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Check It Out: Colusa County Free Library Quarterly Newsletter

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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. 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.

Who was Ella Packer Morse?



Through the glass double door entrance to the Colusa Library, you may have noticed a room directly to the right titled the "Morse Conference Room." You may have even wondered who the room was named after. That subject was no other than Ella Packer Morse, custodian to the Colusa County Free Library for 29 years from 1925 to 1954.

Morse was the daughter of Clara Jones and Albert M. Packer. Born near Colusa on July 22, 1898, she spent her entire life attending local county schools. Morse was a graduate of the inaugural class of the UC Berkeley Library School in 1919.

On July 31, 1927 Ella married Guy Morse, the Grocery Manager of J.J. O'Rourke's Department Store (owned by prosperous Colusa merchant and city councilman J.J. O'Rourke). The small, evening ceremony was attended by friends and family before the two went on their honeymoon to Southern California. Upon their return, Ella and Guy moved into their Oak Street bungalow.

During her library career, Morse served as chairperson of the California Association of Children's

Librarians as well as President of the Colusa Business and Professional Women's Club. Her other memberships included being a part of the Deborah Rebekah Lodge No. 7 and the American Library Association.

Morse was respected as one of California's Outstanding Librarians, and she died in October 1954, just one month after retirement. She was put to rest at the Colusa Community Cemetery. Her successor Sally Harrington worked with Ella for 27 years and called her "the finest woman I have ever known." In honor of the memory of Ella Packer Morse and in gratitude for her generous bequest to the Colusa County Free Library, the conference room at the Main Branch Library was dedicated to her 1988.

One-on-One Computer Assistance

Did you know the Colusa County Free Library offers computer and technology assistance at all of its branches? In addition to Digital Literacy workshops offered in Colusa and Stonyford, all seven of the branch libraries also offer one-on-one computer assistance on a varying drop-in and appointment basis!

Colusa Library Assistant Sue Vroomman instructs the courses found at the Stonyford branch, and is also available for half-hour to hour-long appointments throughout the week at each branch library, on a first-come first-served basis.

If your needs would be better met

on an as-needed basis, drop-in computer help sessions are available at the Colusa, Arbuckle, Maxwell, and Williams branches. For a complete list of all digital literacy offerings, view our events page.

To schedule an appointment or for more information, contact Vroomman at 458-0710.

Earn Your High School Diploma for FREE!

This summer at the Colusa County Free Library.....

1,219
children participated in programs

421
free meals were provided to ages birth-18

303
zip books were added to the collection

270
Spanish language books were added to the collection

198
library programs were implemented

78
audiobooks were added to the collection

6
little free libraries were built by an eagle scout

2
COHS students completed over 60% of their coursework

Since its inception in April, the Colusa County Free Library has awarded 4 scholarships to adults who are now on track to finish their high school education through the fully-accredited Career Online High School (COHS) program.

COHS provides adults the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and career certificate online. The library's pilot program was originally granted funding for six scholarships, but now ten Colusa County residents will

have the opportunity to earn their high school diploma and prepare for the workforce.

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 the

resources needed to master the courses. Students will be given up to 21 months to complete COHS.

Over 160 colleges and universities accept high school diplomas earned through COHS, including Butte College, Yuba Community College, and American River College to name a few.

Contact the Literacy Coordinator at 458-0373 for more information or to enroll in COHS today!

Summer in Summation

Studies have shown that when young people aren't engaged in educational activities during the summer, they experience learning loss- and that summer reading loss is cumulative. By the end of sixth grade, children who consistently lose reading skills over the summer will be two years behind their classmates.

Students who participated in a summer reading program had better reading skills at the end of third grade and scored higher on standardized tests than students who did not participate. Children who don't read proficiently by third grade are four times more likely to leave high school without a diploma than proficient readers.

Summer Reading programs encourage young children and families to read regularly and libraries provide access to reading materials year round. Rich, engaging and free educational activities like summer reading programs are excellent tools to address the achievement gap.

Libraries Without Walls

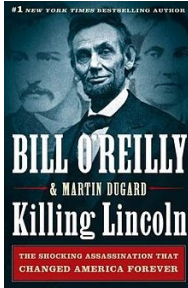
Every day our libraries provide an endless variety of services to every member of the community who visits our branches. Yet the question remains how do we make non-users aware of what we can offer them? One of the most effective ways to do this is to take the library offsite!

This fall, the Colusa County Free Library will pilot a new daycare story time, designed to engage children who cannot attend our morning programs, but who would still like to reap the benefits of library programming. We will be "popping-up" at several community events,

presenting story times and programs in non-traditional settings. These programs are designed to help us to reimagine and sustain existing library programs, connect with our community, foster partnerships, implement new technologies, and extend and enhance library service.

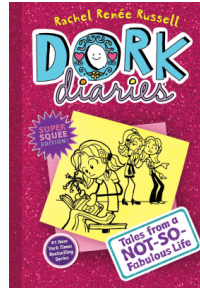
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TO SUBMIT YOUR OWN BOOK RECOMMENDATION, STOP BY THE COLUSA BRANCH



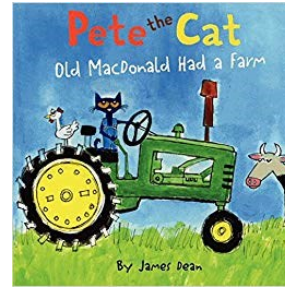
Killing Lincoln by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard
Adult, Non-Fiction

"Such a fascinating story! Keeps you on the edge of your seat and you learn a lot!"



Dork Diaries: Tales From a Not-So-Fabulous Life by Rachel Renée Russell
Juvenile, Fiction

"I love Dork Diaries! I feel just like Nikki sometimes."



Pete the Cat: Old MacDonald Had a Farm by James Dean
Children's, Fiction

"Pete the cat is funny and I like the animals!"

New Titles Have Arrived!

ZIP BOOKS PROGRAM

Warner Bros by David Thomson
Adult, Non-Fiction

The Hazel Wood by Melissa Albert
Young Adult, Fiction

The Rooster Bar by John Grisham
Audiobook, Adult Fiction

The Teacher Who Couldn't Read by John Corcoran
Adult, Biography

The Mansion by Henry van Dyke
Juvenile, Fiction

Georgia Rises by Kathryn Lasky
Children's, Fiction

Come Sundown by Nora Roberts
Audiobook, Adult Fiction

Zapped by Ann Louise Gittleman
Adult, Non-Fiction

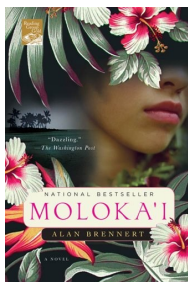
Promise Me, Dad by Joe Biden
Adult, Non-Fiction

She Persisted by Chelsea Clinton
Children's, Non-Fiction

Veggie Garden Remix by Niki Jabbour
Adult, Non-Fiction

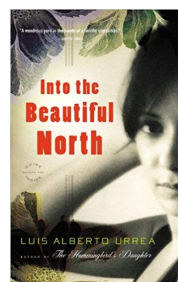
I'll be Gone in the Dark by Michelle McNamara
Adult, Non-Fiction

Staff Picks



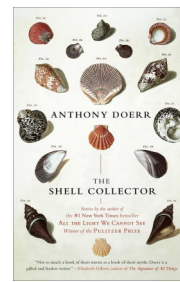
Moloka'i by Alan Brennert
Adult, Historical Fiction

"This book is rich in history and is a great story!"



Into the Beautiful North by Luis Alberto Urrea
Adult, Fiction

"It broadened my perspective on the causes and effects of immigration. It is beautifully written!"



The Shell Collector by Anthony Doerr
Adult, Fiction

"Each unique short story captivated my attention, but the format made it easy to stop reading and pick it back up as time allowed."

Events Calendar

Mondays

NAPP Time (Nursery App Time),
10:00-11:00am, Colusa

Friends of the Library Meeting, 2nd
Monday of the Month, Colusa

Tuesdays

Growing Start Playgroup, 1:00-
2:30pm, Princeton

Story Time, 3:00-3:45pm, Maxwell

Story Time, 4:30-5:15pm, Grimes

Spectrum Story Time, 4:30-5:15pm,
Colusa (Special Needs Story Time)

10/9, Digital Literacy: iPad Basics,
10:30-11:30am, Colusa

10/16 & 11/6, Adult Learner & Tutor
Book Club, 6:30-7:30pm, Colusa

11/6, Digital Literacy: How to Book a
Trip, 10:30-11:30am, Colusa

11/20, Digital Literacy: Online Job
Applications, 10:30-11:30am, Colusa

12/4, Digital Literacy: Smartphone
Basics, 10:30-11:30am, Colusa

12/18, Digital Literacy: Online Pur-
chasing, 10:30-11:30am, Colusa

Wednesdays

Raising A Reader, 10:00-10:45am,
Arbuckle (Enrollment Closed)

Raising A Reader, 11:45am-12:30pm,
Williams (Enrollment Closed)

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

Growing Start Playgroup, 1:30-
3:00pm, Maxwell

Wednesdays (cont.)

Story Time, 3:00-3:45pm, Arbuckle
Full S.T.E.A.M Ahead! Afterschool
Program, 3:00-4:30pm, Colusa

Story Time, 4:30-5:15pm, Williams
10/10, 11/7, & 12/5, Computer Help
Drop-in, 3:00-5:00pm, Arbuckle

10/17, 11/14, & 12/12, Computer
Help Drop-in, 3:00-5:00pm, Maxwell

10/24, 11/21, & 12/19, Computer
Help Drop-in, 3:00-5:00pm, Williams

Thursdays

Raising A Reader, 10:00-10:45am,
Colusa (Enrollment Closed)

Growing Start Playgroup, 11:00am-
12:30pm, Stonyford (Enrollment
Closed)

Raising A Reader, 11:30am-12:30pm,
Maxwell (Enrollment Closed)

Story Time, 4:30-5:30pm, Stonyford

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

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

10/18, Digital Literacy: Lab, Office, &
Keyboarding, 2:00-3:00pm, Stonyford

11/15, Digital Literacy: Building a
Website Pt 1, 2:00-3:00pm, Stonyford

12/13, Digital Literacy: Building a
Website Pt 2, 2:00-3:00pm, Stonyford

Fridays

12/7, Lunch With Literacy for Adult
Tutors, Noon-1:30pm, Colusa

Saturdays

Computer Help Drop-in, 1st
Saturday of the Month, 10:00-Noon,
Colusa

Holiday Crafternoon's, 1st Saturday
of the Month, Noon-1:30 Reg. Rec.

Orchid Show & Tell with Penny,
October 13, 11:00am-1:00pm

Sensational Saturday, 3rd Saturday of
the Month, 10:00-Noon, Colusa

Kids on the Block Lego Club, 4th
Saturday of the Month, 10:00-Noon,
Colusa

All-Branch Closures

10/8, Columbus Day

10/12, open at noon, Staff Training

11/10-11/12, Veteran's Day

11/22-11/24, Thanksgiving

12/25-12/26, Christmas

Key: Early Literacy (Birth-5)
 Children (Ages 6-12)
 Family
 Adult (18+)

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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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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).