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COLUSA COUNTY FREE LIBRARY'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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HIGHLIGHTS

## **Featured Programs**



When kids and teens explore, create and experiment in an informal learning environment like the library, they learn a lot—and have fun at the same time. We've assembled a weekly series of STEAM-related workshops that will inspire and motivate kids, ages 7-12, with fun, hands-on learning activities.

The participants will create innovative solutions to problems, and communicate their results while learning. The activities will inspire the children to think deeply, develop creative solutions, and enjoy themselves.

Drop-in on Wednesdays 3:00-4:30pm, September 20 – December 13, 2017 at the Main Library Morse Conference Room, 738 Market Street, Colusa. For more information contact Program Coordinator Lupe Ramos at 458-0711 Iramos@countyofcolusa.org. Books at the library related to STEAM:

## <u>Science</u>

Ada Twist, Scientist by Andrea Beaty Eleven Experiments That Failed by Jenny Offill and Nancy Carpenter

### Math/Technology

What do you do With an Idea? by Kobi Yamada

What do you do With a Problem? by Kobi Yamada

## **Engineering**

Beautiful Oops! by Barney Saltzberg Rosie Revere, Engineer by Andrea Beaty

## **Architecture**

The Three Little Pigs: An Architectural Tale by Steven Guarnaccia Iggy Peck, Architect by Andrea Beaty

## <u>Design</u>

Goldilocks and the Three Bears: A Tale Modern by Steven Guarnaccia Cinderella: A Fashionable Tale by Steven Guarnaccia

## Calendar of Events

To stay up to date on library events, programs, and branch closures, check out our events calendar!

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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. 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.

## 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 CHECK IT OUT: |Issue 4

# What's New at the Library?

## **NEW BILINGUAL & SPANISH LANGUAGE BOOKS**

Spanish is the fastest growing spokenlanguage in the United States, and the primary language for 44.9% of Colusa County residents. Yet, less than 4% of our collection is Spanish or bilingual. As such, the Colusa County Free Library reviewed its collections development policy to ensure greater diversity in the selection of relatable materials that meet the needs of all patrons, Spanish speakers included.

These efforts were supported by the Friends of the Colusa County Free Library who applied for, and received a \$2,500 grant from Wells Fargo to purchase new Spanish-language materials for all branch locations. Additionally, the State Library granted rural libraries \$5,000 to purchase bilingual children's books to make family literacy accessible to ESL families.

Through the State Library grant, and the funds received from the Friends of the Colusa County Free Library, we were able to add more than 500 brand new Spanish or Spanish/English materials to our shelves. These new titles have been dispersed to each of the branch locations.

Although there is still a long way to go, in terms of providing greater access to materials and the latest books in both Spanish and English, we are working diligently to ensure equity of access; to develop a patron-based collection that is specific to each of our unique communities; and to provide diverse and compelling materials and programs that are reflective of local society.



## Arbuckle Branch Library

## **BRANCH SPOTLIGHT**



The town of Arbuckle was established in 1875 on a 1,900-acre ranch owned by its namesake: Tacitus Ryland Arbuckle. Mr. Arbuckle encouraged the creation of the town by giving lots to those who would build on them. He also acted as the first post master, with the arrival of a post office in 1876. In 1919, the Arbuckle branch library was officially opened. Prior to opening in 1967 at its currently location, 610 King Street, the library was housed at the Central Service Station, Denny Watt's Hardware Store, and Herb Cross's Hardware Store.

Penny Walgenbach is a new face at the Arbuckle branch library, but has been an Arbuckle resident for 21 years.
Becoming the Arbuckle Library Assistant in August of this year, Walgenbach says her favorite thing about working at the library is "all the nice people I have met and the fun kids that come and visit the library." Moving from Southern California to Arbuckle, Penny states that she "wanted a place where I could keep my horses at home as well as my daughter's flock of sheep from her time in FFA. I found 10 acres southwest of town and am quite happy there."

The Arbuckle branch is open M/W 1-6pm & Tu 10am-3pm. For more information, contact the branch at 476-2526.

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## **Patron Picks**

## When Jeff Comes Home

by Catherine Atkins Genre: Children's

Patron says..."It's so realistic and sad."

## The Book Thief

by Marcus Zusak Genre: Historical Fiction

Patron says..."The writing and storyline

were captivating!"

## The Complete Persepolis

by Marjane Satrapi Genre: Young Adult

Patron says..."It gives you a real glimpse into what youth experienced during the Iranian Revolution. The format of a graphic novel was something new and

enjoyable."

## 13 Reasons Why

by Jay Asher

Genre: Young Adult

Patron says..."Really interesting book!"

## Night Shift

by Charlaine Harris
Genre: Mystery/Suspense
Patron says..."Charlaine takes
characters from her different book series
and has them living in the same town.
How can you not love it?"

#### Matilda

by Roald Dahl Genre: Children's

Patron says..."It will inspire you to do

whatever you dream of."

## The Grapes of Wrath

by John Steinbeck Genre: Historical Fiction

Patron says..."Captivating read."

### Magic Treehouse Books

by Mary Pope Osborne Genre: Children's

Patron says..."The books are fun. Jack and Annie have a lot of fun adventures."

### When Friendship Followed Me Home

by Paul Griffin Genre: Children's

Patron says..."I really like animals so this

book was really good."

Patron Picks are chosen at random from "The Book Jar" found at the Colusa Branch. Submit your pick today!

# See you at the Pumpkin Village!

COLUSA COUNTY FREE LIBRARY LITERACY PROGRAM

The Colusa County Free Library Literacy Program will once again be giving away free books at this year's Colusa County Fairgrounds Pumpkin Village! Not only will the village be open again for one full school-week of student visits, but it will also be open to the general public for two weekends this October.

Last year, the literacy program was lucky enough to participate in the fall festivities dreamed up by Fairgrounds CEO Jonathan Howard, and implemented by him and his team, where close to 400 books were given away to local families. This year, instead of setting up shop on a weekend where the village is open to the public, the literacy program will be giving away books during the "school visits" week.

"We hope to reach more families at this year's pumpkin village, and targeting the schools participating in the week of student visits is a great way to go about it," stated Literacy Coordinator Alissa Morrow. "The library's literacy program

is planning to pass out 2,000 brand new books that the kids will get to take home and keep."

Not only will giving out books promote library services, but it will also aid in the development of home libraries. Having a home library fosters a love of reading in children, and has been proven to improve school reading comprehension scores. In addition, it aids vocabulary growth and encourages a global mindset. Providing free books for county children is one facet of the Colusa County Free Library's Literacy Program, and 2,000 would be a record amount of books given away in one event in the 31 years the program has been in operation!

In addition to free books, the literacy program will be giving away Library Bingo cards. Each card is filled with book-related activities that the card-holder is to complete. Once five activities in a row are accomplished, the card can be redeemed at any of the

seven branch libraries for a free book. The bingo card-holder then has the chance to win a second book if all spaces on the card are complete. Library Bingo cards will be redeemable at all branch libraries through December 2017.

Lastly, the library will also be acting as the Storytime station, reading a fall-themed book to each class before the students pick out their free books. One of the books that will be read is about Spookley the Square Pumpkin, as part of the Fairgrounds' Anti-Bullying Campaign. For more information about the Colusa County Free Library Literacy Program, contact Morrow at 458-0373.



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## **Ongoing Programs**

Family HUI Program, Colusa\* Mondays, 10:30am-Noon

Cuentos: Spanish Storytime, Colusa Wednesdays, 11:45am-12:15pm

Storytime, Stonyford Thursdays, 4:30-5:30pm

Storytime, Colusa Thursdays, 6:30-7:30pm

Friends of the Library Meeting, Colusa 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month, Noon-1:00pm

Friends of the Library Book Club, Colusa 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month, Varies

## **Children's Programs**

Raising A Reader, 9/11-11/20\* Grimes, Mondays, 10-10:30am Williams, Mondays, 11:30am-Noon Colusa, Thursdays, 10-10:30am Maxwell, Thursdays, 11:30am-Noon Stonyford, Thursdays, 12:30-1:00pm

Full STEAM Ahead, Colusa 9/20-12/13, 3:00-4:30pm

Sensational Saturday, Colusa 10/14, 10:00am-Noon 11/17, 10:00am-Noon 12/16, 10:00am-Noon

Pumpkin Village Free Book Giveaway 10/23-10/27, 9:00am-2:00pm

The Library Rocks, Colusa 11/3 & 11/17, 3:00-5:00pm

## **Adult Programs**

Tech Tuesday: Computer Basics, Pt. 2 10/3, 2:00-3:00pm, Maxwell 10/10, 11:00am-Noon, Princeton 10/19, 3:00-4:00pm, Stonyford 10/24, 2:00-3:00pm, Williams Tech Tuesday: Online Banking 10/10, 2:00-3:00pm, Colusa

Tech Tuesday: How to Book a Trip, Pt. 1 10/24, 10:30-11:30am, Colusa

Tech Tuesday: How to Book a Trip, Pt. 2 11/7, 1:30-2:30pm, Colusa

Tech Tuesday: Buying & Selling Online 11/14, 2:00-3:00pm, Williams 11/28, 11:00am-Noon, Princeton 11/30, 3:00-4:00pm, Stonyford 12/5, 2:00-3:00pm, Maxwell 12/12, 2:00-3:00pm, Grimes 12/19, 2:00-3:00pm, Arbuckle

Tech Tuesday: Buying & Selling Online, Pt. 1 11/21, 1:30-2:30pm, Colusa

"Share a Book With Me" Parent Workshop 11/30, 6:30-7:30pm, Colusa

Tech Tuesday: Buying & Selling Online, Pt. 2 12/5, 10:30-11:30am, Colusa

Tech Tuesday: Microsoft Excel 12/19, 10:30-11:30am, Colusa



Open/Close Colusa 458-7671 Mon 9:00 - 2:00 Tues/Thurs 10:00-8:00 Wed/Fri 10:00-5:00 10:00-2:00 Sat Arbuckie 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 1:30-6:00 Tues Wed 1:30-6:00 Thurs 1:30-6:00 Princeton 439-2235 8:00-1:00 Tues 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

Branch Days/Times

\*Registration Required

Branch Closures: All, October 7-9 Colusa, October 13 (10am-Noon) All, November 23-26 Colusa, December 18-22 All, December 23-26

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). Be sure to check out the Colusa County Free Library's website at <a href="http://www.countyofcolusa.org/library">http://www.countyofcolusa.org/library</a>, Facebook page (@colusacountyfreelibrary), and Instagram account (@colcolibre).

Library Events Calendar subject to change—check out the Colusa County Free Library webpage to stay up to date!