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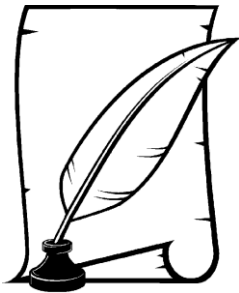
April is Poetry Month

Tutors and Learners are encouraged to send us a poem this month, and we will hang it on our PoeTREE here in the adult literacy office. Participants can send in their own original poem or copy down their favorite poem and send it in via email to literacy@sonomalibrary.org

If you're in the adult literacy office in April, you can also find paper and pens next to our PoeTREE display.

Poetry is a wonderful literacy topic to explore with adult learners, and our library has a large collection of poetry.

Go ahead, make our day. Send us a favorite poem.



The Literacy Skill of Writing: Help the learner you are working with share their story with our community

NOW is the time to help your learner build the literacy skill of writing. Please encourage and help them to submit a: story,

writing, or poem for our 2019 Learner Writing Collection. This year's writing topic is: *My favorite place in Sonoma County.*

The deadline for student writing submissions and signed releases is: May 1, 2019.

Need information about this writing project? Contact Alisa at the Adult Literacy Office aadams@sonomalibrary.org

Upcoming Holidays/Library Closures:

April 21: Closed Easter Holiday
May 27: Closed Memorial Day

For ALL ADULT LEARNERS in our 1-to-1 Tutor Program, we have a NEW small-group class at Santa Rosa Central Library on Thursdays 11:00 am – 12:00 NOON

Please let your learner know they may attend these FREE "Reach Your Goals" Classes designed to help adults in our program reach their most-common literacy goals with additional instruction from certified teachers.

This is an additional FREE opportunity for our learners to receive MORE instruction during the week to build their literacy skills.

Reach Your Goals small-group instruction class is offered at Central Santa Rosa Library, 211 E Street, upstairs in the Central Boardroom on:
Saturdays 10:00 am – 11:00 am
Thursdays (NEW) 11:00 am – 12:00 Noon

Have you and your learner checked out the Library's Adult New Reader Collection?

This new collection of high interest books is for adults building their reading skills at the 3rd-4th grade level with some selections in the 2nd-5th grade reading level. Encourage your learner to browse the ANR collection for something that interests them. It's a great way for Adult Learners to make smart reading choices that suit them and explore popular stories by best-selling authors.

The ANR collection is available to all via the library's online catalog. Check out the entire collection here: [Adult New Reader Collection](#)



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Accomplishing Great Things Together

Congratulations to Learner Alex Lee. His writing, *The Glass Beach*, from our 2018 Student Writing Collection: *Impressions* was chosen for republication by The *Easy English Times*. It appears on Page 7 of the enclosed April 2019 issue.

Adult Literacy Tutors Tell Us ...

- Learner joined the American Association of University Women (AAUW). She attends events with me. She looks up words and is always willing to speak. What a fabulous student and woman!
- Learner wants to leave a record for her grandchildren of how she came to the U.S. and became a citizen. We work on a paragraph or two each session. She gets positive feedback from the grandkids and is motivated to keep at it.
- Learner's writing skills are improving with practice. She really enjoyed the writing exercise and choosing different topics...then she wrote more sentences at home.
- Learner is a delight to teach. She loves learning and always does more than I ask.
- Learner told me he spoke English for the young people in attendance at the ceremony who did not speak Khmer.
- Using the *Easy English Times* has helped with vocabulary, writing.
- Working on his story; working on word searches; writing sentences.
- Learner is signed up for a computer class with SRJC. She got a library card and checked out a book.
- Learner is enjoying the Saturday morning *Reach Your Goals* Class (Central Library).
- Learner wrote a story for the *Easy English Times*!
- Toward the achievement of her career goal, Learner attended an art gallery open house, arranged an exhibition for her paintings this fall and entered her art in 2 exhibitions at the Finley Center and Graton Gallery. She was able to mingle and communicate with the customers browsing the art.

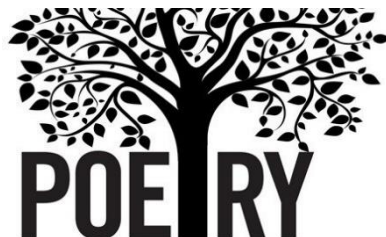
Money Start Week – Financial Literacy Events at Local Libraries through April 6

<https://sonomalibrary.org/blogs/news/march-30th-april-6th-2019-is-money-smart-week>

Family Literacy Event for Adult Learners with Young Children: April 8 -12 is the Week of the Young Child, and Sonoma County Library is hosting an Early Literacy Fair at the Roseland Community Library on Saturday, April 6 to kick it off from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. There will be activities for kids, education for parents, and a lot of fun. Roseland Library is located in Santa Rosa at 799 Sebastopol Rd.

What Are Heavy?

What are heavy? Sea-sand and sorrow;
What are brief? Today and tomorrow;
What are frail? Spring blossoms and youth;
What are deep? The ocean and truth.
~ By Christina Rossetti



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