



## March 2018 ADULT LITERACY NEWS

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

### **Adult Learner Leadership Institute 2018**

FREE training for Adult Learners who want to develop leadership skills in networking, advocacy, public speaking and making presentations. ALLI is a FREE weekend-long workshop experience for adult learners and has been described as inspiring and confidence building. This year the weekend workshop will take place in Chico, California on:

**May 11 - 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (Fri, Sat & Sun)  
Chico, California**

Participants who live more than 50 miles away are provided gas reimbursement and hotel stay. All training and meals are free.

We would be thrilled to have an adult learner from our program attend and receive this supportive and invigorating leadership training.

**Please talk to your learner about this free 3-day leadership training opportunity**, and contact our office for the simple one-page ALLI application.

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*Office email: [literacy@sonoma.lib.ca.us](mailto:literacy@sonoma.lib.ca.us)*

*Applications due March 30<sup>th</sup>.*

### **Learners, Reach Your Goals – FREE small-group Saturday Class for all program learners**

Most adult learners would benefit from more frequent instruction. That's why we expanded services to include a small-group class taught by a certified instructor on Saturdays at 10:00 am at our Santa Rosa Literacy Office. All adult learners in our program – whether they are working with a tutor or waiting for a match -- are encouraged to attend. Class focus is on achieving their literacy goals, and we are actively seeking input from students about what they would like more help with so we can tailor the class topics. Please attend and tell us!

### **2 Adult Literacy Basic Laptop Workshops**

1. Tuesday March 27 1pm – 3pm
2. Wednesday March 28 10am – 12 Noon

In Central Santa Rosa Library's upstairs boardroom  
For: Learner & Tutor Pairs

After attending, students can check-out a laptop for a few month's practice. Limited space and laptops.  
**RSVP** to Melissa [mtrunick@sonomalibrary.org](mailto:mtrunick@sonomalibrary.org) or phone: 707-544-2622

### **MARCHing Forward: Women's History Month**

Read a library book or online article about the women who've rocked our world and the women who are doing so right now.

I encourage you to try:

[www.NewsforYouOnline.com](http://www.NewsforYouOnline.com) and show your learner how to use it. After you click the link above, enter *program password 88c385* to sign in and search their archive for excellent women's history month information and profiles. This online news site has a great deal to offer adult learners (audio, vocabulary definitions, current events).



**Get Ready...Later this month, we will begin requesting participation in the 2018 Student Writing Collection Project.** Thank you to the learners and tutors who made our last two student writing collections such an enriching experience for our community.

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

Saturday, March 31 (Cesar Chavez Day)  
Sunday, April 1 (Easter)

# Accomplishing Great Things Together

## Learners tell us...

- ✿ “I read the newspaper in English once a week.”
- ✿ “(I) read *Rosa Parks* and understood it very well.”
- ✿ “I wrote an article and (was) published in a book. I started a class in JC.”

## Tutors & Staff tell us...

- ✿ Learner is feeling more confident about making himself understood by his children when they work on homework.
- ✿ Learner is writing more with *Challenger 6 Writing*. ♥ it! Now writing father’s biography – such a beautifully written biography. Such a delight to learn and grow together.
- ✿ Learner completed a novel and a workbook.
- ✿ Learner is beginning to read simple sentences – to break down and sound out words. Repetition works.
- ✿ Learner making progress with *Ultimate Phonics* lessons on the laptop he checked out from Adult Literacy Program. He shared that he watched a movie with subtitles this weekend that he’d previously tried to watch and read but gave up on. This time, he took it slower and paused but found he could read and understand what was going on. He was happy about that. He is making great progress in his daily reading and said he feels he understands more of what he’s working on with his tutor.”

## Laugh to Learn

Here are just a few gems of wisdom shared by request from adult learners and tutors at our annual adult literacy celebration in January:

Best Tutor Tip: Compile the stories that made you laugh – share cross cultural humor.

What makes a great learning team?

Mutual respect, lots of laughter, and love of learning.

To keep a good relationship; to be happy for each other; keep up the hard working. Always laugh.

What Really Works?

A long-term relationship built on getting to know one another. Spending conversation time as well as tutoring time and some challenging moments of real learning. Always getting to laughter!

## March 2: Read Across America

In honor of Dr. Seuss’s birthday, libraries across America are encouraging readers of all ages to pick up a book and read to someone – especially to a young person.

Our Children’s Library areas will have a “Dr. Seuss Selfie Station” set up for social media sharing and a poster project in addition to their wonderful books.

Here at the Adult Literacy Office in Santa Rosa, stop in any time in March to help us build our interactive poster, pose for a picture to promote reading and have fun with us as we explore modern ways to encourage reading and build a bridge to literacy that is accessible to all.