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COLUSA COUNTY FREE LIBRARY'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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HIGHLIGHTS

Coming to a Branch Near You…

ZIP BOOKS!

The Colusa County Free Library is now offering *Zip Books*, a project funded by the California State Library through a grant from the Library Services and Technology Act! *Zip Books* allows librarians to pull from the "shelves" of Amazon.com when a book is requested by the public that is not part of our collection.

Using a "buy vs. borrow" model, *Zip Books* is an alternative to traditional interlibrary loans. It is a cost-effective method to secure the books you want to read, and has a much quicker turnaround time for patrons to receive the requested materials. Requests are reviewed by library staff, and if approved are ordered from Amazon and sent directly to the patron's home. Once the book has been read, or heard in the case of an audiobook, it is returned to the local library branch.

The program allows only one item per *Zip Books* request, but once the book or audio book is returned to the library, another request can be made. We ask only that you return the *Zip Book* directly to library staff. We will then either add

your *Zip Book* to the collection, or offer it to the Friends of the Library to be sold at the Bookworm.

There is no cost to patrons to "check out" a book through *Zip Books*, and all Colusa County Free Library members are encouraged to participate in the program provided any fines and/or fees they owe to the Library are less than $5.00.

Zip Books requests must be made in person at any of the seven Colusa County Free Library branches, and participants are asked to return the item directly to a library staff member rather than using the book drop.

The *Zip Books* program includes new and used regular or large print books or audiobooks that are available on Amazon.com. *Zip Book* item value is limited to $35. E-books, music, videos and DVDs are not available through the Zip Books program.

For more information on the *Zip Books* program stop by your favorite branch location.

Calendar of Events

To stay up to date on library events, programs, and branch closures, check out our events calendar!   Page 4

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

What's New at the Library?

We are kicking off the New Year with several exciting new programs! Public libraries have traditionally offered early literacy programming to children in the form of story times. Through the use of a wide range of high-quality picture books, songs, poetry, finger plays, puppets and crafts, public libraries have helped make literacy accessible and fun. For decades, the main branch of the Colusa County Free Library system has served an average of 25 children ranging from ages birth-12 at its weekly Thursday night story time. In fact, story time has continued to be one of the library's most popular and successful programs.
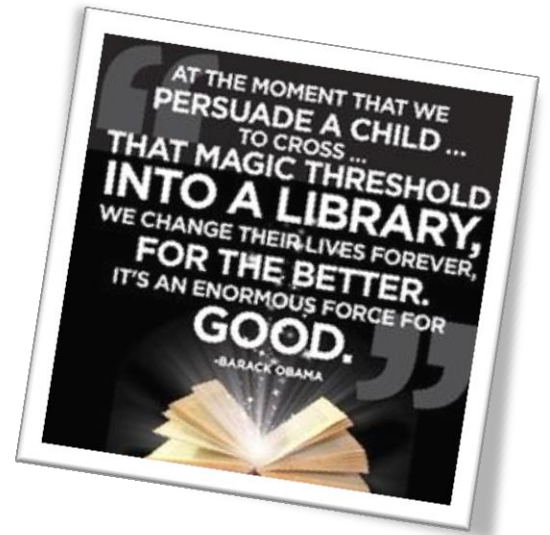
By capturing a child's interest and imagination from an early age, story time helps them to discover that libraries and literacy can be an enjoyable and valued part of their lives. Young children who participate in story time, become regular library users and begin to develop the early education, communication and social skills which are essential aspects of long-term literacy and reading comprehension skills. As such, we are happy to be extending story time to *ALL SEVEN* branch locations!

At the main branch in Colusa we are launching TWO new weekly story times and a monthly youth book club. *Rhyme Time* will focus on finger play and nursery rhymes for babies and toddlers, ages 0-3 and their caregivers, while *Sensory Story Time* will host a limited number of kids with special needs and their caregivers in a calm, quiet area of the library.

On the fourth Saturday of each month, tweens ages 10-12 are invited to join Children's Librarian Lupe Ramos in a monthly book club! The first selection will be: *Holes*, by Louis Sachar. Books will be provided by the library.

These programs will add to the rich opportunities kids have at the library, joining the Raising a Reader program, Cuentos, Story Time, and the Funky Junk afterschool program!

To learn more about any of the programs, contact Stacey Costello at scostello@countyofcolusa.org. Times and dates are listed on the programs calendar, pg. 4.

Grimes Branch Library

BRANCH SPOTLIGHT

Founded in 1851 by Cleaton Grimes, the town of Grimes was one of the first settlements in Colusa County. Likewise, in 1916, the Grimes Branch Library was opened becoming the first library branch outside of the county seat in Colusa. The branch was originally housed within the Nylo Ice Cream Parlor, and was hosted in several homes and businesses before the current location at 240 Main Street was built and opened in 1983.

For more than 38 years the branch was run by local resident Rose Ann Ellis who continues to volunteer her time there. Following her retirement in 2015, Juana Rodriguez took charge of the branch. Interacting with large groups of kids who visit the branch after school and assisting non-English speaking patrons with computer usage are among the many aspects of her job that she loves.

The Grimes Branch Library is excited to announce it will have weekly story time beginning in January 2018 and will host the Raising A Reader Program February 2 through April 6, on Fridays from 10-10:45am. The Grimes branch is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00-7:00pm. For more information, contact the branch at 437-2428.

Patron Picks

In Cold Blood
by Truman Capote
Genres: Adult Non-Fiction, True Crime
Patron says..."This is the best story about true crime that I have ever read. Hands down."

The Moon-Spinners
by Mary Stewart
Genres: Adult Fiction, Romance
Patron says..."Delightful plucky heroine. Mary Stewart at one of her finest in romance mystery."

Feed
by MT Anderson
Genres: Young Adult, Science Fiction
Patron says..."The author predicted the future! Very good book."

Countdown to Kindergarten
by Alison McGhee
Genres: Children's, Picture Book
Patron says..."I liked this book, but my daughter LOVED this book!"

Junie B. Jones & the Stupid Smelly Bus
by Barbara Park
Genre: Juvenile Fiction
Patron says..."I'm recommending this book because I like it. I think it is good to read."

We Were the Lucky Ones
by Georgia Hunter
Genre: Adult, Fiction
Patron says..."One of the most compelling and beautiful stories of a family's survival during the Holocaust."

The Hidden Stairs & the Magic Carpet
by Tony Abbott & Tim Jessell
Genres: Juvenile Fiction, Fantasy
Patron says..."It was fun to read!"

It's My Birthday
by Shigeo Watanabe
Genres: Children's, Picture Book
Patron says..."Another sweet Shigeo Watanabe book."

John Wayne's America
by Gary Willis
Genres: Non-Fiction, Biography
Patron says..."It's a great read, especially the display of Wayne's work relationship with director John Ford."

Patron Picks **are chosen at random from "The Book Jar" found at the Colusa Branch.**

Raising A Reader Program Now Enrolling
COLUSA COUNTY FREE LIBRARY LITERACY PROGRAM

Raising A Reader is back at the library! This 10-week storytime and book-lending program for children ages birth-5 and their parents/caregivers is currently enrolling for its spring session at the Colusa, Grimes, Maxwell, Stonyford, and Williams branch libraries. Modeled after First 5 Colusa's *Talk, Read, Sing* campaign, participants socialize, sing nursery rhymes, read stories, and take home a weekly book bag full of library books. The program culminates with a Raising A Reader graduation ceremony, and free books provided by the Colusa County Free Library Literacy Program and First 5 Colusa. A free parent workshop about best reading practices is also available to caregivers at the end of the 10-week session, in addition to weekly educational coaching handouts.

"It's never too early to read to your child," stated Raising A Reader Program Implementer Alissa Morrow. "What's great about the program is that not only do the children socialize, get familiar with their local library, and learn along the way, but it's also a great way for parents in the community to meet each other and support one another. The benefits reach the children and parents simultaneously."

The Literacy Program is currently accepting Raising A Reader enrollments from January 2-February 9 for the Colusa, Grimes, Maxwell, and Williams branches, and from January 2-March 9 for the Stonyford branch. The spring session schedule is as follows:

Thursdays, February 1-April 5
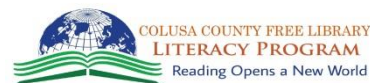Colusa, 10:00-10:45am
Maxwell, 11:30am-12:15pm

Fridays, February 2-April 6
Grimes, 10:00-10:45am
Williams, 11:30am-12:15pm

Saturdays, February 24-April 28
Stonyford, 9:30am-10:15am

To register your child, visit your local branch library or contact the Raising A Reader Program Implementer at the Colusa branch at 458-0373. Enrollment is capped at 15 children per branch, and spots will be granted on a first come first served basis. Raising A Reader is funded by Raising A Reader National, First 5 Colusa, Umpqua Bank, and the Colusa County Free Library Literacy Program. Don't delay; enroll your child in this educationally enriching program today!

Ongoing Programs

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

Family Story Time:
Maxwell, Tuesdays 3:00-3:45pm
Grimes, Tuesdays, 4:30-5:15 pm
Arbuckle, Wednesdays, 3:00-4:00pm
Stonyford, Thursdays, 4:30-5:30pm
Williams, Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30pm
Colusa, Thursdays, 6:30-7:30pm

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

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

Children's Programs

Rhyme Time, Infant/Toddlers 0-3,
Colusa, 1/8-6/4, Mondays, 10:00-10:30am

Spectrum Storytime, Kids w/ Special Needs,
Colusa, 1/19-3/24, Fridays, 10:00-11:00am

Martin Luther King, Jr. Story Time & Book
Giveaway, Colusa, 1/16, 3:30-4:300pm

Raising A Reader, 2/1-4/6*
Colusa, Thursdays, 10-10:45am
Maxwell, Thursdays, 11:30am-12:15pm
Grimes, Fridays, 10-10:45am
Williams, Fridays, 11:30am-12:15pm

Raising A Reader, 2/24-4/28*
Stonyford, Saturdays, 9:30am-10:15am

Growing Start Playgroup, 1/24-5/23*
Stonyford, Wednesday, 10:00am-11:00am

Funky Junk Afterschool Program, Colusa
1/10-5/23, Wednesdays 3:00-4:30pm

Sensational Saturday, Colusa
1/20, 10:00am-Noon
3/17, 10:00am-Noon

Tween Book Club, Colusa
1/27, 11:00am-noon
2/24, 11:00am-noon
3/24, 11:00am-noon

Adult Programs

Tech Tuesday: Online Library
Colusa, 1/9, 10:30-11:30am

Digital Literacy: Microsoft Office Overview
Arbuckle, 1/10, 1:00-2:00pm
Maxwell, 1/16, 2:00-3:00pm
Stonyford, 1/18, 2:00-3:00pm
Williams, 1/25, 2:00-3:00pm

Tech Tuesday: Keyboarding Basics
Colusa, 1/23, 10:30-11:30am

Computer Help Drop-In, Colusa
1/6, 10:00am-1:00pm
2/3, 10:00am-1:00pm
3/3, 10:00am-1:00pm

Tech Tuesday: How to Write a Resume
Colusa, 2/6, 10:30-11:30am

Digital Literacy: Lab, Office, & Keyboarding
Arbuckle, 2/7, 1:00-2:00pm
Maxwell, 2/13, 2:00-3:00pm
Stonyford, 2/15, 2:00-3:00pm
Williams, 2/22, 2:00-3:00pm

Tech Tuesday: Fake News vs. Real News
Colusa, 2/20, 10:30-11:30am

Senior Writing Workshop
Colusa, 2/21, 12:30-2:30pm

Citizenship Information Session
Colusa, 2/27, 6:00-8:00pm

Tech Tuesday: Zinio Online Magazines
Colusa, 3/6, 10:30-11:30am

Digital Literacy: Preparing to go to Work
Arbuckle, 3/7, 1:00-2:00pm
Maxwell, 3/13, 2:00-3:00pm
Stonyford, 3/15, 2:00-3:00pm
Williams, 3/22, 2:00-3:00pm

Tech Tuesday: Learning Languages Online
Colusa, 3/20, 10:30-11:30am

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

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*Registration Required