



The Literacy Circle



Camarena Memorial Library

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Take a look at the ongoing and new programs the library has to offer. From our “ARTsy Tuesdays” and “Let’s Talk conversation group” to our new “Tutoring Program K-12” and “Citizenship Class”

There is something for everyone at the library!

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Meet our new tutors!

Ruby, Melissa & Litzzy

For this issue of the Literacy Circle, we wanted you to meet our newest volunteer tutors and get to know them a little bit!

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Meet our NEW TUTORS!

Ruby

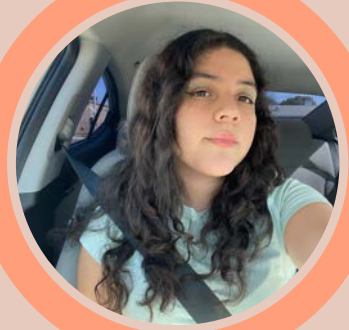
Favorite Book: Before I Fall by Lauren Oliver

Hobbies: Painting w/ acrylics, playing videogames and helping my close ones learn English

Likes: Go shopping

Dislikes: When things are not correctly in place and rude people

Favorite part of tutoring: My favorite part of tutoring is being able to have new experiences. Not only do I get to meet new people but I've developed my ability to socialize and be able to keep a conversation. I got out of my comfort zone and it has made me more confident. I am thankful for it.



Litzzy

Favorite book: The House fo Scorpion and Airhead

Hobbies: Some of my hobbies are baking, reading and painting

Likes: I like reading and helping others

Dislikes: I dislike conflicts

Favorite part of tutoring: My favorite part about tutoring is learning and growing together with my learner. I enjoy helping others reach their goals as well as forming connections with them in the process.



Melissa

Favorite book: Better than the movies by Lynn Painter

Hobbies: Reading and baking

Likes: Movies, driving, reading

Dislikes: Spiders, crowded places, historical fiction books

Favorite part of tutoring: My favorite part of tutoring is the moment when the student understands something that they've been working hard on for a while and getting to see the joy on their face



We are waiting for you!

Join us & positively impact the life of an adult learner :)

BECOME A LITERACY TUTOR!

Need more information on how to become a volunteer and help an adult reach their reading and writing goals?

Or perhaps you or someone you know wants to enroll as a learner to improve their English reading and writing skills?

Visit our website <https://calexicolibrary.org/adults/als>

Give us a call to the library at: (760) 768-2170 or send an email to: library@calexico.ca.gov

Library Programming

Senior Wednesday!
February 21
5:00 - 6:30 pm
Different activities for you!



On Thursdays we have:
-STEAM Lab
-Lego Play Day
-Puzzle Play Day
Check the calendar for more information!



-Paint Time
-Movie Time
Starting at 3:30 pm on Fridays
Check the calendar for dates



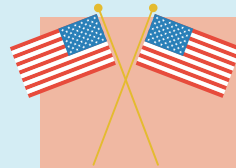
Read Across America Family Night
March 7th
5:00 pm
Check our calendar soon for registration dates!



New Programs!

K-12 Tutoring Program

We are now offering IN-PERSON Tutoring Services! Call or stop by the library to reserve your student (K-12th) spot. You may sign up a child for one-30 minute slot twice per week.



Citizenship Class

We started offering a Citizenship Preparation Class this winter. We are very excited! Class is already full, but if you wish to be considered for the next time we offer it, do not hesitate to contact us to be added to the wait list.

In the meantime, take advantage of the resources LearningExpress Library offers. It gives you access to Citizenship preparation materials such as an eBook, flashcards and test practice opportunities.

Visit our website to access it:
<https://calexicolibrary.org/resources>

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Take a look at our monthly calendar through our website:
<https://calexicolibrary.org/calendar>

Highlight Resources

Juneteenth:

Audiobook - On Juneteenth by Annette Gordon-Reed (3hrs 44min)

Available on Hoopla:

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/14051492>



Independence Day:

Children's book - Let's celebrate Independence Day by Barbara deRubertis

Available on The Palace Project App



Senior Citizens Day:

Online platform - GetSetUp offers hundreds of online classes for adults 55 and over to learn new skills, connect with others and unlock new life experiences.

Available for free when you join from our website!



Upcoming Literacy Events

Let's Talk Conversation Group

Every Thursday

5:30 - 6:30 pm

Join in person or via Zoom

Meeting ID 833 9356 2385

Passcode 177961



Library Learners Book Club

Jan 16, Feb 13 & Mar 19

5:30 - 6:30 pm

Join in person or via Zoom

Meeting ID: 892 0431 3824

Passcode: 550772



Family Literacy Nights

Jan 29 & Feb 26

5:00 - 6:00 pm

'A gem of a book. Quirky, deadpan, poignant, and quietly profound, a gift to anyone who has ever felt at odds with the world.'—RUTH OZEKI, author of *A Tale for the Time Being*

CONVENIENCE
STORE
WOMAN
SAYAKA MURATA

A NOVEL



The Literacy Circle Book Recommendation Convenience Store Woman by Sayaka Murata

Thirty-six-year-old Tokyo resident Keiko Furukara has never fit in—neither in her family, nor in school—but when at the age of eighteen she begins working at the Hiromachi branch of national convenience store chain Smile Mart, she realizes instantly that she has found her purpose in life. Delighted to be able to exist in a place where the rules of social interaction are crystal clear (many are laid out line by line in the store's manual), Keiko does her best to copy the dress, mannerisms, and mode of speech of her colleagues, playing the part of a "normal" person excellently, more or less. Keiko is the perfect employee—never late, always worrying about how to maximize sales, brilliantly conscientious and highly energetic. Managers come and go but Keiko remains at the store for eighteen years. It's almost hard to tell where the store ends and she begins. Keiko is very happy in her life, but the people close to her, from her family to her coworkers, pressure her to settle down with a man and to find a proper profession. Eventually, she is pushed to make a huge change. The static world of Keiko is upended—but will it be for the better?

Available on Hoopla - 3hr 22min

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/audiobook/convenience-store-woman-sayaka-murata/12050660>

Do you have any questions on how to access any of these resources?

Want to know more about our Literacy services?

Do not hesitate to give us a call at (760) 768-2170

or send an email to: library@calexico.ca.gov



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“Make it a rule never to give a child a book you would not read yourself.”

- George Bernard Shaw