side – listening and observing the process. Next time, try having them take more of an active role in this process.

Do you/your learner have any library fines? Here's a great opportunity thru Dec 29...



Non-perishable
food items

Los comestibles
no perecederos

**Monday, November 12
through Saturday, December 29**

**entre lunes, el 12 de noviembre
y sábado el 29 de diciembre**

Accomplishing Great Things Together

Adult Learners Tell Us ...

- Got my license!!! Reading books. Reading captions on TV. Using computer and iPad.
- Reading is getting better.



Adult Literacy Tutors Tell Us ...

- Learner's vocabulary building is steadily improving. She is gaining confidence...reading Young Adult novels.
- Learner's spelling is improving: Student only missed 2 out of 20 words that were previously difficult for her to spell. Began reading out of a library book.
- Learner attended a conference with her son's teacher and understood all the information in English.
- Both Learners read to their children all the time. One has a poster of sight words up on her wall that she is teaching her son, and her daughter reads to her regularly.
- (I) just completed the Harassment-Free Workplace Training for library volunteers and found it to be very worthwhile and well-done. It was comprehensive yet easy to understand. Thank you for including volunteers in this training.
- We read together and identify new vocabulary. We keep a running list of vocabulary words.
- Learner read two biographies of Cesar Chavez and wrote a biographical sketch of his life. Shows good reading comprehension.
- We made a crustless vegetable quiche and a salad with an emphasis on nutrition to complement one of her goals: to cook and plan nutritious meals.
- Learner was issued her library card.
- We're working on the first 100 questions for Naturalization test! Such a joy to teach!
- We are really enjoying our time together each week! Learner really enjoyed reading about Wangari.

In seed time learn, in harvest teach, in winter enjoy.

~ William Blake, Poet and Artist

