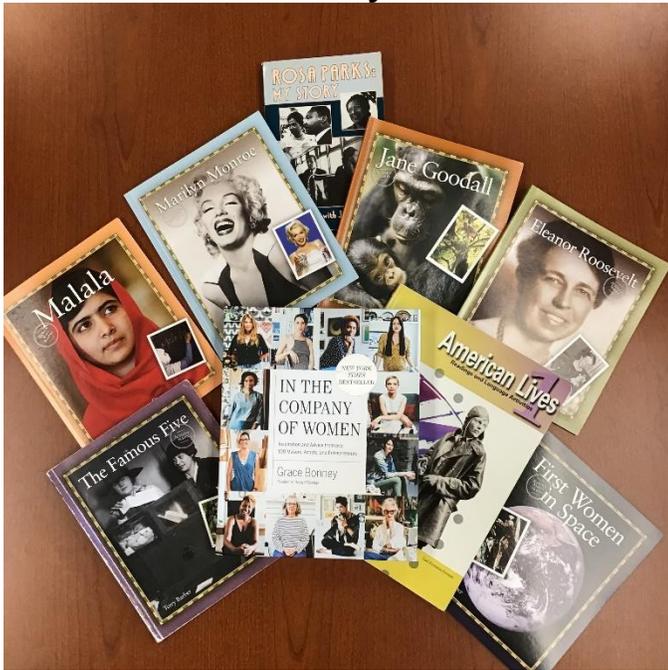


March 2019

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

March: Women's History Month



This photo includes just a sample of the stories of women who have shaped our world. These materials are available for learners and tutors from our Adult Literacy Resource Collection.

All our libraries are celebrating Women's History Month with events throughout Sonoma County. Click here to see what's happening at your local branch:

<https://sonomalibrary.org/blogs/news/womens-history-month-2019>

Women's History Month celebrates the contributions of women and brings awareness to the historical impact women have made throughout the world.

Get Ready to Write

Instructions on how to work with your learner and help them submit a student writing for our 2019 Student Writing Collection will be sent to all tutors this month. The information will include guidelines for supporting your learner's writing efforts, a deadline for submissions, and a writing release form to be completed and returned with the final writing submission. This year's suggested writing topic is: *My favorite place in Sonoma County.*

Speaking of Learner Writings...

Congratulations to Learners Sicheng Huang and Rosa Cordova, who both have stories featured in the enclosed March 2019 issue of the *Easy English Times* (Page 3 and 5). Way to Go!

Adult New Reader Collection

This new collection of high interest books for adults building their reading skills will be available in late March at the following library branches: Central Santa Rosa, Rincon Valley Library, Petaluma Library and Rohnert Park-Cotati.

This collection includes popular fiction and non-fiction titles by current and well-known authors in many styles and subject areas appropriate for adults with beginning reading levels. Books in the popular *Book Shots* and *Rapid Reads* series, and similar fiction with shorter page counts, are part of this collection.

Look for the Adult New Reader Collection at these branches in late March and encourage your learner to browse the 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.

Upcoming Holidays/Library Closures:

March 31: Closed Cesar Chavez Day
April 21: Closed Easter Holiday

Accomplishing Great Things Together

Adult Learners Tell Us...

- Thank you for matching me with the most wonderful tutor in the world!

Adult Literacy Tutors Tell Us ...

- Learner completed SRJC class in early childhood development
- Learner now considers herself bilingual!! She applied for a job in a supervisory position and was awarded extra incentive pay as a bilingual worker. Her English proficiency helped her confidence level enough so she could talk directly with the principal/hiring officer, and she succeeded in getting a job in a highly competitive environment. She has experienced reading improvement and essay writing this past month
- Learner completed a job application and prepared for interview with health care facility owner; we are also preparing for her upcoming SRJC class assessment test
- Learner is working on reading and practice writing
- You have great materials and a great program
- Learner pre-reads and looks up vocabulary of what she will read to me
- Learner made two sets of handmade flashcards: one set for her 4-year-old with words from his children's books—so she could help him recognize the words. The other set was for her third-grader, with words from her vocabulary lists. The literacy program has such an important impact on future generations, too!

Career Education and Events at Santa Rosa Junior College – Please share with your Learner:

Santa Rosa Junior College's Career Education Class and Program information is enclosed with this month's mailing. This information is printed in both English and Spanish.

The Santa Rosa Junior College will host a **Career Night** event on **April 3, 2019 from 5:30pm -7:30 pm in Bertolini Hall on the Santa Rosa Junior College Campus (Mendocino Avenue in Santa Rosa)**

The Career Night is for 6th graders through Adults

For more information, please contact Rafael Vazquez at SRJC
Phone: 707-521-7879

Marching On...

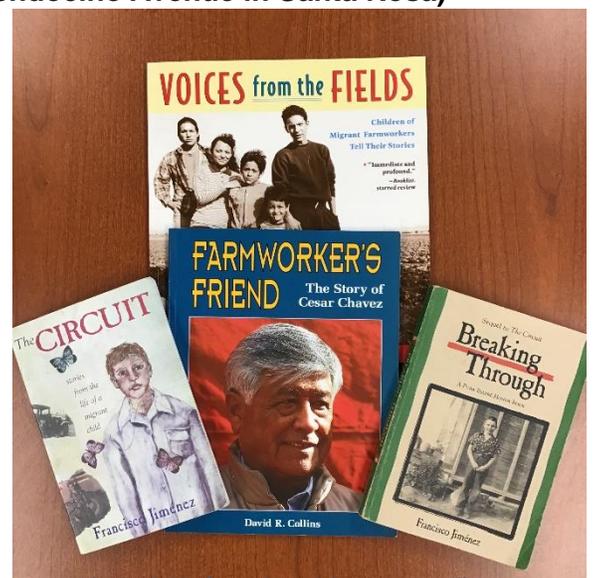
March 10 – Daylight Savings Time! “Spring” your clocks ahead one hour

March 17 -- St. Patrick's Day

March 20 – Spring Begins (Spring Equinox)

March 31st – Cesar Chavez Day

Note: The *Easy English Times* has articles related to all these topics



Materials available from the Adult Literacy Collection