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COLUSA COUNTY FREE LIBRARY'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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HIGHLIGHTS

happening at the library...

maximizing space, tinyville town and more!

The main branch of the library was recently selected to participate in the **Maximizing Learning Spaces Project**. The project is a collaboration between the California State Library and Southern California Library Cooperative that provides an opportunity for libraries to maximize their potential as places of learning, literacy, and reading.

Fondly nicknamed "MacGuyvering Your Library," the purpose of the project is to make a few small but significant changes to the layout of the library, using the space and materials on hand, in order to make a large impact on how the space is used. We have been working with designer Diane Lam to maximize our space and improve its usability. As part of the grant, we were awarded \$5000 in new furnishings to help transform the main floor of the library.

While the immediate needs and restrictions of our space were the primary focus, we were able to create an aspirational redesign of the library that will provide us with a starting point for future expansion, should the opportunity arise.

In honor of the City of Colusa's 150th Anniversary, the Colusa County Free Library will be hosting a special six-week story time from May 8-June 12 using the popular children's book series *Tinyville Town*. Each Tuesday evening at 6:30, we will highlight a different member of our community, including a police officer, firefighter, veterinarian, mail carrier, the mayor, and the librarian. Crafts and activities will help to celebrate and illuminate the services and people who make up our community.

WELCOME TO
**TINYVILLE
TOWN**



Calendar of Events

To stay up to date on library events, programs, and branch closures, check out our events calendar!

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BECOME A FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY!

The Friends of the Colusa County Free Library work toward generating community interest in the library's services and facilities. As ambassadors to the community, the Friends believe that the library is one of our community's greatest assets as it serves more people in all walks of life than any other institution. 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:

www.counyofcolusa.org/library.

FOL- BOOKWORM

Visit the Friends of the Library used bookstore at 440 Market Street, Colusa. Books range from \$.50-\$1.00.

All proceeds benefit the Colusa County Free Library.

Hours of Operation:

Wednesday, 11:00 am – 3:00pm
Thursday, 11:00 am – 5:00pm
Friday, 11:00 am – 3:00pm

book your summer:

summer reading programs for all ages!

This summer is chockablock full of fun programming for readers of all ages and abilities! The theme: *Reading Takes You Everywhere* has lent itself to a wide variety of self-directed and group programs.

The benefits of summer reading are clear. National research from Dominican University finds that students who participate in public library summer reading programs scored higher on reading achievement tests at the beginning of the next school year than those who did not participate. Likewise, parents of children enrolled in the public library summer reading program reported that their children spent more time reading over the summer, read more confidently and more books overall, and were well prepared for school in the fall.

Young people experience learning losses when they don't engage in educational activities during the summer. Research spanning 100 years shows that students typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of summer vacation than they do on the same tests at the beginning of the summer. Furthermore, children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning. The amount of time children spend reading outside of school is linked to gains in reading achievement.

To succeed in school and life, children



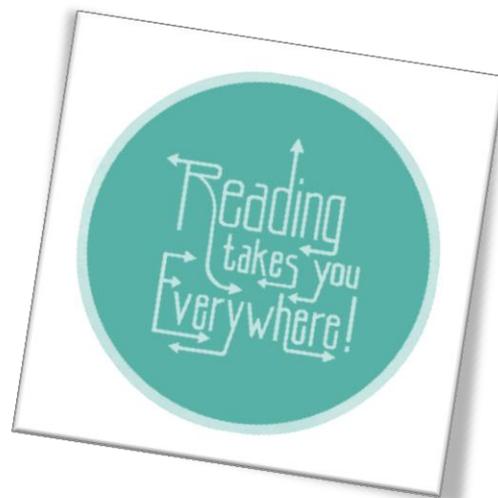
and young adults need ongoing opportunities to learn and practice essential skills. Summer reading programs remind kids that reading is for fun—as well as for learning. There's so much to see, so much to do at your library! There's no better place to take your kids.

As such, we have developed FIVE summer reading programs! New this summer, we will be offering a weekly program, **Little Sprouts**, for preschoolers, ages 0-5. Each Monday, from 11:00-noon, at the main branch in Colusa, the kids will visit different aspects of farm life through age appropriate books and activities! This program made possible through funding from Colusa CAPC and the Colusa County Free Library Literacy Program. Registration begins May 21.

Children in grades k-5 are encouraged to enroll in our travel themed **Summer Reading Program**. Hosted at all of the seven branch locations, the participants will travel the world, collecting stamps in their passports; learn about different continents, countries and cultures. There is even a special trip out of this world and beyond planned! The annual SRP is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Registration begins May 7.

To encourage familiarity with the library and its extensive collections, we have developed a self-directed library scavenger hunt: **Where in the World is Casey Colusa?** Kids, ages 6-12 will use clues to search the library for the ever elusive Casey Colusa. Each week, new clues will be provided. Those who find Casey will be entered into a drawing for weekly prizes and a grand prize for completing all 8 weeks!

Back by popular demand, the Colusa County Free Library Literacy Program is offering a **Book to Movie Club!** Ten participants (ages 10-17) will get copies of three books to read and discuss in weekly meetings at the Colusa Branch. After each title is completed, the movie



adaptations will be viewed, and attendees will compare and contrast versions of the stories—that of screen vs. book.

Summer 2018's chosen tomes are *Wonder* by RJ Palacio, *Matilda* by Roald Dahl, and the graphic novel version of *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle. The Book to Movie Club will meet Wednesdays from 1:00pm-2:00pm, starting June 13 through August 1. Registration begins May 14. This program sponsored by Premier Mushrooms, Inc.

This summer we are happy to feature a self-read road trip across the **United States of YA** for our teen patrons. Fifty books, each set in one of the fifty states have been selected and will encourage teens to visit different parts of our country through the lens of fiction.

In addition, we will continue to offer **Cuentos**, Thursday-night **Story Time**, **Spectrum Story Time** and **Sensational Saturday's** at the main branch in order to provide as many opportunities for participation as possible.

Also be on the lookout for displays and special programming that feature the summer theme for patrons of all ages. Even our weekly crafts and a few special Self Organized Learning Experiences are being adapted to take you to another place or time. Updates will be featured on our website, Facebook page and new monthly program calendar available at the circulation desk. You never know where a book will lead you.

patron picks

Mindhunter

by John Douglas

Genres: Adult Non-Fiction, True Crime
Patron says...“It’s fascinating! You learn so much about the FBI Serial Crime Unit and it’s even a Netflix show now.”

The Day the Crayons Quit

by Drew Daywalt

Genre: Children’s Picture Book
Patron says...“It is really funny and it has good illustrations!”

A Child Called “It”

by Dave Pelzer

Genre: Adult Non-Fiction
Patron says...“Great read...you never know how good you have it until you read something like this.”

Good Dog, Carl

by Alexandra Day

Genre: Children’s Picture Book
Patron says...“I have a dog like Carl and he is a good dog too.”

Knuffle Bunny

by Mo Willems

Genre: Children’s Picture Book
Patron says...“It’s a really cute book and I think probably all babies have a hard time telling parents what they need.”

Let’s Pretend This Never Happened

by Jim Benton

Genre: Juvenile Fiction
Patron says...“It’s awesome.”

Everybody Sees the Ants

by A.S. King

Genres: Young Adult, Fiction
Patron says...“It is about bullying through physical and emotional methods.”

Ready Player One

by Ernest Cline

Genre: Adult Science Fiction
Patron says...“Very interesting read.”

A Series of Unfortunate Events

by Lemony Snicket

Genre: Juvenile Fiction
Patron says...“Very cute and suspenseful. They remind me of being a kid when I read them.”

Patron Picks are chosen at random from “The Book Jar” found at the Colusa Branch.

adult literacy:

Conversation Club, U.S. Citizenship Workshop & Career Online High School

Beginning June 19, the Colusa County Free Library Literacy Program will be offering a free 8-week **English Learner Conversation Club** for adults who would like to practice their English speaking skills.

Each Tuesday from 5:30-6:30pm at the Colusa Branch, a different topic found in the four spheres of adult literacy (life-long learning, family, the workplace, and community involvement) will be discussed.

The English Learner Conversation Club will end on August 7, and learners who would like to continue practicing their English speaking, reading, or writing skills, will be encouraged to register for one-on-one tutoring with the Literacy Coordinator. All instruction in the Conversation Club will be in English, but participants only need a basic understanding to attend.

If you missed out on the highly-attended **United States Citizenship Workshop**

on February 27 at the Colusa Branch, don’t worry! The Colusa County representative from the United States Citizenship & Immigration Services Department will be returning for a free repeat engagement on June 30 from 10:00am-12:00pm at the Colusa Branch.

In the workshop, participants will learn about the naturalization process, the naturalization test, and the rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship.

Additionally, attendees will go home with free study materials and brochures, witness a mock interview, and have the ability to get any and all questions they may have about citizenship answered. There is no registration required for this free workshop.

Beginning mid-April, the Colusa County Free Library will begin offering **Career Online High School (COHS)**. COHS provides adults the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and career certificate online. The Library’s

pilot program provides a limited number of scholarships to qualified adult learners who are looking to advance their careers, prepare for workforce entry or continue their education.

COHS is open to all eligible Colusa County residents, 19 and older. Applicants who successfully complete an online self-assessment and prerequisite course, followed by an in-person interview, will be considered for enrollment.

Once enrolled, COHS will pair each student with an online academic coach, who will provide the student with an individual career path, offer ongoing guidance, evaluate performance and connect the student with the resources needed to master the courses. Students will be given up to 18 months to complete the program.

Call the Literacy Coordinator at 458-0373 for information about any or all of these free literacy programs.

Ongoing Programs

Cuentos: Spanish Story Time, Colusa
Wednesdays, 11:45am-12:15pm

Family Story Time
Colusa, Thursdays, 6:30-7:30pm

Friends of the Library Meeting, Colusa
2nd Monday of the Month, Noon-1:00pm

Friends of the Library Book Club, Colusa
2nd Thursday of the Month, Varies

Youth Programs

Nursery Rhyme Time, Colusa
1/8-6/4, Mondays, 10:00-10:30am, Ages 0-3

Funky Junk Afterschool Program, Colusa
1/10-5/23, Wednesdays 3:00-4:30pm

Family Story Time, 1/10-5/23
Maxwell, Tuesdays 3:00-3:45pm
Grimes, Tuesdays, 4:30-5:15 pm
Arbuckle, Wednesdays, 3:00-4:00pm
Williams, Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30pm

Spectrum Storytime, Special Needs, Colusa
1/19-5/25, Fridays, 10:00-11:00am

Raising A Reader, 2/16-4/20**
Arbuckle, Fridays, 10:00-10:45am

Sensational Saturday, Colusa
4/21, 10:00am-Noon
5/19, 10:00am-Noon
6/16, 10:00am-Noon

Literacy Program Book Giveaways
4/21, 10:00am-2:00pm, Egling Middle School
5/19, 10:00am-1:00pm, Williams Ed. Village

Tween Book Club, Colusa*
4/28, 11:00am-Noon

Colusa 150th Anniversary Storytime 5/8-6/12,
Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30pm

Adult Programs

Tech Tuesday: iPad Basics
Colusa, 4/3, 10:30-11:30am

Digital Literacy: How to Find a Job Online
Arbuckle, 4/4, 1:00-2:00pm
Maxwell, 4/10, 2:00-3:00pm
Stonyford, 4/12, 2:00-3:00pm
Williams, 4/19, 2:00-3:00pm

Computer Help Drop-In, Colusa
4/7, 10:00am-1:00pm
5/5, 10:00am-1:00pm
6/2, 10:00am-1:00pm

Tech Tuesday: Facebook Basics
Colusa, 4/17, 10:30-11:30am

Virginia Yerxa Community Read: *The Book of Joy* panel discussion, Colusa, 4/28, 2:00-4:00pm

Tech Tuesday: How to Book a Trip Online
Colusa, 5/1, 10:30-11:30am

Digital Literacy: Lab, Office, & Keyboarding
Arbuckle, 5/2, 1:00-2:00pm
Maxwell, 5/8, 2:00-3:00pm
Stonyford, 5/10, 2:00-3:00pm
Williams, 5/17, 2:00-3:00pm

Tech Tuesday: Online Job Applications
Colusa, 5/15, 10:30-11:30am

Tech Tuesday: Smartphone Basics
Colusa, 5/29, 10:30-11:30am

Tech Tuesday: Online Purchasing
Colusa, 6/12, 10:30-11:30am

English Learner Conversation Club
Colusa, 6/19-8/7, Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30pm

U.S. Citizenship Information Session
Colusa, 6/30, 10:00am-Noon

Summer Reading Programs

Little Sprouts, Colusa, 6/11-7/30,
Mondays, 11:00am-Noon, Ages 0-5
*Registration begins May 21

Book to Movie Club, Colusa, 6/13-8/1,
Wednesdays, 1:00-2:00pm, Ages 10-17
*Registration begins May 14

Spectrum Storytime, Special Needs, Colusa
6/15-7/27, Fridays, 11:00am-Noon

Reading Takes You Everywhere, Ages 5-12
*Registration begins May 7
Princeton, 6/12-7/24, Tuesdays, 11:30am-12:30pm

Grimes, 6/12-7/24, Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00pm
Colusa, 6/13-8/1, Wednesdays, 1:00-2:30pm
Arbuckle, 6/13-8/1, Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00pm
Williams, 6/14-7/26, Thursdays, 1:00-2:00pm
Maxwell, 6/14-7/26, Thursdays, 3:00-4:00pm
Stonyford, TBD

For questions, comments, or concerns about this newsletter or any library programs or events, contact Newsletter Editors Stacey Zwald Costello (County Library Director, 458-0372) or Alissa Morrow (County Library Literacy Coordinator, 458-0373). Be sure to check out our website at

<http://www.countyofcolusa.org/library>
Facebook page

(@colusacountyfreelibrary), and
Instagram account (@colcolibre).

Library Events Calendar subject to change—check out the Colusa County Free Library webpage to stay up to date!

Branch Closures:

4/2 Arbuckle only & 5/26-28 All branches

	Colusa	Arbuckle	Grimes	Maxwell	Princeton	Stonyford	Williams
	458-7671	476-2526	437-2428	438-2250	439-2235	963-3722	473-5955
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
Tues/Thurs	10:00-8:00	Tues 10:00-3:00		Wed 1:30-6:00	Wed 8:00-5:00	Thurs 12:00-6:00	Wed 1:00-6:00
Wed/Fri	10:00-5:00			Thurs 1:30-6:00		Sat 10:00-2:00	
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