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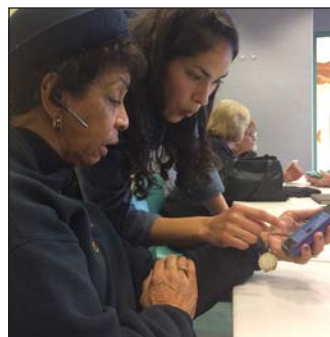
Spring 2017

Library Volunteers **918** "Pay it Forward"



Every day there is a library volunteer helping someone in Solano County: teaching an adult to read, demonstrating an iPhone app to a group of seniors, helping a child with a spelling worksheet. Whatever their assignment, whatever their passion, library volunteers are in the front lines, making our communities a better place to live. Library volunteers change lives.

Sometimes the change is dramatic — like when an adult literacy tutor helps a student earn a GED and get a better job. Often the changes made by volunteers are harder to quantify: when a homework volunteer unlocks the mystery of fractions to a 3rd grader, when a Book Buddy delivers a book to someone who is homebound, when a computer docent connects a grandmother



to her grandchildren on Facebook. Large and small, these everyday acts of service produce a ripple effect that benefit us all. "Volunteerism is the ultimate act of 'paying it forward,'" said Bonnie Katz, Solano County's director of library services.

Almost a thousand volunteers (918 to be exact) logged over 35,670 hours in fiscal year 2015-2016 as part of Solano County Library's volunteer program. Do the math and



and the library. "Volunteers bring their enthusiasm, their community connections and their unique perspectives on how best to improve their communities," said Katz. "We couldn't do what we do without them."

Are you ready to change a life and move our communities forward? Visit solanolibrary.com/volunteers or call 1-866-57-ASKUS to learn more.

this works out to 4,458 work days, 111 work weeks and over \$984,100 of money saved, according to the formula used by Independent Sector, a policy group of non-profits, foundations and corporations.

Volunteers in the library are much more than a cost-saving measure; they are a bridge between the community



ARTS & PERFORMANCES

JFK
My Words, My Music
Come for the concert, stay to collaborate on poetry and music.
 All ages.

Sat, 3/18, 2:30 p.m.

VTS
Davis Barbershop Harmony Society Concert
 Tues, 3/21, 7 p.m.

COR
Charged Particles Jazz
 Sat, 4/22, 2 p.m.

JFK
Poetry Reading & Open Mic
 Sat, 4/15, 2 p.m.

VTS
Old Time Radio: Sounds of Suspense
 Fri, 4/28, 12 p.m.

FCC
Ikebana: Japanese Flower Arranging
 Sat, 5/13, 10:30 a.m.



VCC
CalFresh Food Bank Signups
 4th Wednesdays, 2 p.m.

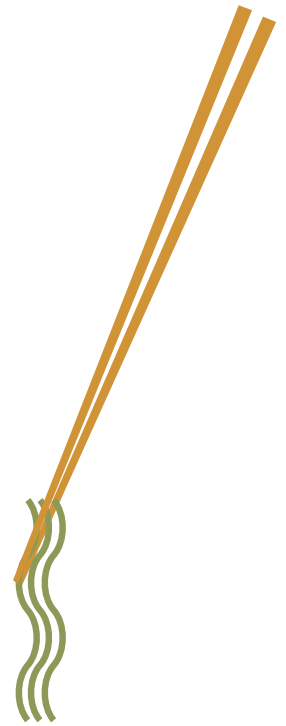
SPR
Eatwell Farms CSA Pickup
 Thursdays, 12-9 p.m.

FCC
Easy and Healthful Cooking Demo
 Sat, 3/18, 10:30 a.m.

FCC
Teen Kitchen Corner-Veggie Wraps
 Thurs, 3/30, 3:30 p.m.

COR
Kimchi Making
 Thurs, 4/6, 6 p.m.

FCC
Trivia Night at Crush Wine Bar
 846 Texas St., Fairfield
 Mon, 4/17, 6:30 p.m.



SUI
Taste of Asia
Traditional costumes & food
 Sat, 5/13, 10:30 a.m.

Makers

RIO
Sewing Class
 2nd and 4th Tuesdays,
 1 p.m.

RIO
Hoverboards: Make One, Ride One
 Wednesdays, 3 p.m.

SPR
Maker Mania
 2nd Wednesdays,
 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

March – Paper Airplane Contest
April- Helicopter Launcher
May- Water Squirter

VCC
Musical Instruments
 Tues, 3/21, 3:30 p.m.

JFK
MaKey MaKey & FairyTale STEM kits
 Sat, 4/8, 3 p.m.

SUI
Earth Day: Make a Bird Feeder & Seed Starter
 Thurs, 4/20, 3 p.m.



and More...

JFK
Anime/Manga
 Mondays in March, 4 p.m.

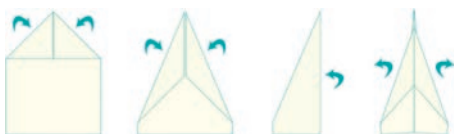
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Dr. Seuss Day
 Wed, 3/1, 3:30 p.m.

COR
Dr. Seuss Day
 Mon, 3/6, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

VCC
Bohart Museum: Meet the Bugs!
 Tues, 3/7, 3:30 p.m.



JFK
Celebrate Reading with Author Matthew Gollub
 Sat, 3/11, 2 p.m.





In honor of Women's History Month, the Solano County Library, supported by a generous donation from the committee for the Women's History Luncheon under the auspices of the Solano County Library Foundation, will present a speaker series and workshops to support and foster the development of woman-owned and operated businesses.

Speaker Saturdays

Speaker Saturdays is a series featuring a women-owned and operated success story followed with an informational component to support and encourage future entrepreneurs.

The event will feature individualized accounts of personal successes and challenges of women in the business world. Roxana Damas of **Diversity RD Global**, Christina Baird of **Little Wing Connections** and Alexis Koefoed of **Soul Food Farm** have incredible stories to share.

John F. Kennedy Library, Vallejo

March 4 • 2-5 p.m.

Roxana Damas **Diversity RD Global**

with the Solano Small Business Development Center

Fairfield Civic Center Library

March 11 • 2-5 p.m.

Christina Baird **Little Wing Connections**

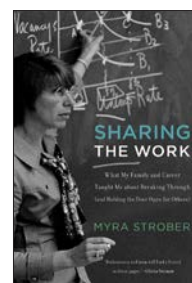
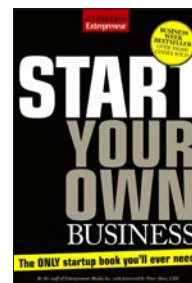
with Manjul Batra of Cooperative Realty & Ajanta Enterprises

Vacaville Town Square Library

March 18 • 2-5 p.m.

Alexis Koefoed **Soul Food Farm**

with Maria DeSousa, physician and medical consultant



Travis Credit Union presents Women & Money

The Travis Thursday sessions will focus on specific challenges women have for money management, security, stability and the path to financial empowerment.

Fairfield Cordelia Library

March 2 • 6-8 p.m.

Rio Vista Library

March 9 • 6-8 p.m.

Suisun City Library

March 16 • 6-8 p.m.



SUI

College Info Session for Teens & Adults

Tues, 3/21, 6 p.m.

JFK

Money Matters Workshop

Wed, 3/22, 12 p.m.

VTS

Sac City Rollers Roller Derby Team

Thurs, 3/23, 7 p.m.

FCC

Adult Literacy

Volunteers interested in becoming an adult literacy tutor can attend either orientation:

Sat, 4/8, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

OR

Wed, 4/12, 6-8 p.m.

JFK

Children's Day/ Dia de los Ninos

Sat, 4/29, 2 p.m.

SUI

Staying Busy This Summer for Teens

Tues, 5/16, 6 p.m.

SPR

Touch a Truck

Sat, 5/20, 2 p.m.

JFK

Drive Away Happy

Car Buying Tips from Travis Credit Union
Mon, 5/22, 6:30 p.m.





The Art of Conversation

Tim Madigan knows how to teach the difference between a past and perfect participle but that's not what the people who attend his English conversation groups need. "They are really comfortable with grammar. They may have an accent and speak slowly, that's why the conversation groups are so popular."

Madigan leads the groups at Solano County's Family Justice Center as well as at the Fair-

field Cordelia Library. Before becoming a librarian he taught English in Korea, Mexico and Saudi Arabia. He knows what it is like to be a stranger in a strange land. "When I was in Mexico City with native speakers I was always three sentences behind. I never could get fast enough to contribute."

The conversation groups, which have expanded to the Vacaville Public Library-Town

Square and the John F. Kennedy Library in Vallejo, are an opportunity for English learners to relax and practice their English with other supportive learners.

"A few years ago I did a survey of 300 tweens and asked them to complete the question: 'Something I have always wanted to do is... ' Their number one answer was to learn a new language," said Madigan.



Learn a language online for free with Mango Languages. Mango has 72 languages to teach, from Bengali to Yiddish. Pick one and conquer the world!

English Conversation Groups

Fairfield Cordelia Library

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Vacaville Public Library -Town Square

Thursdays, 1 p.m.

John F. Kennedy Library, Vallejo

2nd Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Family Justice Center

604 Empire St. in Fairfield

Thursdays, 9 a.m.

Mandarin for Kids

While learning a language that is in high demand and in short supply can be good for a career, the children in volunteer Hwumeei Wei's conversational Mandarin class are just having fun. Wei's class for 8 to 12 year-olds and their parents is on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. at the Fairfield Cordelia Library. For younger children, volunteer Annie Woo leads a Mandarin storytime on Saturdays.



SOLANO COUNTY LIBRARY

Solano County Library Headquarters

1150 Kentucky St
Fairfield CA 94533

Tel 866-572-7587
Fax 707-421-7474

Fairfield Civic Center Library
1150 Kentucky Street
Fairfield, CA 94533

Monday-Thursday: 10-9
Friday & Saturday: 10-5
Sunday: 1-5

Fairfield Cordelia Library
5050 Business Center Dr.
Fairfield, CA 94534

Monday & Wednesday: 10-6
Tuesday & Thursday: 10-9
Friday & Saturday: 10-5
Sunday: 1-5

Suisun City Library
601 Pintail Drive
Suisun City, CA 94585

Monday & Wednesday: 10-6
Tuesday & Thursday: 10-9
Friday & Saturday: 10-5
Sunday: Closed

Rio Vista Library
44 S. 2nd Street
Rio Vista, CA 94571

Monday & Wednesday: 10-6
Tuesday & Thursday: 10-9
Friday & Saturday: 10-5
Sunday: Closed

Vallejo-John F. Kennedy Library
505 Santa Clara Street
Vallejo, CA 94590

Monday & Wednesday: 10-9
Tuesday & Thursday: 10-6
Friday & Saturday: 10-5
Sunday: 1-5

Vallejo-Springtowne Library
1003 Oakwood Avenue
Vallejo, CA 94591

Monday & Wednesday: 10-6
Tuesday & Thursday: 10-9
Friday & Saturday: 10-5
Sunday: Closed

Vacaville Public Library-Cultural Center
1020 Ulatis Drive
Vacaville, CA 95687

Monday-Thursday: 10-9
Friday & Saturday: 10-5
Sunday: 1-5

Vacaville Public Library-Town Square
1 Town Square Place
Vacaville, CA 95688

Monday & Wednesday: 10-6
Tuesday & Thursday: 10-9
Friday & Saturday: 10-5
Sunday: 1-5

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