

May 2019 **Providing FREE Adult Literacy Services since 1986**

Are you and your learner meeting every week?

A consistent commitment and practice is the path to achieving literacy goals,

Meeting consistently for two hours of tutoring each week is our minimum program requirement and a proven way for adult learners to make progress and reach their literacy goals.

Infrequent or inconsistent tutoring sessions don't allow learning to take root and literacy skills to flourish with the necessary practice and repetition that leads to mastery.

While the occasional cancellation for medical or planned away times is understandable and well within the scope of our program, please let us know if you or your learner are frequently unable to meet for two hours each week.

We want to help all our learners reach their goals in this program. Sometimes a reminder helps, and it's always worth a try.

Writing Submissions – You can still send them in!

First, I want to thank Learners and Tutors who have sent in student writing submissions and release forms. The deadline was May 1st.

In the interest of having as many adult learners' stories featured in this year's student writing collection, I am extending the deadline through the end of May. If your student hasn't submitted a writing, please encourage them to participate and write about their "favorite place in Sonoma County." Send it to me in any format by May 31. Please contact me with any questions about this project: aadams@sonomalibrary.org

I'd love to see all active Learners represented in this year's collection.

Try a PLAYAWAY An ALL-IN-ONE Audiobook

Would you or your learner like to try an audiobook without the need for the internet or an app? The Sonoma County Library now offers portable lightweight media players pre-loaded with an audiobook. They are called "Playaways." These all-in-one devices allow you to listen to audiobooks without the need for any additional equipment or connections other than your own earbuds or headphones and a triple-A battery. You can check them out for three weeks with your library card.

FREE Internet on the spot

The Sonoma County Library is lending WiFi hotspots to patrons, enabling Sonoma County Library cardholders to have free access to the internet on a first-come, first-served basis.

"SonomaFi," the WiFi hotspot lending program is a pilot. The initial lending period will be 14 days per device, and they will be available at all library branches, but cannot be placed on hold.

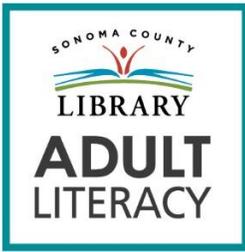
Each SonomaFi device will allow the borrower to connect multiple devices, including smartphones, computers and tablets, so an entire household can use one SonomaFi hotspot at once.

For more information on SonomaFi, stop in at any of the library's 14 branches. The SonomaFi program is paid for from Measure Y sales tax funds, the community's investment in free public libraries.

Upcoming Holidays/Closures:

May 27: Closed Memorial Day

June 7: Literacy Office Closed for Training



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Accomplishing Great Things Together

Adult Literacy Tutors Tell Us ...

- Working with this Learner has been a real pleasure. She is a marvelous individual.
- Learner wrote two personal essays/stories this month. Learner read a book of Greek myths with her daughter.
- Shared and read together some stories from students in the Easy English Times newspaper.
- Learner is really appreciative and does all the homework and reading assignments. Really wants to improve.
- Learner is ready to move beyond the Adult Literacy Program and has signed up for a class at the Junior College, which meets four mornings a week. He is a devoted learner and more practice will be good for him.
- I've noticed major improvement. She read a book for homework and retold the story to me with clarity and good sentences. She seems to be very interested in her lessons. She really likes the book series by Tana Reiff.
- The Student Writing Collection is such a great idea.

Are you interested in a New Volunteer Opportunity?

We have a special volunteer project for an excellent photographer willing to donate their time and photography skills by going to many of the "favorite places" in Sonoma County that adult learners have written about to take high-quality photographs of these places. The final goal is to feature some of these images in the student writing collection near the stories that highlight that location. If you possess excellent nature photography skills and a high quality digital camera, please contact me to discuss this volunteer project: Alisa Adams, Adult Literacy Services Coordinator 707-544-2622 ext 1569 or email: aadams@sonomalibrary.org

We are looking for another volunteer to join our established team of English Conversation Class Facilitators at Central Library on one or two Saturdays at the end of each month (and maybe an occasional Wednesday) from 11 am – 12:30 pm. We are seeking someone who can begin training as a substitute for this position, and we will likely be asking this person to step into the role on a regular monthly basis on the 4th and 5th Saturdays of the month. If this volunteer position interests you, please contact me for information and training opportunities: aadams@sonomalibrary.org