



April 2018 Learning NEWS

Providing **Free** Adult Literacy Services
at Sonoma County Libraries since 1986

Literacy Office now open 10:00 – 3:00 pm on Saturdays

We're delighted to be open later on Saturdays and look forward to providing expanded student assessment services in the near future. Look for expanded Saturday hours at your local library branch as well.

Meanwhile, for adult learners who are available on Saturdays in Santa Rosa, please tell them about our free small-group **Reach Your Goals Workshops** 10:00 – 11:00 am on Saturdays at our Santa Rosa Office. April's Workshop topic is: Reading News Articles

Student Writing in Full Bloom this Month

Take a look at the enclosed April 2018 issue of the *Easy English Times*. There's a profile of program tutor Linda Dunlap and adult learner Olena Kraynyuk from Petaluma on the front page, as well as a very interesting story by adult learner Yolanda Sanchez (tutor: Cindy Wilde) from Windsor on Pg. 3.

We will be sending the *Easy English Times* to all active tutors in the future. It's full of good learning tools and opportunities for adult learners to submit their writing for print. Copies of this publication will be available at all Sonoma County Library branch locations in their community resource areas.

Speaking of Student Writings in Print

The launch of the 2018 student writing collection project began with a letter sent to all tutors at the end of March. I hope you received yours.

Please encourage your learner to submit a writing and help them as needed. The deadline for all student writing submissions and release forms will be June 1st.

Need more information on this project? Contact Alisa at aadams@sonomalibrary.org

MAY 2018 New Tutor Trainings – Refer a Friend

New Tutors MUST ATTEND BOTH DATES (Part 1 & 2) to complete 6 hours of required training in Santa Rosa
May 2, 2018 6pm-8pm (Part 1 – Wednesday)
May 5, 2018 10am-2:30pm (Part 2 – Saturday)
RSVP to Melissa Trunick, Tutor Coordinator
707-544-2622 or mtrunick@sonomalibrary.org

FREE Tech Classes at Libraries April - May

These wonderful classes on tech skills are available at many branch locations – some offered in Spanish. The equipment is provided by the library and the classes are free, but space is limited, so you MUST sign up through the branch where you want to attend. Check out the enclosed Tech classes flyer listings or view more online at www.sonomalibrary.org

Share Your Library Story

It's National Library Week in April and we are welcoming all stories about how the library has served you or impacted your life. If you and your learner are willing to share a library story, please go online to

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P9CP79L>

Where you'll find three very brief questions and a space to share your library story with us.

Save the Date: Monday, May 7

For an expanded Tutor Training Workshop focused on Reading Comprehension Strategies.

The workshop will take place in Santa Rosa in the afternoon. Details will be sent out later in April.

Upcoming Holidays/Library Closures:

Monday, May 28 (Memorial Day)

Accomplishing Great Things

Learners tell us...

- I learned many new words, wrote them down in my notebook, discussed them with my tutor and the following week, wrote a document using these words.
- I watch a T.V. show with my son in English.
- I want to buy a house. I found a realtor and I'm in the process. I'm taking an English class in the J.C.

Tutors tell us...

- Learner recognizing her own learning process and what works best.
- Working on an article for the Easy English Times.
- (Obtained) new vocabulary from doing weekly writings.
- Learner is studying to take a test to become a manager at work.
- Learner is becoming an excellent speller.
- Learner likes the Mango Language program. We are on Chapter 4.
- Easy English Times was especially helpful this month (Feb 2018). The articles led us to look up more information online.
- Learning how to use new computer. Practicing for DMV test. Learning how to do a Google search.

Spring has returned.
The Earth is like a child who knows poems.

~Rainer Maria Rilke

April is Poetry Month

RISK

And then the day came,
when the risk
to remain tight
in a bud
was more painful
than the risk
it took
to Blossom

~Anais Nin

SLEEPING IN THE FORREST

I thought the earth remembered me, she
took me back so tenderly, arranging
her dark skirts, her pockets
full of lichens and seeds. I slept
as never before, a stone
on the riverbed, nothing
between me and the white fire of the stars
but my thoughts, and they floated
light as moths among the branches
of the perfect trees. All night
I heard the small kingdoms breathing
around me, the insects, and the birds
who do their work in the darkness. All night
I rose and fell, as if in water, grappling
with a luminous doom. By morning
I had vanished at least a dozen times
into something better.

~Mary Oliver