

## The Summer Reading Program: Read for the Win!

was the best attended ever. All the programs that were offered at E.P. Foster were also offered at the Avenue and Saticoy branches. Participants spent the summer keeping up their reading skills; practicing science, tech, engineering and math; and meeting reptiles, raptors, jugglers and magicians. Avenue Library held some programs off site to promote reading to the largest number of children. Attendance at events increased over last year at all branches and more reading forms were turned in as well, up 27% at E.P. Foster, 147% at Avenue Library and 1% at Saticoy.

Adults were also invited to a Summer Reading Challenge. Their entries served as a form of reading suggestions inside the library and through social media. The program was so well received in Ventura that it was extended to all of Ventura County.

Ventura Friends of the Library provides funding for the Summer Reading Program. This year, local businesses also supported the program, providing gift cards to be used as prizes and the Saticoy Lions and Ventura Downtown Lions funded a Family Film Series featuring sports themed films shown at all three branches over the summer.

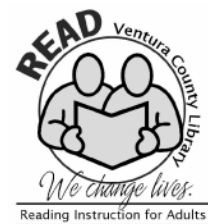


## Literacy for Adults at the Library

### The READ Program

by Carol Chapman, Program Director

When WD was in first grade she witnessed her father being shot and it so traumatized her that she stopped learning in school. Although she eventually learned to read by memorizing words she never learned to “sound out words”. She came to the literacy program begging to be taught phonics so that she could read the long words in the books she was trying to read.



When HWM arrived at the literacy site she had been working as a produce manager for a major chain grocer for 20 years. She memorized all the numeric codes that identified the fruits and vegetables; and her antics always kept her co-workers laughing. However, she never let any of them in on her painful secret: As successful as she appeared, HWM could barely read at the first grade level.

These are just two out of hundreds of profiles of adults who have turned to VCLS’s READ Adult Literacy Program to get help with reading. At READ they have found trained volunteer tutors who provide them with FREE one-to-one reading instruction based on the goals the student wants to achieve. Each student’s goal is different. Some need to be able to read work related materials; others want to be able to help their children with homework; still others want to prepare for the GED or learn to use a computer. Each one is matched with his or her own tutor and a learning “team” is created.

READ has literacy sites in Simi Valley, Ventura, Port Hueneme, Todd Road Jail, and the Ventura Youth Correctional Facility. Ojai and Fillmore sites will be opening soon. Volunteer tutors are needed at every site. If you, or someone you know, is interested in helping someone improve their reading, please call the READ office at 805-677-7160. We will have new tutor training classes beginning soon.



Laubach Literacy also offers introductory English classes at Avenue Library and at Saticoy Library. Comenzando clases de inglés ofrecidos a través de Laubach Literacy en la biblioteca.

Classes are offered at Avenue Library: Mondays/Lunes at 11 AM, Tuesday/Martes 2PM, Wednesday/Miércoles 12PM, Thursday/Jueves 1PM  
Classes are offered at Saticoy Library Mondays/Lunes Y Wednesday/Miércoles at 3 PM