

Check It Out: Colusa County Free Library Newsletter



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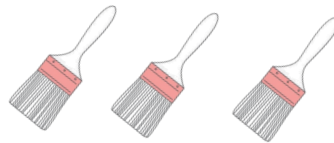
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The Friends of the Colusa County Free Library support library services, collections, programs and generate community interest. To become a Friend, pick up an application at the Main Branch Library in Colusa, or download one from the Colusa County Free Library website.

STAY UP-TO-DATE ON LIBRARY PROGRAMS

To stay up-to-date on all library offerings, visit the Colusa County Free Library's website at www.countyofcolusa.org/library, Instagram Account @colcolib, or Facebook Page at @colusacountyfreelibrary

THAT'S OVERDUE!



After more than thirty years, the inside of the main branch is going to be given a fresh coat of paint. Initially we considered featuring the pantone color of the year, coral, on all of the walls, but decided in the end a nice soft white would best compliment our shelving and materials.

Between **April 4–15**, a team of professional painters from All Star Painting will converge on the library to work with the county maintenance crew and library staff to remove books and shelves from walls, replace fallen ceiling tiles and paint the interior of the library from top to bottom.

For those ten days, there will not be any programming hosted at the main branch in Colusa. However, the Raising a Reader graduation will take place, as planned in the Morse Conference Room. Families enrolled in the program have been notified. While the book drop will be checked daily, late fees accrued during painting will be waived.

The other six branch locations throughout the county will be open as usual. Story time and programming at the branch locations will continue as scheduled. Additionally, we will have representatives at the Family Fair at Egling Middle School on April 13, providing free books to children and their families. When we reopen on Tuesday, April 16 the library will resume all programming.

While the closure will cause some inconvenience, we hope that in taking the time to care for our building, and investing in our infrastructure we will be better able to accommodate the changing needs of our community, and continue to provide patrons with a safe, clean space where they feel welcomed and fulfilled.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: GABRIELA SILVA

Williams native, Gaby Silva, has returned to Colusa County after attending California State University, East Bay to assume the role of Youth Services Coordinator for the library system. She brings with her a passion for reading, and counts classics and young adult fiction among her favorite genres.

Gaby has been with the library since March 2019 and while she is trying to absorb and learn her position, she looks forward “to implementing programs that inspire kids to read, to get curious, to find the joy in learning.”

When asked what she loves about Colusa County, Gaby responded: “is that people are hardworking

and resilient; you have to be to work in agriculture. I hope that we can continue to cater to the community and their busy lives and that we implement fun, interesting, and beneficial programming. As a community, we are moving forward: we are acquainting ourselves with new technology, we are getting bigger, we are growing. Change of this magnitude can be daunting, but the library remains to be a center of information with ever present opportunity to learn.”

Gaby is currently reading *Radio Silence* by Alice Oseman, and while she was unable to select just one favorite book, she notes the *Anne of Green Gables* series as one of the most consistently influential books she has read.



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The New York Times

California's 23 million library card holders, including those in Colusa County, may access NYTimes.com by visiting nytimes.com/register on a library computer, or on their own device while connected to the library's Wi-Fi. Library card holders can access nytimes.com from anywhere through their library's website."

"A library card is the best bargain around, and having free access to *The New York Times* makes your library card even more valuable," said Greg Lucas, California's state librarian. "We're excited to partner with *The Times* to make an important news source available to Californians at their local library."

Library patrons may access unlimited NYTimes.com content including video, photos and multimedia like VR and AR features, as well as personalized access to *The Times's* collection of [email newsletters](#), such as [California Today](#). Spanish and Mandarin Chinese versions are also available, and patrons can access content dating back to 1851.

"California is home to one of our biggest cohorts of readers, so we know that Californians value quality journalism that helps them understand not just the news that impacts their communities, but also what's happening at the global level," said Hannah Yang, head of subscription growth at *The New York Times*. "While we've been in most of the major city libraries throughout the state for some time, this state-wide initiative will provide all residents with an incredible opportunity to explore the depths of *Times* journalism in all of its forms, across dozens of topics ranging from news and politics to food and culture."

Stop by your branch location for assistance!



In most countries around the world, Mothers and Fathers, and even grandparents are celebrated with their own day. In Mexico, **Día de los Niños** (Children's Day) takes place each year on April 30 and it's a day dedicated to celebrating children! Although it is not an "official holiday," many parents buy their children a gift, and schools hold big celebrations, complete with games, candy, music, performances, piñatas and much more. It is a festivity that is quite unique, full of laughter and play, when adults are reminded of the importance of childhood and children teach us how joyful and simple life can be.

With the encouragement of children's book author, Pat Mora, Día has grown in the United States and includes the celebration of children's literacy. This year, we will host our first Día celebration at the main branch of the library on **April 30, from 6:00-7:30**, with a special bilingual story time and book giveaway, and a performance by the Williams High School Mariachi Band.

SPLENDID SPIDER WEEK

The Colusa County Library is planning a Splendid Spider Week at the main branch, in honor of the tenth annual Virginia Yerxa Community Read selection, *Charlotte's Web*.

Author E.B. White was meticulous in his scientific research while preparing to write *Charlotte's Web*. To honor his interest in portraying the beloved Charlotte accurately, the library is excited to present a week dedicated to spiders and science!

The line-up of activities includes:

April 23, 6:30-8:00 pm, Colusa - Adult Science Café. Dr. Jason Bond, UC Davis professor of Terrestrial Arthropod Systematics, Evolution, and Diversity will discuss all things arachnid!

April 24, 3:30-4:30 pm, Colusa - Explorit Science Center will bring a hands-on spider lesson, story time and activity stations for all school-age children.

April 25, 6:30-7:30 pm, Colusa - Family Story Time will feature a story about young E. B. White, *A Boy, a Mouse, and a Spider*.

April 26, 11:00-12:30 and 1:00-2:30, Colusa - Movies! Bring snacks and a pillow for a *Charlotte's Web* movie marathon at the library featuring the 1973 animated classic followed by the beloved 2006 live action feature film.

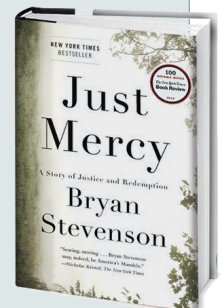
Spider Week activities are brought to us FREE OF CHARGE by the Friends of the Colusa County Free Library.

RECOMMENDED READS

Charlotte's Web

Written by E.B. White and illustrated by Garth Williams, *Charlotte's Web* tells the story of Wilbur, a little pig who is saved from an untimely death by his clever spider friend Charlotte and their chatty barnyard neighbors. Lessons of friendship, truth, and loyalty bind this story together and show that friends come in all shapes and sizes. *Charlotte's Web* is considered a classic of children's literature, enjoyable to adults as well as children. In 2000, Publishers Weekly listed it as the best-selling children's paperback of all time.

The US has the highest rate of incarceration in the world. One in every 15 people born here is expected to go to prison. For black men this figure rises to 1 in 3. Bryan Stevenson grew up poor in the racially segregated South. His innate sense of justice made him a brilliant young lawyer, and one of his first defendants was Walter McMillian, a black man sentenced to die for the murder of a white woman - a crime he insisted he didn't commit. The case drew Bryan into a tangle of conspiracy, political machination, startling racial inequality, and legal brinksmanship, and transformed his understanding of mercy and justice.



Youth Programs

GROWING START PLAYGROUP

Princeton • Tuesdays • 1:00-2:30pm

Put on in partnership with CAPC Colusa, this program is a Parent Cooperative Early Learning Playgroup for children. Ages 6 weeks to Pre-Kindergarten. Call CAPC at 458-7678.

FAMILY STORY TIME

Maxwell • Tuesdays • 3:00-3:45pm

Join us for a fun afternoon of stories, crafts, and songs. Open to children of all ages! Call 458-0711 for more information.

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Grimes • Tuesdays • 4:30-5:15pm

Join us for a fun afternoon of stories, crafts, and songs. Open to children of all ages! Call 458-0711 for more information.

SPECTRUM STORY TIME

Colusa • Tuesdays • 4:30-5:15pm

Spectrum Story Time is geared towards children with special needs and their caregiver, who may prefer story time conducted in a quiet and calm atmosphere. Call 458-0710.

CUENTOS SPANISH STORY TIME

Colusa • Wednesdays • 11:45am-12:15pm

Join us for a fun afternoon of stories, crafts, and songs in this bilingual story time. Open to children of all ages! Call 458-0711.

GROWING START PLAYGROUP

Stonyford • Wednesdays • 1:30-3:00pm

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FAMILY STORY TIME

Arbuckle • Wednesdays • 3:00-3:45pm

Join us for a fun afternoon of stories, crafts, and songs. Open to children of all ages! Call 476-2526 for more information.

FUNKY JUNK ART PROGRAM

Colusa • Wednesdays • 3:00-4:30pm

Funky Junk After School Art Program is for grades 3-5, and focuses on creatively upcycling everyday materials into masterful artworks! No registration necessary; call 458-0711.

FAMILY STORY TIME

Williams • Wednesdays • 4:30-5:15pm

Join us for a fun afternoon of stories, crafts, and songs. Open to children of all ages! Call 473-5955 for more information.

RAISING A READER

Colusa • Thursdays • 10:00-10:45am

Raising A Reader is a nationally recognized birth-5 literacy program that promotes early language and literacy development. The 10-week program includes weekly story times and book bag rotations. Put on in partnership with First 5 Colusa. Ends April 4; call 458-0373.

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VIRTUAL REALITY

Colusa • 1st Saturday • 10:00-12:00pm

Children ages 13+ are invited to participate in Virtual Reality at the Colusa Library! Participants must have a parental consent waiver signed before they can use the virtual reality equipment. Call 458-0712.

S.T.E.A.M PROGRAM

Stonyford • Saturdays • 10:00-12:00pm

Children of all ages are invited to participate in STEAM! Here, participants will engage in fun projects geared towards the weekly theme of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, or Mathematics. Call 963-3722.

SENSATIONAL SATURDAY

Colusa • 3rd Saturday • 10:00-12:00pm

Families are invited to the Colusa Library the third Saturday of each month for a day filled with fun! Sensational Saturday has games, activities, and art projects geared towards children and families of all abilities. Call 458-0710.

LEGO CLUB

Colusa • 4th Saturday • 10:00-12:00pm

Join us the 4th Saturday of each month for Lego Club! Here, participants will create structures based on the month's theme, and their own imaginative creations. This program is for all ages, and all materials are provided. No registration necessary; call 458-0711.

APRIL BOOK GIVEAWAY

Egling Middle School • 4/13 • 10:00am

Join the Colusa County Free Library Literacy Program at the Colusa County Office of Education's annual Family Fair! Here, children will receive free books, listen to story time, and learn about local community and educational resources. This event held at 813 Webster Street in Colusa; call 458-0373.

EXPLORIT SCIENCE CENTER VISIT

Colusa • 4/24 • 3:30-4:30pm

A visit from the Explorit Science Center includes a hands-on spider lesson, spider story time, activity stations and take-home projects, and visits from live spiders. This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Colusa County Free Library and is appropriate for school-age children. Part of Spider Week!

SPIDER WEEK FAMILY STORY TIME

Colusa • 4/25 • 6:30-7:30pm

Listen to a story about young E.B. White, who grew up to be the author of *Charlotte's Web* and *Stuart Little*! Followed by a craft. Fun for the whole family!

MOVIES @ THE LIBRARY

Colusa • 4/26 • 11:00-2:30pm

Bring snacks and a pillow for a movie marathon at the library! First up, the 1973 animated classic adaptation of *Charlotte's Web* (11:00-12:30pm). Followed by the beloved 2006 live action feature film adaptation (1:00-2:30pm).

Library Closure Dates

All Branches

April 1 & May 27

Colusa

April 4-15

Adult Programs

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MTG.

Colusa • 2nd Monday • 12:00-1:00pm

The Friends of the Colusa County Free Library work toward generating community interest in the Library's services & 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. Become a member today!

COMPUTER WORKSHOPS

Colusa • Tuesdays • 10:30-11:30am

May 7: Getting to Know Your Computer

May 14: Operating Your Computer

May 21: Introducing the Internet

May 28: Online Safety

Stop by the Colusa Library on Tuesday mornings to learn about the above topics! These computer workshops are geared for beginners, and all materials will be provided. Call 458-0373 or drop by the Colusa library to enroll.

DROP-IN COMPUTER HELP

Colusa • Tuesdays • 5:30-7:15pm

Arbuckle • April 3 • 3:00-5:00pm

Maxwell • April 10 • 3:00-5:00pm

Williams • April 17 • 3:00-5:00pm

Stonyford • April 18 • 2:00-3:00pm

Stop by your local library for one-on-one computer assistance during one of the above dates/times. To schedule an appointment, call 458-0712. All materials will be provided.

FREE STUFF ON THE INTERNET

Arbuckle • May 8 • 3:00-5:00pm

Maxwell • May 15 • 3:00-5:00pm

Williams • May 22 • 3:00-5:00pm

Stonyford • May 23 • 2:00-3:00pm

Stop by your local library to learn all about how to navigate the internet to make the most for your money. Because who doesn't love free stuff? All materials will be provided; call 458-0712 for more information.

FRIENDS OF THE LIB. BOOK CLUB

Colusa • 2nd Thursday • 6:00-8:00pm

Friends of the Library members are invited to join the FOL monthly book club! Here, members will discuss a new title each month in the Colusa Library's Morse Conference Room. Become a Friend of the Library to learn how you can take advantage of this fun program.

SATURDAY CRAFTERNOON

Colusa • 1st Saturday • 12:00-1:30pm

Led through the step-by-step artistic process by our in-house artist, participants will create an artwork based on the theme of the month. All art backgrounds and abilities are invited to attend, but due to limited space, registration is required. Call 458-0375.

MASTER GARDENER WORKSHOPS

Colusa • 2nd Saturday • 10:00-12:00pm

Join the Master Gardeners of Colusa County in their monthly discussion of everything garden! Learn how to propagate succulents, the best time to plant certain flowers, landscape your yard, and more. Call 458-7671 for more info.

VIRGINIA READ DAY PROGRAMS

Stagehands Presents *Charlotte's Web*

Stagehands Theatre • April 26 & 27 • 7:15pm

Stagehands Theatre • April 28 • 2:15pm

Stagehands Theatre • May 3 & 4 • 7:15pm

Some Quilt! Quilt Challenge & Show

Friends Around the Block Quilt Shop • April 27

Children's Literature Discussion

Rocco's Banquet Hall • April 27 • 1:00-2:30pm

Charlotte's Arts Show

Colusa Arts Council • April 27 • 2:30-4:00pm

Weaving & Fiber Workshops

Rocco's & Caffeinated • April 27 • 2:30-4:00pm
Visit www.virginiaread.net for information.