



Yolo Reads



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Ongoing Programs in your local Yolo County Library

❖ Spanish Conversation Group

Thinking to learn Spanish, but don't have the time to enroll in a class. Now, you can join the Spanish Conversation Group at the **Davis Branch Library on Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** No registration required

❖ English Conversation Group

Yolo Reads has partnered with the Stephens Davis Branch Library, the Arthur F. Turner Branch Library in West Sacramento, the Esparto Regional Library, and the Winters Community Library to offer English conversation to limited English speakers. Conversation groups are facilitated by library volunteers. Groups are free and participants can attend any session to practice their English. Contact individual Branch for more information.

Computer Classes Offered at Community Branch in English and Spanish:

The computer classes will hold 20 students. Anyone interested in joining the class after it is full can add their name to the waiting list. Patrons who are waitlisted will be called if room becomes available.

February computer class schedule:

- Computers for Beginners – February 14, 2012 at 9:00 AM
- Introduccion a Computadoras – February 28, 2012 at 9:00 AM

Computer classes will be primarily held on Tuesdays at 9:00 AM at Turner community branch:

1212 Merkley Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95691
tel. (916) 375-6465

Registration sheets available at the Information desk six weeks prior to the class.

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Yolo Reads, a program of the Yolo County Library, provides free tutoring to adults who want to improve their reading, writing, spelling and grammar skills.



Congratulations to Learners!

By Maria Sandoval
Yolo Reads Assistant

- Paola has been in the Yolo Reads program since 2010. She and her tutor have worked toward passing the ACT, a national college admissions examination, and in December that goal was reached. Her next goal is to enroll in college to further her education.
- Patrick has been with the Yolo Reads program since 2010. He has worked diligently with his tutor and has now received a certificate that will open new doors in the job field for him.

My Story

Yolo Reads Learner

Maricela has been a part of Yolo Reads since 2009. She is an active Learner in our program and continues to make progress with her tutor. Maricela encourages other learners to join. In 2011, she participated in the Adult Learner Leadership Institute (ALLI). In ALLI they learned leadership skills and how to speak about the literacy program.

Maricela wrote the following article about her own experience:

My name is Maricela. I'm a preschool Teacher. I have worked as a preschool teacher for the same child development company [CDC] for 6 years. I teach 3-5 years old preschoolers in the morning and school age children in the afternoon for a couple hours.

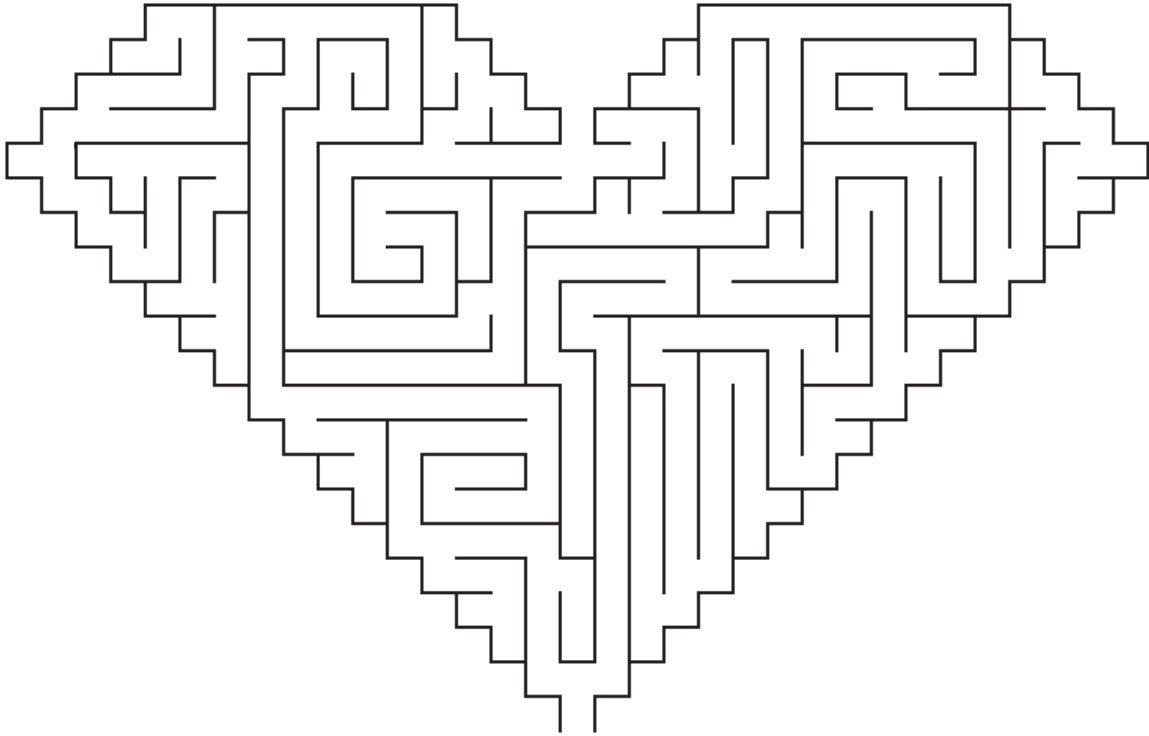
When I started working in this company I didn't know much English language. I barely knew the basic words. My English has progressed a lot, I have a great tutor who helps me with my reading, writing, and speaking skills. I'm not scared any more to go out anywhere. I go where I need to go, and trying to talk and different ways that people understand me.

I feel more confident and secure. I help my dad and sister when they have doctor's appointments. Last year I got my U.S. citizenship. I have several goals.

My next goal is to get my AA degree in child development at Yuba Community College. In my work I encourage non-English speaking parents to be part of this program. I am so happy with this program because they have supported me a lot where I need help.



Valentine's Day Maze



<http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/valentine%20maze%202.pdf>

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Annual Celebration 2011

2011's Yolo Reads Annual Celebration was another wonderful evening celebrating the tutors and learners in our community. It was held on September 29th at the Mary L. Stephens branch library in Davis. Patty Wong, Yolo County Librarian, started the evening's festivities by welcoming everyone to the event and introducing guest speakers Jim Provenza and Don Saylor, both Yolo County Supervisors. The Supervisors highlighted the library as a resource for the community and that Yolo Reads' learners and volunteers are those seeking to engage more fully in the community they are building.



L-R Jim Provenza Yolo County Supervisor, Patty Wong Yolo County Librarian, Don Saylor Yolo County Supervisor

Elizabeth Gray, Assistant County Librarian, thanked the library staff for their support of Yolo Reads and gave an outline of the many facets of the Yolo Reads program. She highlighted the activities performed by volunteers in addition to working one-on-one with learners. After this, Maria Alvarez, Program Assistant, introduced the learners and volunteers as they accepted their certificates which were handed out by Erica Rodriguez-Langley, representative of Assemblymember Mariko Yamada, Matt Ivler, representative of Senator Lois Wolk, Jim Provenza, Yolo County Supervisor, and Don Saylor, Yolo County Supervisor. Maria shared anecdotes and additional information about the volunteers and learners as they accepted their certificates. Those able to attend included folks who have been in the Yolo Reads program for years and one who had started just the previous day!



L-R Don Saylor Yolo County Supervisor, Jim Provenza Yolo County Supervisor, Matt Ivler, representative of Senator Lois Wolk, Erica Rodriguez-Langley, representative of Assemblymember Mariko Yamada

After the presentation of certificates, Learner Ayovie spoke before the group to thank her tutor Meredith and to express her gratitude for the resources available through Yolo Reads. Then Yolo Reads pair Lynda and Alejandro shared their advice for studying

for the GED. Alejandro has passed one portion of the exam already which has served as motivation to keep going. He shared his tips for working towards whatever goals a Yolo Reads pair might have set. Alejandro recommends “spending as much time as you can working,” for the goal. As Alejandro has been successful at devoting so much time to his studying, his tutor asked him to share how he manages family time in addition to studying. His strategy is to make sure he is “more careful with his family time.” He is committed to making it quality time so that he can take the time to study. In addition to his personal motivation he finds much inspiration from Lynda’s help, support, and time.



L-R Mary Rust Yolo Reads Tutor and her learner Eunyung Yoo

The official portion of the evening ended at this time and everyone was able to break for refreshments and get to know other members of Yolo Reads. Refreshments were supplied via the kind donations of gift certificates from The Nugget (Davis and Woodland), Raley’s Corporation, Panaderia Mana (Woodland) and learners who brought dishes, one even from the recipe in the last newsletter. The Winters Friends of the Library provided books as take-home gifts and Ernesto Rodriguez served as the evening’s photographer. Many thanks to everyone who made the evening what it was and to all those who were able to come.