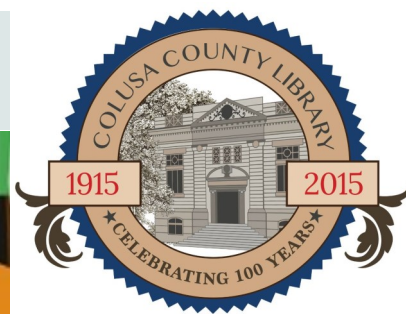


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BECOME A FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY!

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

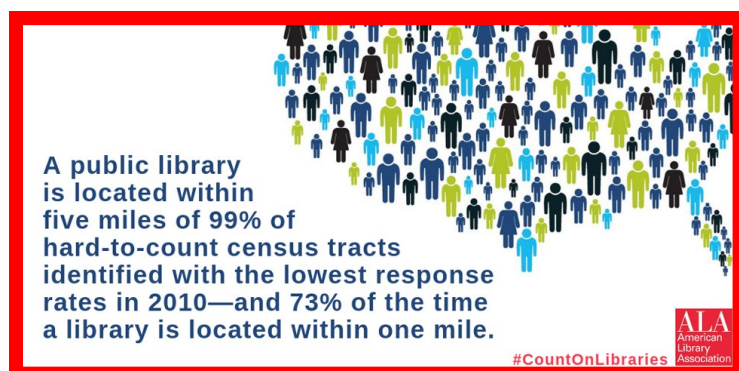


An accurate 2020 Census is crucial to ensuring your community has the services and representation it needs. With the Census moving to an almost exclusively online format, it has never been more difficult to ensure an accurate count. This is where the library plays a vital role. Our role as trusted community messengers, and our locations, often in hard-to-count rural, suburban, and urban areas, mean that we play a critical role in facilitating the public's right to be counted.

America's libraries are ideal partners to help address these challenges. Libraries are trusted institutions and experienced collaborators—providing information, technology, and training resources to enable Americans to connect with government for many purposes. With a convenient presence in communities across the country, from inner-city neighborhoods to remote tribal lands, libraries can help Census stakeholders reach the full range of audiences.

The Colusa County Free Library will be hosting several 2020 Census information seminars to help familiarize our patrons with the importance of the Census and its new process. Additionally, all branch libraries will host 2020 Census terminals, available for those who need access to internet, and will extend hours on April 1st to celebrate Census

Day 2020 and assist patrons with their entries. See the events calendar for additional information on programs.

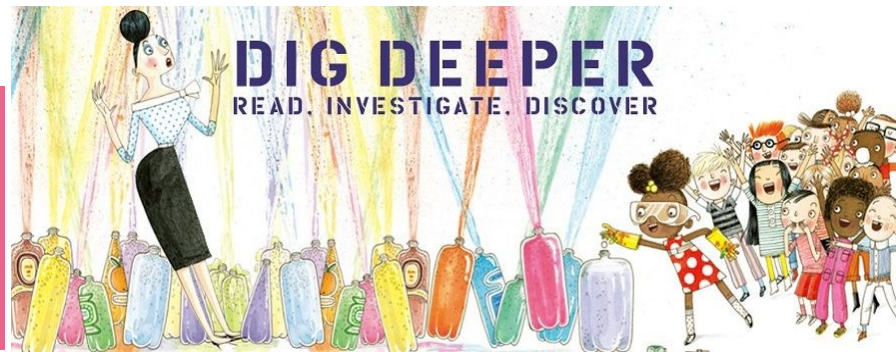


WINTER READING PROGRAM



Kids, ages 6-12 looking for something fun to do over the winter break can *Dig Deeper* with Jaycee Ash, Colusa High School senior, who will be hosting this year's Winter Reading Program. Winter reading programming can be a fun way to help your child beat the winter doldrums, encourage reading habits and a love of the library, and help to get them excited for the upcoming Summer Reading Program! This year's theme, *Dig Deeper: Read, Investigate, Discover*, is designed to encourage readers to expand their horizons beyond the commonplace, engaging a deeper level of exploration.

The program runs February 18-21, from 11:00-noon at the main branch in Colusa. Registration is required. Contact 458-7671 for additional information.



PAWS ★TO★READ

**10:00–11:00,
4th Saturday
of each
month, in
partnership
with FOCCAS**



PAWS TO READ

It's often said that a dog is man's best friend. But did you know that dogs, cats, birds, and pretty much any pet can be a friend to a struggling reader? Here are just a few ways practicing reading aloud to animals can benefit your child:

- 1. Motivation:** Often children will bond with the animal they are reading to and be motivated to visit that animal over and over again to read aloud.
- 2. Confidence:** Struggling and reluctant readers often lack confidence when reading, especially when reading aloud. When a child reads to an animal, there is no judgment. A child can stumble through a word, read at a choppy rate, or take an extended amount of time to read a passage. The animal remains a consistent listening companion. Over time, a child will begin to feel more comfortable reading aloud, thus building reading confidence.
- 3. Fluency:** Reading fluency, including reading speed and phrasing, improves with reading aloud and practicing the same material over and over. Animals don't mind if a child reads *Go, Dog, Go!* by P.D. Eastman twenty times. This safe listening environment provides opportunities for kids to rack up lots of practice time.
- 4. Reading for a Purpose:** The benefits of reading to animals aren't just for the children. Animals are also helped from the attention they receive. It gives kids a sense of purpose when they sense the animals are benefiting from their kindness and attention through the act of reading.

The Colusa County Free Library is proud to partner with Friends of the Colusa County Animal Shelter (FOCCAS) and Animal Control to host four-legged listeners on the fourth Saturday of each month from 10:00-11:00, where kids are encouraged to read out loud to their furry friends. Drop-in, no registration needed.

SCRABBLE CLUB

Join us at the Colusa Library every Tuesday at 1:00pm through March 24 for a morning of Scrabble play! Whether you're an expert speller, would like some practice, or want some good old-fashioned fun, Scrabble Club is for all adults!

Scrabble is a timeless game that has been enjoyed by people of all ages for decades. Scrabble teaches the essential building blocks of literacy, ESL and mathematics in a fun and engaging way! Not only can this board game improve literacy skills, there are also a number of health benefits to playing it:

- *Lowers the risk of mental illness.* This game will keep the mind stimulated and engaged, strengthening the brain.
- *Makes you happy.* Board games, such as scrabble, can be a fun activity and there's a

chance of a great deal of laughter during the game. By laughing, endorphins are increased, which is a chemical in the brain that triggers a feel-good response.

- *Reduces blood pressure.* Not only will the increase of endorphins promote feelings of happiness, it can also help to lower and maintain blood pressure levels.
- *Improves memory.* By participating in a game of Scrabble, the entire brain will become engaged, resulting in improved memory and cognitive skills.



For more information, or to sign up today, call 458-0373.

MASTER GARDENERS OF COLUSA COUNTY

Do you have gardening questions you'd like answered? Would you like to learn something new about landscaping? Stop by the Colusa Library the second Saturday of each month for a garden-related talk or demonstration by the UCCE Master Gardener Program of Colusa County. Each month will cover a different topic to improve your green thumb. Upcoming subjects include *Propagation* (February 8), *Pest Identification & Management* (March 14), and a *Rose Workshop* (April 11). Each program will occur from 10:00am-Noon.

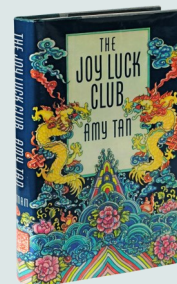
The Master Gardeners, who just celebrated their tenth year of service in Colusa County, also do a roundtable *Garden Chat* at the Arbuckle Library the last Tuesday of every month from 1:00-2:00pm. These meetings serve as a place to share gardening stories, successes, challenges, and an opportunity to learn from your neighbors. See what happens when you unplug, slow down, enjoy, and meet with fellow

gardeners. The next meeting of the *Garden Chat* series will occur on January 28.

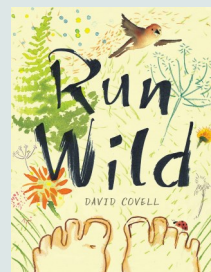
To find out more about how you can become a Master Gardener of Colusa County, visit cecolusa.ucanr.edu or call 458-0570.



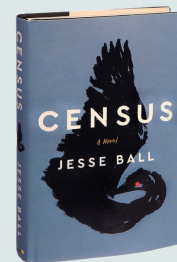
RECOMMENDED READS



Amy Tan's modern classic tale of four mothers and daughters is the 11th Virginia Yerxa Community Read selection.



Filled with the pleasures of being alive in the natural world, *Run Wild* is an exquisite and kid-friendly reminder of how wonderful life can be beyond doors and screens.



Mysterious and evocative, *Census* is a novel about free will, grief, the power of memory, and the ferocity of parental love.

Youth Programs

GROWING START

Princeton • Tuesdays • 8:30-9:30am

Maxwell • Wednesdays • 1:30-3:00pm

Stonyford • Thursdays • 11:00am-Noon

Growing Start is a Parent Playgroup program for children aged 6 weeks to 5 years and their parents/caregivers. This program follows Creative Curriculum and focuses on early learning and school readiness.

FAMILY STORY TIME

Maxwell • Tuesdays • 3:00-3:45pm

Grimes • Tuesdays • 4:30-5:15pm

Arbuckle • Wednesdays • 3:00-3:45pm

Williams • Wednesdays • 4:00-4:45pm

Colusa • Thursdays • 6:30-7:30pm

Join us for a fun afternoon of stories, crafts, and songs. Open to children of all ages! Call your local library for more information.

LEGO CLUB

Colusa • Tuesdays • 3:00-4:30pm

Arbuckle • Wednesdays • 4:00-5:00pm

Maxwell • Thursdays • 3:00-4:00pm

Williams • Thursdays • 4:30-5:30pm

Here, participants will create structures based on the week's theme, and their own imaginative creations. This program is for all ages, and all materials are provided. No registration necessary; call your local branch for more info.

COLUSA SPANISH STORY TIME

Wednesdays • 11:45am-12:30pm

Join us for a fun afternoon of stories, songs and activities in this bilingual story time. Open to children of all ages! Call 458-0379.

STEAM PROGRAM

Colusa • Thursdays • 3:00-4:30pm

Stonyford • Saturdays • 10:00-11:00am

The STEAM Program which is for grades 3-5, focuses on fun projects based on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics! No registration necessary; call 458-0379 for Colusa or 963-3722 for Stonyford.

RAISING A READER

Colusa • 2/13-4/16 • Thurs • 10-10:45am

Maxwell • 2/13-4/16 • Thurs • 12-12:45pm

Arbuckle • 2/14-4/17 • Fri • 10-10:45am

Williams • 2/14-4/17 • Fri • 12-12:45pm

Princeton • 2/18-4/21 • Tue • 8:30-9:30am

Colusa-Span • 2/19-4/22 • Wed • 11:45am

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. Register at your local library from 1/30-2/26. Call 458-0373 for info.

COLUSA VIRTUAL REALITY

1st Saturday • 10:00-12:00pm

Patrons 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 458-0129.

COLUSA SENSATIONAL SATURDAY

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 and activities geared towards children and families of all abilities. Call 458-0143.

PAWS TO READ

Colusa • 4th Saturday • 10:00-11:00am

In partnership with the Friends of the Colusa County Animal Shelter, this program provides library patrons the opportunity to snuggle up with a furry friend and enjoy a good book. Call 458-7671 for more information.

WINTER READING PROGRAM

Colusa • 2/18-2/21 • 11:00am-12:00pm

The Winter Reading Program will return to the Colusa Library on 2/18! Here participants will have the opportunity to hear stories, do fun activities, sing songs, and make crafts all with the same theme. Call 458-7671 for more info.

Adult Programs

COLUSA SCRABBLE CLUB

1/7-3/24 • Tuesdays • 1:00-2:30pm

Scrabble teaches the essential building blocks of literacy, ESL and mathematics in a fun and engaging way! This weekly program is open to adults and all materials are provided.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MTG.

Colusa • 1/13 • 12:00-1:00pm

Colusa • 2/10 • 12:00-1:00pm

Colusa • 3/9 • 12:00-1:00pm

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

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLUB

Colusa • 3/11-4/29 • Tues • 1:30-2:30pm

Come and practice your English for free. Improve your speaking and listening skills. Meet new friends! This is not an English as a Second Language class, but all levels are encouraged to come! Call 458-0373 for more information.

ARBUCKLE GARDEN CHAT

4th Tuesday • 1:00-2:00pm

Join the Master Gardeners of Colusa County in a monthly roundtable where patrons have the opportunity to meet other gardeners, and discuss landscaping interests. Call 476-2526.

COLUSA FRC FOOD PANTRY

Maxwell • Wednesdays • 1:30-2:00pm

Princeton • 3rd Tuesday • 2:00-2:30pm

Stonyford • 1st Thursday • 12-12:30pm

The Colusa Community in Unity Family Resource Center will provide pantry staples to families in need at no charge. For more information, call CAPC Colusa County at 458-7678.

ADULT LEARNER BOOK CLUB

Colusa • 1/8 & 2/19 • 1:30-2:30pm

Adult English learners meet at the Colusa branch once a month to discuss chapter books written specifically for literacy program students. Call 458-0373 for more information.

DROP-IN COMPUTER HELP

Colusa • Tuesdays • 5:30-7:15pm

(All other branches, by appointment)

Stop by the Colusa Library on Tuesday evenings for one-on-one computer assistance on the topic of your choice. To schedule an appointment, call 458-0129. All materials will be provided.

CENSUS INFORMATION SESSION

Arbuckle • 2/18 • 1:00-2:00pm

Colusa • 2/20 • 1:00-2:00pm

Grimes • 2/25 • 2:00-3:00pm

Maxwell • 2/27 • 2:00-3:00pm

Princeton • 3/3 • 11:00am-12:00pm

Stonyford • 3/5 • 1:00-2:00pm

Williams • 3/10 • 2:00-3:00pm

Colusa • 3/11 • 11:00am-12:00pm

Become informed about what to expect for the 2020 Census at one of these informational sessions. For more information, call 458-0129.

FRIENDS 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 plant for the seasons, feed/mulch, and more. Call 458-7671 for more info.

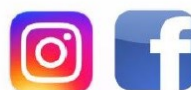
BRANCH INFORMATION

Library	Days Open	Operating Hours
Colusa 738 Market Street Colusa, CA 95932 458-7671	Monday Tuesday & Thursday Wednesday & Friday Saturday	9:00am—2:00pm 10:00am—8:00pm 10:00am—5:00pm 10:00am—2:00pm
Arbuckle 610 King Street Arbuckle, CA 95912 476-2526	Monday Tuesday Wednesday	1:00—6:00pm 10:00am—3:00pm 1:00—6:00pm
Grimes 240 Main Street Grimes, CA 95950 437-2428	Tuesday Thursday	2:00—7:00pm 2:00—7:00pm
Maxwell 34 Oak Street Maxwell, CA 95955 438-2250	Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	1:30—6:00pm 1:30—6:00pm 1:30—6:00pm
Princeton 232 Prince Street Princeton, CA 95970 439-2235	Tuesday Wednesday	8:00am—1:00pm 8:00am—5:00pm
Stonyford 5080 Lodoga Stonyford Road Stonyford, CA 95979 963-3722	Wednesday Thursday Saturday	11:00am—5:30pm 12:00—6:00pm 10:00am—2:00pm
Williams 901 E Street Williams, CA 95987 473-5955	Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	12:00—6:00pm 1:00—6:00pm 12:00—6:00pm

Library Closure Dates All Branches

1/1, New Year's Day
1/20, MLK Day
2/12, Lincoln's Birthday
2/17, President's Day
3/31, Cesar Chavez Day

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