



May 2018 Learning NEWS

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

MAY 7, 2018 Tutor Workshop: Strategies to build reading comprehension

Monday, May 7, 2018 1:30 – 3:00 pm
Central Library Forum Room
Join Services Coordinator Alisa Adams for this expanded training workshop for tutors on strategies for developing comprehension skills in the adult learner population.

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It's Time for Roles and Goals Updates

Once again, the time has come to talk with the adult learner you are working with about their literacy goals. All active tutors should have received a letter and the necessary forms to update student goals. Please talk with your student in early May and record any goals that they have met as well as any goals that they would like to work on next. **Updated Roles and Goals forms are due before May 31st.** We will be reporting all our program activity to the State of California this summer so this information is vital to evaluating the efficacy of our program. Thank you in advance for helping us complete this requirement!

Student Writing Submissions Continue

I'm excited to receive the first adult learner writing submissions showing up here in to the Literacy Office. Please continue to encourage the adult learner you are working with to submit their writing for inclusion in our 2018 Student Writing Collection. The deadline for all student writing submissions and release forms is June 1st. If you need more information or release forms, contact Alisa at aadams@sonomalibrary.org

Upcoming Holidays/Library Closures:

Monday, May 28 (Memorial Day)

Reminder – Saturdays at the Literacy Office

The Santa Rosa Literacy Office is now open 10:00 am – 3:00 pm on Saturdays and offers a small group instruction class at 10:00am at this location. This *Reach Your Goals* class is open to all learners who have received their assessment and is an opportunity for additional instruction in a small-group setting. Please let your learner know about this class opportunity in Santa Rosa.

Summer Reading Program: Reading Takes You Everywhere

Our libraries' adult summer reading program is for all ages and all levels. Starting June 1 – August 31, look for the adult summer reading Bingo card at your local branch and take the challenge to complete a row...or the whole card to earn incentive prizes at your local library branch. Learners and Tutors are encouraged to have fun taking the bingo challenge together.

Families for Literacy Enhancement – Is your learner eligible?

Is the adult learner you are working with in regular, ongoing contact with a child under 5 years of age? Are they a caregiver for a child under 5? A grandparent who sees a child under 5 on a regular basis?

Our adult literacy program has a "families for literacy" component available to ALL adult learners who have regular ongoing contact with a child 0-5 years of age. The adults can be parents, grandparents, other relatives or even unrelated caregivers. If your adult learner meets this criteria, please contact us: literacy@sonomalibrary.org or 707-544-2622. We will arrange to add them to our Families for Literacy program so they will receive NEW (Free) Children's books in their monthly mailings in addition to special tutor instruction on how to help the adult learner become confident reading these books aloud to children. The books then become part of their family library.

Accomplishing Great Things

Adult Learners tell us:

- “I used my English to help my mother to translate in the hospital.”
- “My article will be published in Easy English Times in April. I’m reading Cannery Row and writing memoir about raising my daughter. It is a pleasure learning with Cindy (tutor).”

Literacy Tutors tell us:

- Learner is reading a chapter a day in novel.
- Learner prepared written work using the words she’s learned. She cites words and phrases she doesn’t understand in her reading homework and we discuss them.

Congratulations Adult Learners

- Three adult learners in our program applied and have received acceptance to attend the *Adult Learner Leadership Institute* Training taking place in Chico, California in mid-May. Congratulations to: Ako, Irma & Misty!
- One of our program participants has really honed her writing skills and has a lovely article about her mother featured on Page 5 of the enclosed May issue of the *Easy English Times*. Congratulations, Olena!

