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Check It Out: Colusa County Free Library Quarterly Newsletter

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BECOME A FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY!

The Friends of the Colusa County Free Library support library services, collections, programs and generate community interest. To become a Friend, pick up an application at the Main Branch Library in Colusa, or download one from the Colusa County Free Library website.

Thank You for 20 Years of Service!



It is with bittersweet sentiment that we announce the retirement of Children's Librarian Lupe Ramos on 29 March 2019 after twenty years of service at the Colusa County Free Library.

Ms. Lupe has brought immeasurable happiness to the children of Colusa County through weekly story times,

the annual summer reading program, and the afterschool STEAM and upcycling programs she hosted during her tenure.

Her more than 32 years of library service started in 1974 at the Yolo County Library while still in high school, and spans six communities. When asked what her favorite part of the job was, she responded: "My fondest memories of working as a Children's Program Coordinator was those amazing, wonderful kids in Colusa County, being able to read, connect and make them smile and enjoy the reading programs."

As the first Latina member of the Colusa County staff, Ms.

Lupe helped forge a path into a part of our community that had been largely underserved. Her efforts were seen at both the circulation desk and during her Spanish language mommy-and-me story time, *Cuentos*, each Wednesday morning.

Ms. Lupe knows that her replacement will have lots of energy and enjoy the wide variety of kids she will get to serve!

Her post-retirement plans include gardening, travel and lots of relaxation! She sure has earned it. While we will miss her greatly, the entire staff wishes her well in her new venture. Please feel free to come by the main branch before her last day to say goodbye!

Colusa Library Family Crafternoon's

Do you enjoy crafting, but don't have the space or inclination to do it alone? Stop by the Colusa Library the 1st Saturday of each month at Noon to get crafty with our in-house artist Cindy Plucker!

Led through the step-by-step creative process by Cindy, participants will create an artwork based on the theme of

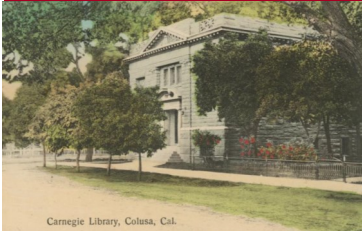
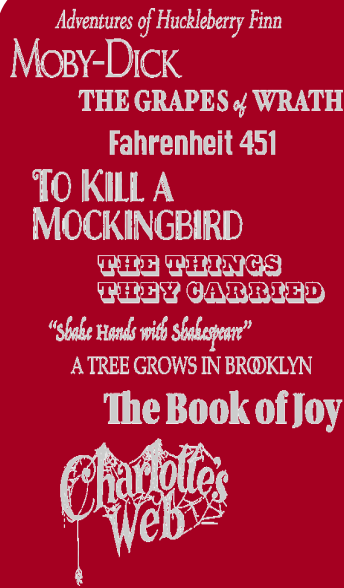
the month. Past Crafternoon's included Pumpkin Painting in October, Thankful Plank Painting in November, and Mason Jar Lid Ornament Decorating in December.

The next installment of the Colusa Library's Crafternoon will take place on Saturday, February 2 at noon. All art backgrounds and

abilities, are invited to attend.

Due to limited space, registration is required. To sign-up for this day of fun and creativity, drop by the Colusa Library during normal operating hours, or call Cindy Plucker at 458-0375.





Carnegie Library, Colusa, Cal.



- 000 Computer Science, Information, & General Works
- 100 Philosophy & Psychology
- 200 Religion
- 300 Social Sciences
- 400 Language
- 500 Science
- 600 Technology
- 700 Arts & Recreation
- 800 Literature
- 900 History & Geography

Virginia Yerxa Community Read

In honor of its tenth anniversary and to celebrate namesake Virginia's gift of reading with children, the Virginia Yerxa Community selected the children's classic *Charlotte's Web* as the 2019 book in common. Written by E.B. White and illustrated by Garth Williams, *Charlotte's Web* was first published in 1952 and tells the story of Wilbur, a little pig who is saved by his clever spider friend Charlotte and their chatty barnyard neighbors. Lessons of friendship, truth, and loyalty bind this story together and show that friends come in

all shapes and sizes. Written in White's dry, low-key manner, *Charlotte's Web* is considered a classic of children's literature, enjoyable to adults as well as children. In 2000, *Publishers Weekly* listed it as the best-selling children's paperback of all time.

Readers are encouraged to read this charming classic, recall favorite books from their own childhoods, and share them with the children in their lives. Thanks to a generous grant awarded by CAPC (Colusa County Community Advocates for Parents and Children),

every third-grade student in Colusa County will be given a copy of *Charlotte's Web* in early 2019.

Founded in 2010, the Virginia Read is a book-in-common project for Colusa County that draws members of the community around the same literary work. Book discussions and events for the spring are in the planning stages, leading up to the annual Virginia Read Day, scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2019.



Andrew Carnegie's Lasting Impact

Have you heard of the Giving Pledge, where billionaire's pledge to giveaway the majority of their fortunes to charity? Andrew Carnegie may have been their inspiration! Once the richest man in the world, Carnegie had built a steel empire by the 1880s—and then gave it all away: \$60 million to fund a system of 1,689 public libraries across the country.

In February 1905, the City of Colusa accepted a grant from Andrew Carnegie to build a library at 260 6th Street, on land purchased by the Colusa Women's Club. Construction began in November 1905, and its doors opened on October 6, 1906.

After the merging of the Colusa city and county libraries in 1964 and subsequent move to the

Colusa County Free Library's current home at 738 Market Street in 1966, Colusa's Carnegie Building became the Colusa Police Department.

The reason for Andrew Carnegie establishing libraries? To him, giving was a code of honor, and he felt that if you had the means to help others, you should: "The man who dies rich dies in disgrace."

Dewey Decimal System Explained

Dewey Decimal Classification, also called the Dewey Decimal System, is a system for organizing the Non-Fiction contents of a library based on the division of all knowledge into 10 groups, with each group assigned 100 numbers.

These 10 main groups are in turn subdivided again and again to provide more specific subject groups. For example, history, biography, and

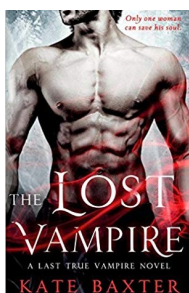
geography comprise 900-999 range, and within that the History of England is placed under 942. Further subdivisions eventually extend into decimal numbers; e.g., within the history of England, the history of the Stuart period is placed at 942.06, and the history of the English Commonwealth even more specifically at 942.063.

Based on W.T. Harris'

classification system for the St. Louis Public Library, the Dewey system was first formulated by American Librarian Melvil Dewey in 1873 for application in the Amherst College Library. It was first published in 1876, and has become the most widely used classification system in the world! For more information about how to navigate your library's Non-Fiction section, see the sidebar, or ask a librarian!

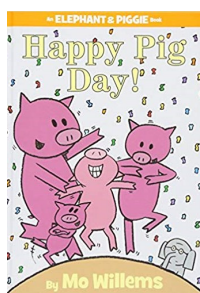
Patron Picks

TO SUBMIT YOUR OWN BOOK RECOMMENDATION, STOP BY THE COLUSA BRANCH



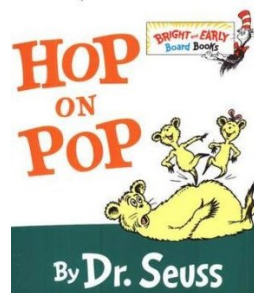
The Lost Vampire by Kate Baxter
Young Adult, Fiction

"I was recommended to read it by a friend, and I love it!"



Happy Pig Day! by Mo Willems
Children's Fiction

"It is very silly."



Hop on Pop by Dr. Seuss
Children's Fiction

"A lot of silly rhymes!"

Zip Books Program: New Titles

Desolation Mountain by William Kent Krueger; Adult, Fiction

Memory Rescue: Supercharge Your Brain, Reverse Memory Loss, and Remember What Matters Most by Daniel G. Amen MD; Adult, Non-Fiction

The Rise and Fall of the Dinosaurs: A New History of a Lost World by Steve Brusatte; Adult, Non-Fiction

A Woman at War: Storming Kuwait With the U.S. Marines by Molly Moore
Adult, Non-Fiction

The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13 3/4 by Sue Townsend
Young Adult, Fiction

The Walking Dead: Compendium One by Robert Kirkman; Young Adult, Fiction, Graphic Novel

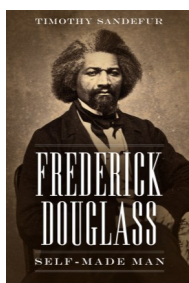
The Windfall by Diksha Basu
Adult, Fiction

One, None and a Hundred Thousand by Luigi Pirandello & Samuel Putnam
Adult, Fiction

Fiery Ferments by Kirsten K. Shockey & Christopher Shockey; Adult, Non-Fiction

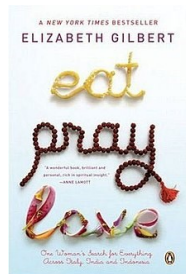
Miro's Magic Animals by Antony Penrose
Children's, Non-Fiction

Staff Picks



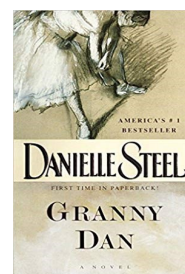
Frederick Douglass: Self-Made Man by Timothy Sandefur
Adult, Non-Fiction

"This book was wonderful! Engaging, educational, and eye-opening."



Eat, Pray, Love by Elizabeth Gilbert
Adult, Non-Fiction

"I found it very inspiring and such an uplifting book. Makes me want to travel to these countries."



Granny Dan by Danielle Steel
Adult, Historical Fiction

"This was a beautiful book about a lady in the early 1900s who was a ballerina in Russia and was friends with the Czar and his family."

Events Calendar

Mondays

NAPP Time (Nursery App Time),
10:00-10:45am, Colusa
Friends of the Library Meeting, 2nd
Monday of the Month, 12:00-1:00pm,
Colusa
3/11, FOL Annual Meeting, featuring
Tim Hernandez, 6:30-8:30, Colusa

Tuesdays

Growing Start Playgroup, 1:00-
2:30pm, Princeton
Story Time, 3:00-3:45pm, Maxwell
Story Time, 4:30-5:15pm, Grimes
Spectrum Story Time, 4:30-5:15pm,
Colusa (Special Needs Story Time)
Computer Help Drop-in, 5:30-
7:15pm, Colusa
1/8, Author Talk with Diana Marcum,
6:30-8:00, Colusa
1/29, U.S. Citizenship Workshop,
6:00-8:00pm, Colusa
2/5, Author Talk with Todd Borg,
6:30-8:00, Colusa
2/19-4/9, English Conversation Club,
10:30-11:30am, Colusa

Wednesdays

Literacy Program Drop-in Help,
10:00am-12:00pm
Cuentos Spanish Story Time,
11:30am-12:00pm, Colusa
Growing Start Playgroup, 1:30-
3:00pm, Maxwell
Story Time, 3:00-3:45pm, Arbuckle
Story Time, 4:30-5:15pm, Williams

1/16-5/22, Funky Junk Afterschool
Art Program, 3:00-4:00pm, Colusa
2/6, Computer Help Workshop,
3:00-5:00, Arbuckle
2/13, Computer Help Workshop,
3:00-5:00, Maxwell
2/20, Computer Help Workshop,
3:00-5:00, Williams
3/6, EBook Workshop, 3:00-5:00,
Arbuckle
3/13, EBook Workshop, 3:00-5:00,
Maxwell
3/20, EBook Workshop, 3:00-5:00,
Williams

Thursdays

Growing Start Playgroup, 11:00am-
12:30pm, Stonyford
Story Time, 6:30-7:30pm, Colusa
Friends of the Library Book Club,
2nd Thursday of the Month, Time
TBA, Colusa
1/31-4/4, Raising A Reader, 10:00-
10:45am, Colusa
1/31-4/4, Raising A Reader, 12:00-
12:45pm, Maxwell
2/21, Computer Help Workshop,
2:00-3:00, Stonyford
3/21, EBook Workshop, 2:00-3:00,
Stonyford

Fridays






Literacy Program Drop-in Help, 2:00-
4:00pm, Colusa
2/1-4/5, Raising A Reader, 10:00-
10:45am, Arbuckle
2/1-4/5, Raising A Reader, 11:45am-
12:30pm, Williams

Saturdays

Virtual Reality, 1st Saturday of the
Month, 10:00-Noon, Colusa
Crafternoon's, 1st Saturday of the
Month, Noon-1:30, Colusa
Sensational Saturday, 3rd Saturday of
the Month, 10:00-Noon, Colusa
Lego Club, 4th Saturday of the
Month, 10:00-Noon, Colusa
STEAM @ Stonyford, Saturdays,
10:00-Noon

All-Branch Closures

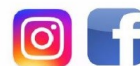
1/1, New Year's Day
1/11, Colusa, open at noon, training
1/21, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
2/12, Lincoln Day
2/18, President's Day
3/30, Cesar Chavez Day

Key:  Early Literacy (Birth-5)
 Children (Ages 6-12)
 Teens (Ages 13-17)
 Adult (18+)
 Family

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Colusa	Arbuckle	Grimes	Maxwell	Princeton	Stonyford	Williams
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Mon 9:00-2:00	Mon/Wed 1:00-6:00	Tues/Thurs 2:00-7:00	Tues 1:30-6:00	Tues 8:00-1:00	Wed 11:00-5:30	Tue/Thurs 12:00-5:00
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