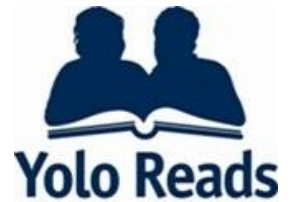


Yolo Reads



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Yolo Reads Celebration 2012

This year's Yolo Reads Celebration was another wonderful evening celebrating the tutors and learners in our community. It was held on September 13th at the Arthur F. Turner branch library in West Sacramento. Elizabeth Gray, Yolo County Assistant Librarian, started the evening's festivities by welcoming everyone to the event and introducing guest speaker Yolo County Supervisor Jim Provenza. Supervisor Provenza highlighted the library as a resource for the community. He noted that Yolo Reads' learners and volunteers are those seeking to engage more fully in the community they are building. Both Matt Ivler, representative for Senator Lois Wolk, and Andrew Benware, representative for Assemblymember Mariko Yamada spoke of the importance of literacy and thanked the Library for having such a program and thanked the volunteers and learners for being a part of the program. (See more on pg. 4)



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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

- Sofia has been in the Yolo Reads program since 2008. She has worked hard with her tutor to pass her Citizenship test, and in May of this year that goal was met. She looks forward to voting in November.
- Alejandro has been in the Yolo Reads program since 2011. He has now completed his GED. He has worked hard with his tutor to obtain this certificate.

BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS



The Arthur F. Turner Community Library offers free computer classes for beginners. Learn how to use a mouse, create a document and surf the Internet. No experience necessary.

**Tuesday, November 6
9:00-10:30 a.m.**

A library card and PIN are required. Register in person at the information desk or by phone at 916-375-6465.



THE ARTHUR F. TURNER COMMUNITY LIBRARY
YOLO COUNTY LIBRARY
1212 MERKLEY AVENUE
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This program is generously sponsored by the West Sacramento Friends of the Library.

Register to Vote Online!

The Secretary of State's office, in coordination with the Department of Motor Vehicles and the 58 county elections officials, made easier the process of voter registration in California.

Now, any eligible California voter who has access to the Internet and a driver's license or ID signature on file with the DMV can register whenever and wherever it is convenient.

You can now register to vote online at:
cavotes.org



Last day to register to vote for the November 6 elections is October 22nd.

Word Scramble- Fall

laF _____
tAnuum _____
efal _____
kRae _____
rtHvase _____

ighasiTnknvg _____
neoeallHw _____
miupnkP _____
rScoeawcr _____
ykueTr _____



Happy



Holidays



Celebration Speech

Yolo Reads Learner

Laura has been in the Yolo Reads program since 2011 and this year she spoke at the Yolo Reads Celebration. Below you can read her inspirational speech:

Good Evening Everyone. My name is Laura. I have participated in the Yolo Reads program for one year.



I want to share some of my experiences with the program.

I live in Davis with my family, my three children, and my husband. It is very important for me to be able to communicate with my children's teachers. It is also important to help my

children with their homework. That is why I decided to learn English.

Learning English has not been easy for me. Before participating in Yolo Reads, I had tried several programs. However, the classes were large, and the

teachers did not have time to help me when I became frustrated. In the end, I would drop out.

Yolo Reads has provided me with an opportunity to learn English in a setting where I can thrive. The one-on-one tutoring with my tutor, Darleen, is ideal for me. When I have a question, Darleen is there to help me answer it. When I get frustrated, Darleen is there to reassure me that I am learning. When I am not trying hard enough, Darleen is there to tell me to try harder. She has taught me the discipline it takes to learn a new language.

Every lesson gives me confidence that my English continues to improve. This confidence has opened doors for me. I am now comfortable communicating with teachers at school. I can also help my children with their homework.

Just as important is the fact that Yolo Reads helped me learn English well enough to become a U.S. citizen. This November I will be voting in my first presidential election. I will be able to read the voter information guide to vote on my own. This makes me very proud.

I want to thank Maria; my wonderful tutor, Darleen, and all the other program tutors for joining us in this special celebration. Please continue this great program to give others like me a chance.

Reading changed my life: 2012 photo and video contest!

The global partnership for education is proud to announce the first-ever Reading Changed My Life photo and video contest.

About the contest:

- **Who:** the contest is open to anybody aged 13 years or older
- **What:** submit a photo or video that shows how reading has impacted your life or the life of someone you know
- **When:** the contest opened on September 7, 2012 and will close on November 7, 2012
- **Win:** the top 5 photos and 5 videos selected by the public will win an e-reader and be eligible for the grand prizes, consisting of photo and video equipment.

For more details, please visit:

<https://readingchangedmylife.org/landingpages/show/readingchangedmylife>

Elizabeth Gray thanked the library staff for their support of Yolo Reads and gave an outline of the many facets of the program. She highlighted the activities performed by volunteers in addition to working one-on-one with learners. After this, Maria Sandoval, Program Assistant, talked about the importance of the volunteers and learners. Maria thanked the learners and volunteers for sharing their time and coming forward in our endeavor to help the people in our community. Maria then introduced a Yolo Reads pair.

Tutor Darleen announced that she was proud to present a new U.S. citizen. She let us know that not only was Laura, Yolo Reads learner, learning from her, but she was learning a lot from Laura. She announced that Laura was getting ready to vote in November and that she was very proud of the progress Laura has made. She also gave thanks to Laura's family; they were a major support group for her. Laura thanked Darleen for being the wonderful tutor she is. She also thanked Yolo Reads for the opportunity it has given her. She spoke about her growing confidence and what a difference this has made. Laura's family also spoke. Both her children spoke of how proud they were of their mother and how Darleen had challenged



L-R Tito, Veleria (Laura's children), Doreen, Yolo Reads tutor, Sara, Yolo Reads Learner, Darleen, Yolo Reads tutor, Laura, Yolo Reads Learner, and Iselbio, Laura's husband



L-R Elizabeth Gray, Yolo County Assistant Librarian, Maria Sandoval, Yolo Reads Program Assistant, Jim Provenza, Yolo County Supervisor, Andrew Benware, representative from Assemblymember Yamada, Matt Ivler, representative from Senator Lois

other members of Yolo Reads. Refreshments were supplied via the kind donations of gift certificates from The Nugget (Woodland) and The Nugget (West Sacramento), Raley's Corporation, Panaderia Mana (Woodland) and tutors and learners who brought dishes. The West Sacramento Friends of the Library and Grumpy Goats Farm provided monetary funds to provide appreciation gifts for learners and tutors. Carolina Sandoval and Maria Alvarez served as the evening's photographers. Many thanks to everyone who made this evening possible and a thank you for all those who attended as well!

them to speak English at home to help build Laura's confidence. Her husband was very proud of her and very happy to see her have enough confidence to speak in front of a crowd. (To read the speech in full see pg. 3)

After Laura and Darleen's speech, tutor Rosemary stood and also spoke about her learner, Sofia, and the progress she has made in the program. She mentioned how her learner had also just recently become a U.S. citizen. They are also looking forward to voting in November. Learner Sofia spoke about how her 'eyes were opened' and how learning a language was the gateway into a different culture-a culture she now feels a part of. The official portion of the evening ended at this time and everyone was able to break for refreshments and get to know

