



CAMARENA MEMORIAL LIBRARY

# The Literacy Circle



Camarena Memorial Library

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Our English as second language class started in early October and our wait list is open all year long. The class is FREE and open to Calexico & Imperial Valley residents, three times per week from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Contact our literacy staff for more information and to schedule an appointment!

See "Carnegie Programming" for more information on how to sign up



## Tutor/Learner Interview

Jessica & Salvador

On this occasion we are sharing a brief interview from a tutor and learner about their experience in the Adult Literacy Services program

Keep reading to find more and how sign up

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# Tutor/Learner Interview

## Jessica

### What made you want to sign up for the tutoring program?

A: My desire to sign up for the program ran deeper than simply wanting to give back to my community. My dad is a non-English speaker who always struggled to communicate in English and I wanted to grow up into someone who could have helped him when I was young.

### How are you liking the program so far and what is your favorite part of tutoring?

A: It's honestly a privilege to be a part of a program that only seeks to give others help. Not to mention the staff makes being a part of the team fun. Seeing my student finally gain confidence in themselves; however, is my favorite part

### What is something that you have experienced in the tutoring program that you take with you?

A: This experience has taught me that no matter the age, the background, we all can learn from one another

### Could you share some words to encourage others to become tutors?

A: It's not about being the perfect tutor -- it's more about always being willing to show up, listen and care

## Salvador

### What do you think about the library's tutoring program?

A: I think the library's tutoring program is one's better strategy to learn English to all the persons that did not have the opportunity to study before. I think this is a good program. Thank you

### What is something that you have learned with your tutor, recently? How has your tutor helped you learn new things?

A: In this summer I learned so much than last year, because I didn't see the importance to know phonics in my vocabulary. My tutor is always ready to help me and answers all my questions. She is a good person

### Do you like the materials provided by the program?

A: Yes! I like them. The materials are good and I use them to study in my home

### Could you share some words to encourage others to join the program as learners?

A: Of course! It is never late to study English. Learn English, we have more options to live better



**Want to become a learner and improve your reading and writing skills?**

**Here is how you can contact us to get more information:**

**Visit the Carnegie Technology Center at 420 Heber Ave for information in person**

**Monday through Thursday from 3pm - 7pm**

**Give us a call at (760) 357-5525**

**Send us an email at [library@calexico.ca.gov](mailto:library@calexico.ca.gov)**



# Library Programming

## Lunch at the Library

Every day the library is open at 2:30pm

## Babies, Toddlers & Preschoolers

Baby time & Storytime!

## School-aged Children

Artsy Tuesdays, Board Game Play, Lego Play  
Day

## Teen Times

The third Wednesday of the month at 3:30 pm

## Adults

Cooking w/ Lizabeth, Let's R.E.A.D., &  
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# Carnegie Programming

## Computer Class

Tuesdays

from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

## English as Second Language

Tuesday-Thursday

from 5:30 to 7:00 pm

Join the waitlist today!

## Citizenship Class

Winter Break

Contact library staff for more information

## Let's Talk Conversation Group

1st & 3rd Thursday of the month

from 5:30 to 6:30 pm

## Library Learners Book Club

3rd Tuesday of the month

from 5:30 to 6:30 pm

## Artsy Adults

Thursdays once per month

from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Check calendar for specific date

**Call us for more information or to sign-up!**

**Monday thru Thursday from 3 pm - 7 pm**

**(760) 357-5525**

**Be in the know of all the programming available at the library and the technology center.**

**Scan the QR code and discover all the events we have for you !**



## Parenting Corner

### Children's Programming

Painting Monday  
Chess Club  
Board Games and more...

Check the monthly calendar for specific dates & times



### Family Literacy Nights

December 29 at 5:00 pm  
January 26 at 5:00 pm  
February 23 at 5:00 pm

For participants of the Adult Literacy Services Programs and their families



Homework Help is offered Mon - Thu from 3 pm - 4 pm & no sign-up is needed



K-9 Tutoring is offered Mon - Thurs from 3:00 - 5:30 & sign-up is needed. Call the library to reserve your spot!

# ENGLISH GRAMMAR → 100 ← Tragically Common Mistakes\*

\*and How to  
Correct Them

Sean Williams



## The Literacy Circle Book Recommendation English Grammar by Sean Williams

The practical English grammar guide for perfect writing. Gone are the days when you worry about embarrassing yourself with pesky misplaced modifiers or dreaded double negatives. Next time you have a nagging grammar question, pick up this practical guide and write with clarity and confidence.

English Grammar spares you the lessons and cuts right to the answers. Designed for fast reference, this book makes it easy to avoid the most cringe-worthy mistakes in the English language-and maybe even make your grade school grammar teacher proud.

Everyone makes mistakes-but with this English grammar guide you'll make a lot fewer of them. Period.

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Download it today!



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“Reading is an exercise in empathy; an exercise in walking in someone else’s shoes for a while.”

- Malorie Blackman

## Online Resources

### Learning Upgrade

Practice your English from your phone or computer!

For teens in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and above & Adults that are enrolled in our Adult Literacy Services programs

### Mango Languages

Learn a new language with Mango!  
Over 70 languages available

It's free with your library card

### ParentTV

Thousands of on-demand parenting videos and courses with content designed to support those who care for children

