



BrainFuse is one of the online resources the library introduced last year in response to the pandemic. BrainFuse offers on demand eLearning for all ages and levels. BrainFuse is available through the vencolib.org website from any computer with internet connection seven days a week from 1 pm to 10 pm.

Ventura Friends of the Library has announced an initial gift of \$7,000 from Aera Energy LLC to kick off its funding campaign for Ventura County Libraries online tutoring program BrainFuse.

"it is no secret that our students are struggling during this pandemic and we need to do what we can to support continued learning," explains Michele Newell, public affairs representative for Aera Energy. BrainFuse is a free program families can use to keep students on track and provide them the extra help they may need. We are partnering with Ventura Friends of the Library because Aera has always been a steadfast supporter of education and programs that help our children be their absolute best. They are our future and we are keenly invested in the future of our community."

Nancy Schram, Ventura County Library Director, added that "the generous donation of Aera has made it possible for the Library to support students throughout the County with free access to live online homework tutoring in both English and Spanish with their library card. From April 2020 to February 2021 there were almost 2000 uses of this resource. Thank you to Aera Energy for making this possible and supporting children in our community."

Virtual Storytime On Facebook!

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
10:30 am Globetrotting Storytime on Facebook	10:30 am Storytime on Facebook	10:30 am Storytime on Facebook	10:30 am STEAM Storytime on Facebook	10:30 am Storytime on Facebook	10:30 am Storytime on Facebook
	7:00 pm Bilingual Bedtime Stories on Facebook	3:30 pm Art Lessons on Facebook	7:00 pm Bedtime Stories on Facebook		
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Past episodes available on

Join your favorite Ventura County librarians for Storytime Live on Ventura County Library's Facebook page.

You can subscribe to Ventura County Library YouTube Channel for playlists that can be played any time, featuring Storytimes, Songs & Rhymes, Bilingual Stories & Songs, Picture Book and Chapter Book Read-Alouds.

Staff has produced 466 live Storytime programs on Facebook which have had 61,901 unique views. Staff created 301 YouTube videos for both adults and children which have received 18,122 total views

SPRING READING CHALLENGE

Beginning in April, Ventura County Library is offering a Spring Reading Challenge using a reading program creation tool called Beanstack.

Read books, play games, and win prizes!

Registration is required at vencolib.org/beanstack

Kids are encouraged to read books and log reading minutes. After reading 500 minutes, readers may collect one free book to add to their home libraries.

Adults in this challenge may submit an entry everytime they read a book, be they traditional books, audiobooks, or eBooks. You can log up to 100 titles throughout the duration of the challenge, and each title is a chance to win a prize.

A Summer Reading Challenge will also be offered.

Although the focus for the summer will not be on performers, librarians are actively looking into hosting some outdoor events as long as there aren't any restrictions for that by Summertime. Various grab and go activity kits will be provided along with book pickups. These kits have been a way to showcase the library collections, a way to engage with families as they are staying & schooling at home, and truly a fantastic way to stay connected with the communities the library serves.

The Friends are eager to support the Summer Reading Program in any way that we can.



Join the library's Minecraft Servers every Monday from 4-5:30 pm

Participants must have parental permission and own a personal Minecraft Java Edition license (PC or MAC computers only) or a Minecraft Bedrock license (Windows 10 Edition or App) and use Minecraft Version 1.16.3 for the Java Edition or the latest version of the Windows 10 Edition or App.

Please send your request to join to vencolib.minecraft@gmail.com Verified participants will be "Allow Listed", thereby granted permission to access the server.