



Princeton librarian Mary Beth Massa assists a patron. Photograph credit, Lloyd Green, Williams Pioneer Review.

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## COLUSA COUNTY FREE LIBRARY'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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HIGHLIGHTS

## LEGO to the LIBRARY!

In partnership with Colusa Community in Unity Family Resource Center

Each Friday during the summer, the Community in Unity Family Resource Center is hosting a Lego challenge club, called KIDS ON THE BLOCK LEGO CLUB. More like block party, the club has kids ages 5-13 working together on Lego building challenges.

Despite a primary focus on play, at each meeting participants are given a building challenge, such as something built from only two colors or something that grows; working in groups the kids have built cities, the Titanic and a Lego car launch! The only expectation is to explore the limitless possibilities offered by massive piles of interconnecting bricks, so a lot of endless spaceship-building also happens.

What's the connection between Legos and books, you ask? Promoting play contributes to early literacy development by increasing attention span, memory, creativity, and language and vocabulary skills. It also lays the foundation for logical mathematical thinking, scientific reasoning, and problem solving—things they'll carry with them throughout their school years.

The program aims to:

- Provide a creative and attractive program for children to experiment and have fun.
- Provide a model and opportunity for parents/caregivers to participate with their children in activities that promote play and experimentation.
- Increase the use of the library collection by highlighting and promoting books and resources related to each theme.
- Facilitate discussion and sharing of creative ideas via verbal communication.
- Promote library resources and programs to parents/caregivers and young people.
- Promote foundation, early, and family literacy and numeracy skills in a non-threatening environment.
- Promote problem solving and learning through tactile and kinesthetic means.

When the weekly summer Kids on the Block Lego Club ends on August 11, the format will change to monthly meetings, occurring on the fourth Saturday morning of each month. From 10:30am-12:30pm kids are encouraged to stop by the main branch and work each month's theme with friends and family members.

### Calendar of Events

To stay up to date on library events, programs, and branch closures, check out our events calendar! [Page 4](#)

### 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](http://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

For questions, comments, or concerns about this newsletter or any library programs or events, 458-0372.

Be sure to check out our website at:

<http://www.counyofcolusa.org/library>  
[Facebook](#) @colusacountyfreelibrary and  
[Instagram](#) @cololibre.

# What's New at the Library?

## VIRTUAL REALITY

Virtual Reality (VR) is headed to the library. Oculus has teamed up with dozens of California libraries to give patrons greater access to virtual reality technology. The tech company sent out 100 Rift headsets as well as Oculus Ready PCs to go California libraries (about half of the state's 184 library systems), along with compatible educational games and software.

Virtual Reality is an emerging technology that allows you to experience real or imaginary worlds in an immersive way. This means that it has a lot of applications for education and entertainment. Imagine being able to visit the art museums of Europe, microscopic cell structures, or the International Space Station all without leaving the library.

Virtual Reality uses a computer, headset, and sensors to place you

directly into a three-dimensional, computer-generated world. Your head, hand(s), and sometimes body movements, are tracked to let you interact with what you see inside the headset.

- **Explore:** Experience our planet like you've never experienced it before! Travel around the world, to distant planets and even back in time without ever leaving the library.
- **Learn:** Discover more about the ocean, outer space or the human body through VR experiences.
- **Create:** Create works of art.
- **Play:** Try gaming as never before by immersing yourself in a 3D environment.



Oculus Rift is only available for customers **ages 13+**.

VR experiences may cause dizziness and disorientation. Those prone to motion sickness should take care when using the Oculus Rift.

VR will be available during special programs and other events starting this fall! For a complete list featuring Oculus Rift gear, check out our website and Facebook pages.

## Princeton Branch Library

### BRANCH SPOTLIGHT



Princeton Branch's 1974 Re-Opening

Founded in 1850 by California pioneer Dr. Andrew Lull, the town of Princeton was named after Lull's ivy-league alma mater. Likewise, in 1916, the Princeton Branch Library was opened and between 1916 and 1918 there were six custodians of this library. In 1974 the Princeton branch celebrated a grand re-opening where it was dedicated to Frank Miller.

For more than 25 years the branch has been run by local resident Mary Beth Massa. Having moved to Princeton in 1957, Massa began working at the library in 1993 and initiated a money-raising campaign to keep its doors open and the library thriving. Massa loves all aspects of working at the library, "especially with the schools to provide what is needed for the students."

The librarian also enjoys living in Princeton for the caring people, and because its residents band together when faced with a crisis. "It provided the funding to keep us open when faced with closing. I love this small town!"

A Princeton resident for a little over 8 years, Library Assistant Melissa Roach also loves the small town where she has worked for 2 years. "Everyone seems to really support the few things we have in many ways. It's nice to be able to come together to work towards common goals," Roach commented. She enjoys working side by side with Massa, helping school children find books, and listening to patron's stories.

To contact the Princeton branch, call 439-2235. The Princeton branch is open Tuesdays from 8:00am-1:00pm and Wednesdays from 8:00-5:00pm.

## Patron Picks

### *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*

by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Genre: Adult Fiction, Mystery

Patron says... "It is very intriguing."

### *Go Ask Alice*

by Beatrice Sparks

Genre: Young Adult Fiction

Patron says... "It is a diary of a troubled teen. Great to read!"

### *The Red Queen*

by Victoria Aveyard

Genre: Young Adult Fiction

Patron says... "It's a 4-part series, Red Queen being #1. If you enjoy Game of Thrones/Hunger Games then you'll LOVE this!"

### *The Lost Herd*

by Archie Joscelyn

Genre: Adult Fiction

Patron says... "Captivating book! I love westerns so this was great."

### *The Hunger Games*

by Suzanne Collins

Genre: Young Adult Science Fiction

Patron says... "Pretty cool!"

### *A Wrinkle in Time*

by Madeleine L'Engle

Genre: Juvenile Science Fiction

Patron says... "If you like science fantasy, this book is for you!"

### *Charlotte's Web*

by E.B. White

Genre: Juvenile Fiction

Patron says... "It is a sad wonderful story."

### *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Getaway*

by Jeff Kinney

Genre: Juvenile Fiction

Patron says... "It is a fun book to read."

### *Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone*

by J.K. Rowling

Genre: Juvenile Fiction, Fantasy

Patron says... "I like that Harry is not afraid to stand up for his friends."

**Patron Picks are chosen at random from "The Book Jar" found at the Colusa Branch**

## Adult Learner Book Club & Early Literacy Programs

### COLUSA COUNTY FREE LIBRARY LITERACY PROGRAM



Raising A Reader is returning to the library! This 10-week story time and book-lending program for children ages birth-5 and their parents/caregivers will begin enrolling August 13 for its fall sessions at the Colusa, Arbuckle, Maxwell, and Williams branches. Modeled after First 5 Colusa's *Talk, Read, Sing* campaign, participants socialize, sing nursery rhymes, read stories, and take home a weekly book bag full of library books. The program culminates with free books provided by the Colusa County Free Library Literacy Program and First 5 Colusa. To register your child for Raising A Reader, contact the Literacy Coordinator at 458-0373.

Raising A Reader will also partner with the CAPC Colusa's Growing Start Program hosted at the Princeton and Stonyford branches. And new this fall, the program will work in tandem with

the weekly story time at the Grimes library.

Upcoming Raising A Reader schedule:  
Grimes Storytime, Tuesdays, 8/21-12/11  
RAR bag rotation from 9/4-11/6  
\*Registration from 8/21-9/18

Fall Sessions, 9/6-11/9  
Colusa, Thursdays, 10:00-10:45am  
Maxwell, Thursdays, 11:45am-12:30pm  
Arbuckle, Fridays, 10:00-10:45am  
Williams, Fridays, 11:45am-12:30pm  
\*Registration from 8/13-9/17

CAPC Colusa Growing Start Program  
RAR bag rotation from 8/30-11/6  
Princeton, Tuesdays, 1:00-2:30pm  
Stonyford, Thursdays, 11:00am-12:30pm  
\*Registration from 8/14-9/16

In addition to Raising A Reader, the Literacy Program will also begin a Nursery App Time (NAPP Time) program for children ages birth-5. Beginning August 6 from 10:00-11:00am, children and their parents/caregivers will listen to classic

nursery rhymes told in their traditional printed form. Participants will then dive into the electronic versions of these stories using the nationally-renowned Footsteps2Brilliance software, guided through reading comprehension games and activities by the Literacy Coordinator. There is no registration necessary for NAPP Time, but attendees will need to create a free F2B account for full app participation.

Beginning August 16, Adult Literacy Program Learners & Tutors are invited to join the Literacy Program for a monthly book club. Here, adult easy reader books will be read and discussed over dinner provided by the literacy program. The first book that will be read by the first 8 participants to enroll will be "Home Invasion" by Joy Fielding. The meeting will take place on August 16 from 6:30-7:30pm in the Morse Conference Room. Sign-ups begin July 2 by calling the Literacy Coordinator at 458-0373; only Literacy Program Students & Tutors can enroll.

## Ongoing Programs

*NAPP Time: Nursery App Time*, Colusa  
(Starting 8/6) Mondays, 10:00-11:00am

*Cuentos: Spanish Story Time*, Colusa  
Wednesdays, 11:30am-12:00pm

*Family Story Time:*

(Starting 8/21) Maxwell, Tue, 3:00-3:45pm  
(Starting 8/21) Grimes, Tue, 4:30-5:15 pm  
(Starting 8/22) Arbuckle, Wed, 3:00-3:45pm  
(Starting 8/22) Williams, Wed, 4:30-5:15pm  
Stonyford, Thurs, 4:30-5:30pm  
Colusa, Thurs, 6:30-7:30pm

*Spectrum Storytime*, Kids w/ Special Needs,  
Colusa, 7/6-8/10, Fridays, 10:00-11:00am  
Colusa, 9/11-12/18, Tuesdays, 4:30-5:15

*Sensational Saturday*, Colusa  
7/21, 10:00am-Noon  
8/18, 10:00am-Noon  
9/15, 10:00am-Noon

*Saturday Crafternoon*, Colusa  
7/28, 10:00am-Noon  
8/25, 10:00am-Noon  
9/22, 10:00am-Noon

*Friends of the Library Meeting*, Colusa  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month, Noon-1:00pm  
\*No meeting in July

*Friends of the Library Book Club*, Colusa  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month, see website for  
updated schedule and book selection

## Children's Programs

*Lunch at the Library*, 6/11-8/10, Colusa  
Mon, Wed, Fri, noon-12:45pm

*Imagination Stations*, 6/11-8/10, Colusa,  
Mondays, 12:30-1:30pm

*Kids on the Block Lego Club*, 6/11-8/10,  
Colusa, Fridays, 12:30-1:30pm

*Raising A Reader*, 9/6-11/9\*  
Colusa, Thursdays, 10-10:45am  
Maxwell, Thursdays, 11:45am-12:30pm  
Arbuckle, Fridays, 10-10:45am  
Williams, Fridays, 11:45am-12:30pm

*Growing Start Playgroup*, 8/14-5/23\*  
Princeton, Tuesdays, 1:00pm-2:30pm  
Maxwell, Wednesdays, 1:30pm-3:00pm  
Stonyford, Thursdays, 11:00am-12:30pm

*S.T.E.A.M. Afterschool Program*, Colusa  
8/22-12/12, Wednesdays 3:00-4:30pm

*ART CAMP with Trish*, July 10–August 2  
Arbuckle, Tuesdays, 10:30am-noon  
Williams, Tuesdays, 1:30-3:00pm  
Colusa, Tuesdays, 3:30-5:00pm  
Princeton, Wednesdays, 9:00-10:30am  
Stonyford, Wednesdays, 12:30-2:00pm  
Maxwell, Wednesdays, 3:15-4:45pm  
Colusa, Thursdays, 10:30am-noon  
Grimes, Thursdays, 2:30-4:00pm

## Adult Programs

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

*Digital Literacy: Computer Help Drop-In*  
Colusa, 7/7, 10:00am-1:00pm  
Arbuckle, 7/11, 3:00-5:00pm  
Maxwell, 7/18, 3:00-5:00pm  
Williams, 7/25, 3:00-5:00pm

*Digital Literacy: Learning Languages Online*  
Stonyford, 7/19, 2:00-3:00pm

*Tech Tuesday: Online Library*  
Colusa, 7/17, 10:30-11:30am

*Tech Tuesday: Keyboarding Basics*  
Colusa, 7/31, 10:30-11:30am

*Digital Literacy: Computer Help Drop-In*  
Colusa, 8/4, 10:00am-1:00pm  
Arbuckle, 8/8, 3:00-5:00pm  
Maxwell, 8/15, 3:00-5:00pm  
Williams, 8/22, 3:00-5:00pm

*Tech Tuesday: How to Write a Resume*  
Colusa, 8/14, 10:30-11:30am

*Digital Literacy: Lab, Office & Keyboarding*  
Stonyford, 8/16, 2:00-3:00pm

*Adult Learner Book Club*, Colusa  
8/16, 6:30-7:30pm  
9/18, 6:30-7:30pm  
\*Registration begins July 2

*Tech Tuesday: Fake News vs. Real News*  
Colusa, 8/28, 10:30-11:30am

*Digital Literacy: Computer Help Drop-In*  
Arbuckle, 9/5, 3:00-5:00pm  
Maxwell, 9/12, 3:00-5:00pm  
Williams, 9/19, 3:00-5:00pm

*Tech Tuesday: RBDigital Online Magazines*  
Colusa, 9/11, 10:30-11:30am

*Digital Literacy: Image Editing & Storage*  
Stonyford, 9/13, 2:00-3:00pm

Branch Days/Times	
Open/Close	
Colusa	
458-7671	
Mon	9:00 - 2:00
Tues/Thurs	10:00-8:00
Wed/Fri	10:00-5:00
Sat	10:00-2:00
Arbuckle	
476-2526	
Mon/Wed	1:00-6:00
Tues	10:00-3:00
Grimes	
437-2428	
Tues/Thurs	2:00-7:00
Maxwell	
438-2250	
Tues	1:30-6:00
Wed	1:30-6:00
Thurs	1:30-6:00
Princeton	
439-2235	
Tues	8:00-1:00
Wed	8:00-5:00
Stonyford	
963-3722	
Wed	1:00-6:00
Thurs	2:00-7:00
Sat	9:30-2:30
Williams	
473-5955	
Tue/Thurs	12:00-5:00
Wed	1:00-6:00

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closed:

Fourth of July  
September 1-3