

## February 2018 ADULT LITERACY NEWS

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

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### **NEW Tutor Training Session**

New Tutors MUST ATTEND BOTH DATES below to complete 6 hours of required training:

**February 7, 2018 6:00 – 8:00 pm Part (1)**

**February 10, 2018 10:00 – 2:30 pm Part (2)**

BOTH Part 1 & 2 are required and will be held in the Central Library Boardroom (upstairs)

211 E Street, Santa Rosa

**RSVP** to Melissa at 707-545-0831 x1579

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### **County-wide FREE Tech Classes Feb – Mar**

Check out the *Free Tech Classes at your Library February – March 2018* flyer enclosed in this month's mailing packet. Anyone can sign up in advance for a tech/computer class of interest to them at their local library branch. There are many tech topics, bilingual class options and more details available at [www.sonomalibrary.org](http://www.sonomalibrary.org)



### **2018 Resolutions include getting outdoors?**

In partnership with Sonoma County Regional Parks, Sonoma County Library is offering Regional Parks Discovery Packs!

A "Regional Parks Discovery Pack" is available at each library branch and includes a backpack filled with a parking pass good at all 56 Regional Parks, a parks map, trail itineraries, hiking tips, wildlife guides, and other information to help them enjoy self-guided adventures in the parks.

The Discovery Pack program was developed to promote community health and well-being by increasing opportunities for residents to visit and learn about their parks. Each pack is available for check out for up to seven days and includes materials in English and Spanish. **Discovery Pack backpacks will be available for checkout on Monday, January 29th at all Library branches.** Each Discovery Pack includes materials that need to be returned and some items that can be kept.

### **Ready to try a digital learning news site?**

Check out: [www.newsela.com](http://www.newsela.com) and/or [www.NewsforYouOnline.com](http://www.NewsforYouOnline.com) (password 88c385) to find out if digital learning appeals to your student. There are many options for level, activities, vocabulary, audio, etc. Have fun exploring.

**WHAT MAKES A GREAT LEARNING TEAM?**

**RESPECT  
PATIENCE  
SENSE OF HUMOR**

### **Upcoming Holidays/Library Closures:**

Monday, February 19 (President's Day)

Saturday, March 31 (Cesar Chavez Day)

Sunday, April 1 (Easter)

## **Powerful Partners: Adult Learners & Tutors Accomplishing Great Things Together**

### **Learners tell us...**

- ♥“I have been reading the paper and magazines. I like the book.”
- ♥“I helped Jack to do his school’s business plan. I had a successful conversation with a postal worker in the post office.”
- ♥“I read more and understand better. I like my tutor a lot. Thank You!!”

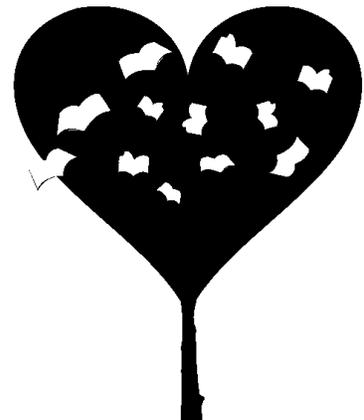
### **Tutors tell us...**

- ♥Learner is getting more confident writing sentences!
- ♥Improved texting! Improved spelling. Learning cursive. Working on past tense verbs.
- ♥Studied, wrote and practiced 35 most frequent verbs and tenses. Learned 100 sight words.
- ♥Reading books with children. Improving comprehension skills and scanning text for answers.
- ♥Learner looked up templates for letters to Santa Claus, wrote one herself and encouraged her children to do so as well. She is progressing quickly, and it’s both gratifying and fun to work with her!
- ♥Learner took a placement exam at SRJC in English. His score was 73 out of 75. I’m encouraging his being in a class for more practice and group work.
- ♥Learner is gradually gaining confidence in knowledge of sentence structure and parts of speech.
- ♥We’ve been using the box of 101 idioms. About halfway through, learner began writing a story with the cards we worked on that week. We read and correct it the next week, and the story grows.”

We thank you for  
sharing your love of  
reading!

Happy Valentine’s Day,  
~the Adult Literacy Team

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OF  
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MONTH