
August 2021 Newsletter
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Resource Spotlight

Career Online High School

Earn High School Diploma

Butte County Library is offering scholarships to enroll in **Career Online High School Diploma (COHS)** where adults can receive a high school diploma. This is an accredited high school program for adults who have long yearned to complete their high school education. Courses are provided

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NewsBank Hot Topics

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FINANCE: Worldwide - Rising Food Prices

TOPIC: Food prices around the world are rising the fastest they have in ten years. What are some of the factors causing this sharp rise in prices? How does the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) track and measure global food prices and what countries are suffering the most?

SEARCH TERMS: "Food and Agriculture Organization" AND food AND (prices OR inflation)

CRIME AND LAW: Israel – Surveillance Software Abused

TOPIC: NSO Group licenses its Pegasus surveillance software technology for use against terrorists and criminals, but sells it to authoritarian governments. Documents released to a consortium of media groups seem to prove that these governments have used it against opposition politicians, activists, leaders of other countries, and journalists targeting their smart phones. What are some of the governments who are customers of NSO Group? Who are some of the people whose phones were targeted? What has been the international reaction to these revelations?

SEARCH TERMS: "NSO Group" AND Pegasus

TECHNOLOGY: Communication through Brain Waves

TOPIC: Researchers have found a way to make use of a paralyzed man's brain waves that allows him to make sentences on a computer screen. How does this technology work? How advanced is the language this system is capable of handling and what kind of research is being done to improve it?

SEARCH TERMS: "brain waves" AND paralyzed AND computer AND "Dr. Edward Chang"

MOVIES AND TELEVISION: The Sitcom

TOPIC: CNN is running a documentary series called the History of the Sitcom. What is a sitcom and how did this kind of television program develop in the United States to become a popular format around the world? What were some of the ways sitcoms have tried to reflect realities of American life yet still remain popular? What were some early attempts by sitcoms to provide role models who idealized American life?

SEARCH TERMS: (sitcoms OR "situation comedies") AND (controversial OR controversy OR history)

Branch Programs

Durham:

Kid's Crafternoon Tuesday, August 24th - Fall Fun grab-n-go kit.
Adult Crafternoon Tuesday, August 17th - Coloring Fun grab-n-go kit.

Gridley:

"Color Your World: the Gridley edition" - Adult coloring club meets on Thursdays @ 11am. Bring your own materials or use ours. All ages welcome.

KID'S CLUB - Wednesdays @ 3pm in Gridley

Looking for a great way to spend an afternoon? Join your friends at the Gridley Library for awesome games, LEGOs, crafts, and the best movies! Every week is a different activity!

L'I L BITTIES - Fridays @ 10am in Gridley

Li'l Bitties is a storytime for ages 0-5. Join us for stories, crafts, songs, & fun.

The Curious Minds Homeschooling Club

1:00-3:00PM, Sept 16, Oct 14, Nov 18 & Dec 16 2021

Oroville:

PM Thinking Readers will meet to discuss "Of Human Kindness, What Shakespeare Teaches us About Empathy" by Paula M Cohen in the Oroville Meeting room Tuesday, September 7th @ 7pm. August meeting was cancelled.

AM Thinking Readers meet Wed. August 18th @ 10am in the Oroville meeting room. They will be discussing "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson.

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Updates from Literacy

Literacy Through Conversation

Practice English conversation NOW every Monday via Zoom 3:30pm - 4:30pm. [Sign up here](#) to receive Zoom meeting

Volunteer Tutor Training

November 13th 9:00am - 3:00pm

Oroville Library, 1820 Mitchell Ave

Help an adult learn to read. Change a life and it just might be yours!

Give us a call to sign up: 530.552.5650

Science is Everywhere - a Family Literacy Event at Sierra Avenue School

Family Literacy Services enjoyed exploring literacy while being curious and acknowledging "Science is Everywhere" with Sierra Avenue School's summer reading services. A total of 113 children and their teachers looked closely, noted observations and talked to one another as they identified rocks and other natural collections on July 14th with the Literacy team.

The Family Literacy Coach on the road

The Family Literacy Coach continued to be a presence in our community over the summer months with outdoor stops at summer camps, a Breakfast with Books appearance and our Monday "Did you know" days.

Every Monday the 36ft Literacy Coach with its photo of Parke (a local adult learner) and his wise words, "its never too late to learn to read" could be found providing WIFI access and asking "did you know you can become a volunteer tutor at your library?" at the SavMor Market in Magalia as well as at the River Bend park in Oroville. Staff were

greeted with smiles and glee to see the beloved Coach out and about in our community.

The Family Literacy Coach also enjoyed outings on July 7th and August 4th to the Feather River Recreation Center's summer camps providing 5 programs to 77 children who enjoyed an obstacle course, music garden, picture booth all before choosing a book to tuck under their arm and take home.

Breakfast with Books on July 21st offered a chance to greet 75+ adults/caregivers who stopped by the Family Literacy Coach to select a book for their home. Some parents even helped us celebrate all the different ways we read beyond a book by contributing to our Sweet Readings bulletin board by writing on a "gum ball" observation like menus, cell phone, name badge and street signs to name a few.

The Family Literacy Coach is relishing our time out on the road again!

Dial-A-Story - 530.869.6999

Family Literacy Services enjoys sending a book into homes all over the County that can be enjoyed with a mere phone call. We received 98 phone calls to hear a story in the month of July. New children and adult stories are being added monthly, including stories read by familiar voices from your library.

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