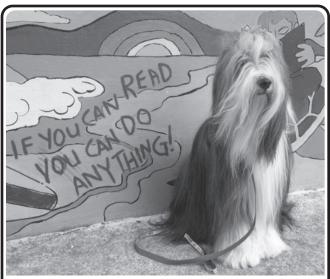


Some new offerings in Early Literacy Classes (a.k.a. Storytimes) have been initiated for 2017.

Avenue Library has begun a pilot program of a weekly bilingual storytelling on Monday evenings at 6 p.m. starting in the first week of January. Avenue Library staff received specialized training for this program.

E.P. Foster Library has added a Thursday evening Early Literacy Class at 5:30 p.m., in addition to its Tuesday and Wednesday 10:30 a.m classes.



The very successful **Paws for Reading** program continues at E.P. Foster and Saticoy libraries. The program helps improve a child's reading skills through reading aloud to certified therapy dogs.

E.P. Foster Library
Saturdays 12 – 1
Sign-up required,
call Phillip Yocham at 805 648-2716.

Saticoy Library Every OTHER Saturday Sign-up required, call Jane Middleton at 805 671-5148.

The program was featured in an episode of "VCNC Featuring Ventura County" for CAPS TV last year. You can watch the episode at:

https://www.facebook.com/CAPSMediaCenter/posts/10153684639352327.

"Read Me A Story & More!": an early literacy workshop for parents and caregivers of children ages 0-5 years old will be presented at E.P. Foster Library beginning on Tuesday, February 28, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Topping Room. Parents and caregivers will learn:

The 6 early literacy skills and the 5 practices children need to be reading ready How to make a story come alive! How to have fun with felt board rhymes & songs How to extend stories into activities that the whole family will enjoy!

Each participating family receives finger plays, felt supplies and a book to enjoy.

Advanced registration is required. Sign up at the children's desk or call 648-2716 (ask for children's dept.) Class size is limited.

