

Camarena Memorial Library

Summer 2023

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## *Tutor & Learner Spotlight!*

Kassandra and Salvador

For this issue of the Literacy Circle, we are bringing back one of our learners, Salvador Villalon but now in company of his tutor Kassandra Perez. Continue reading to find out more about their progress and experience so far with the tutoring program.

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## *Family Summer Reading Program 2023*

Are you ready for the summer? The Camarena Memorial Library started its summer program with activities for all ages! From babies to elementary aged kids, to teens and adults. There is something for everyone, so check our calendar and schedule and sign up NOW!

Continue reading for more information!



# Tutor & Learner Spotlight

## **For Mr. Villalon - How has your tutor helped you improve?**

She is a good tutor, she always helps me, she is always ready to provide the necessary books and answer my questions.

## **For Kassandra - What do you take with you after experiencing helping an adult improve their reading & writing skills?**

I have had so many experiences because each learner has their own way of learning and I have learned how to adapt. I have learned how to look for resources that could help them, sometimes if the book does not provide the resources, I try to search them up or look them up so that way it could work best for them. I am taking a lot of good comments and stories they have told me; I love to share with them some of my stories. That's basically what I'm taking, the good memories and the good experiences.

## **For both - What is a goal that you have completed or are very close to complete?**

Mr. Villalon: So, for me is to speak, write and read in English.

Kassandra: My goal is to come back and help more, my plan is to have the same learners and even add a little bit more. If I can have more than 8 I will, because I want to help more people out. So, my goal is to come back and continue helping them achieve their goals.

## **For both - Any new goal that you have in mind for the future?**

Kassandra: What he [Mr. Villalon] has told me so far, his goal is to finish his whole book (shown in the pictures), and to finish the 2 books I assigned him to read, and he wants to complete the learning upgrade app.

## **For Mr. Villalon - Can you share some words to invite someone to become a tutor at the library?**

With Kassandra I had more time than with my last tutor, she is very good, her strategies are very good, and I learned so much.

## **For Kassandra - Can you share some words to invite an adult to become a learner/student?**

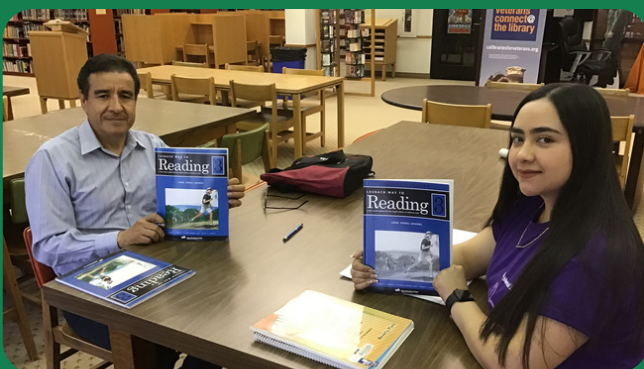
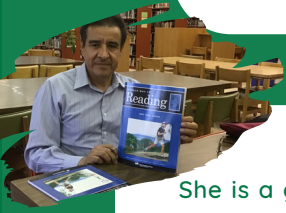
My words would be to not be shy; I know at first it could be hard the first couple of sessions, but we all are here to learn as well as myself that I'm a tutor. I would tell them to come to the program, by the end of the day you would have learned something new. I would recommend them to come and invite them because it's never too late to learn English and that is something my learners have taught me, that is never too late to do things and that's something that keeps me motivated too.

**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 want to enroll as a learner to improve your English reading and writing skills?**

**Give us a call to the library at: (760) 768-7480 or  
(760) 768-2170**

**Or send an email to: [library@calexico.ca.gov](mailto:library@calexico.ca.gov)**



# Family Summer Reading Program 2023

Our summer program started on  
June 20  
and will run until August 10 and it's  
**FREE!**



Activities for all the family!  
-Read to Me Club 0-5 years old  
-Reading Club 1st - 6th grade  
-Teen Club 7th - 12th grade  
-Adult Club 18+

Log in your reading and join us for  
the award parties and receive prizes  
at the end of the summer!  
(Prizes for children and teens only)



Check the full schedule in our website  
<https://calexicolibrary.org>  
or visit us at the library to get a copy!

**YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP!**

**Scan the QR code  
and sign up NOW!**



# Highlight Summer Dates

## June 19 - Juneteenth

Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, when Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas to announce the end of slavery. This proclamation, known as General Order No. 3, declared that all slaves were now free almost two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation had been issued. Juneteenth symbolizes the belated arrival of freedom to the enslaved African American community and serves as a reminder of the struggles they endured.

-- <https://www.govinfo.gov/features/juneteenth-2023>

## July 4 - Independence Day

Independence Day, also called Fourth of July, commemorates the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. The Declaration announced the separation of the 13 North American colonies from Great Britain.

## August 21 - Senior Citizens Day

American Presidency Project, Proclamation 5847  
—National Senior Citizens Day, 1988:  
"Throughout our history, older people have achieved much for our families, our communities, and our country. That remains true today, and gives us ample reason this year to reserve a special day in honor of the senior citizens who mean so much to our land."

Ronald Reagan - 40th President of the United States: 1981 - 1989

Want to learn more about these  
highlighted dates?

See next page for more resources such as  
eBooks, audiobooks and online platforms.

All available for free through Camarena  
Memorial Library

## Highlight Dates - 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

Join in person or via Zoom

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Library Learners Book Club

July 25 & August 15

5:30 - 6:30

Join in person or via Zoom

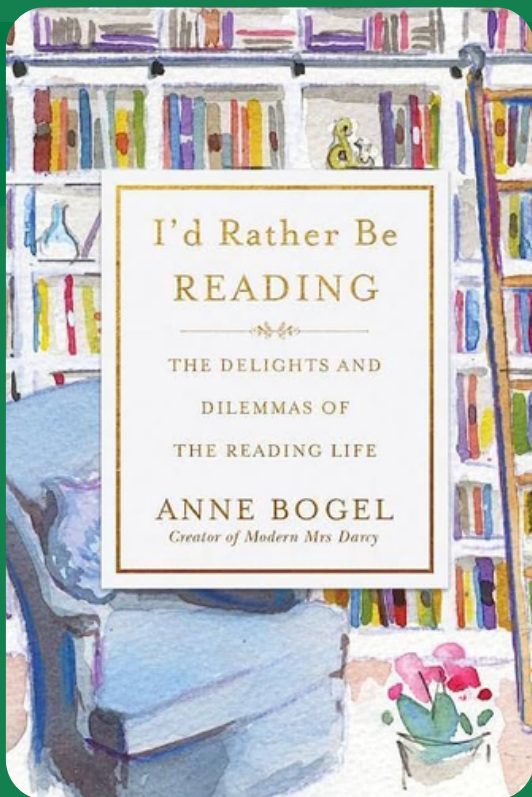
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Family Literacy Night

July 31

5:00 - 6:00

Join in person only

Bring your children!



## **THE LITERACY CIRCLE BOOK RECOMMENDATION** **'I'D RATHER BE READING BY ANNE BOGEL**

### The Delights and Dilemmas of the Reading Life

For so many people, reading isn't just a hobby or a way to pass the time--it's a lifestyle. Our books shape us, define us, enchant us, and even sometimes infuriate us. Our books are a part of who we are as people, and we can't imagine life without them. "I'd Rather Be Reading" is the perfect literary companion for everyone who feels that way. In this collection of charming and relatable reflections on the reading life, beloved blogger and author Anne Bogel leads readers to remember the book that first hooked them, the place where they first fell in love with reading, and all of the moments afterward that helped make them the reader they are today.

Available on Hoopla & for checkout at the library

Hoopla Audiobook (2hrs 23min): <https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/12182588>

Find it at the library as: 028 BOG

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"I read a book one day and my whole life was changed" - Orhan Pamuk  
Novelist, screenwriter, academic and recipient of the 2006 Nobel Prize in Literature