



# November 2018

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

Holiday Open House Week December 17 – 22  
Stop By Adult Literacy Office Monday – Saturday 10 - 3

## Tutor Tips, Techniques:

Want to brush up on your tutoring strategies or take a peek at how experienced tutors are working on fluency, comprehension, phonics and decoding with adult learners?

Our program highly recommends the excellent tutor training videos posted for all to view on YouTube by San Jose Public Libraries' *Partners in Reading Program*. These are brief (5 to 10 minute) videos of adult learners working with experienced tutors or trainers and focusing on core adult literacy skills – so you can choose to watch just those you and your adult learner are currently working on. If you are brand new to tutoring, there are 1-4 videos on how to approach your first meetings together.

On YouTube, just search for: *Partners in Reading* and you'll see all the videos available from this San Jose Public Libraries' training program. They are organized by literacy topic and skill.

## Adult Literacy Will STAY AT CENTRAL

The Adult Literacy Office is staying at the Santa Rosa Central Library, 211 E Street, upstairs on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

Our hours are Monday – Saturday from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.

English Conversation Circles are held here on Wednesdays & Saturdays at 11 am, and Saturday's 10:00 am *Reach Your Goals* class is ongoing at this location, as well.

## Upcoming Holidays/Library Closures:

November 21: Libraries will close at 6:00 pm  
November 22 & 23: Libraries closed Thanksgiving  
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

## Learner Resources: Highlights



We have new adult learner materials in our Literacy Resource Collection. The popular *Grass Roots Press* biography series includes new titles on entertainers.



Also in non-fiction, we have a *FactFiles* series available in levels 1-3.

Come check out our new location and our new Literacy Resource Room!

## Explore Digital Literacy Tools – “Hublets”

(New) digital tablets featuring adult learning apps are available at our Adult Literacy Office – Central Santa Rosa location: Mon – Sat 10am – 3pm. Adult Literacy “Hublet” tablets can be used at this location with your library card. Come Visit us. We'll show you how to explore this new tool.



# Accomplishing Great Things Together

## Adult Learners Tell Us ...

- I am very happy to see my story about my Mother in the book *Impressions*. Thank you for sending the book to me.
- This program helped me – it pushed me to enroll in classes at the SRJC.
- I spoke English every day in the school when I worked with the children.
- After I read three related books, I visited Alcatraz Island and got a lot of real experiences about the place.

## Adult Literacy Tutors Tell Us ...

- Learner getting more confident. Successful discussions with her kids' tutors.
- Completed *Robinson Crusoe*.
- Completed *Anne of Green Gables* and biography of author Lucy Maud Montgomery
- Learner read and (mostly) understood a letter from her children's school. She responded in English!
- Learner worked on voting by mail, filled out postal mail form! Used Easy Voter Guide.
- Learner learned short and long vowel sounds.
- Learner passed 1<sup>st</sup> review of 15 new vocabulary words; wrote 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph in journal and is devoting time at home to practice.
- She is understanding the content of the novels better and the contextual clues.
- Learner read the Helen Keller biography and started a library book about the Gallaudet story.
- Reading better aloud and to herself. Learner able to tell me the plot of the nonfiction book she is reading.
- Learner is loving her new "Challenger 7 (workbook)"!!
- Learner is working through Vocabulary Boosters and has completed 12 out of 20 lessons.
- Learner is motivated to learn.
- Learner enjoys the Easy English Times stories written by English Learners, especially local writers. We also spend time on the section on idioms.

## Roles & Goals (paperwork!) updates Learners & Tutors completed for 2017-18, Tell Us...

