

Library Literacy Programs

Zip Book Program

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Read up! Literacy Program

- Began in 1998
- Provides:
 - ✓ ***Adult Basic Education:*** Basic literacy and numeracy instruction/tutoring
 - Grade levels 1-12, including preparation for high school equivalency exams
 - ✓ ***English as a Second Language (ESL):*** Instruction/tutoring
 - Adult learners with limited English language proficiency
 - ✓ ***Workforce Preparation and Training:*** Instruction/tutoring
 - Provides literacy, numeracy, and workforce readiness skills



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Family Literacy Program

- Began 2018
 - ✓ NCCL Awarded \$35,000
- Provides:
 - ✓ ***Family Literacy:*** Instruction & programs
 - Facilitate literacy across family members & generations
 - Caregiver literacy support



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Funding

- California Library Literacy Services
 - ✓ Supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services
 - Under provisions of the Library Services & Technology Act
 - ✓ \$18,000 for Read Up! Adult Literacy
 - ✓ \$25,000 for Family Literacy
 - ✓ Additional awards possible



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Services

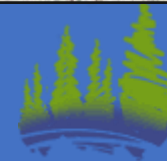
- Provided to Eastern and Western Nevada County
 - ✓ Pop-up bilingual storytimes
 - ✓ Weekly Bilingual Read & Play Storytime at the Truckee Library
 - ✓ Biweekly English Conversation Club in Truckee
 - ✓ Biweekly Family English Classes in Truckee
 - ✓ Drop-in Literacy hour at the Grass Valley Library
 - ✓ One on one Tutoring



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Outreach

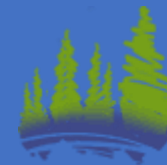
- Hospitality House
- Kmart
- S.P.D.
- Sierra College
- Briar Patch
- Truckee Swim Week
- Gold Country Gymnastics
- Open Gym in Grass Valley



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Staff & Learners

- Literacy Coordinator .50 FTE
 - ✓ Expand in 2020 fiscal year
- Youth Services & Adult Services Librarians
- 30 Active tutors
- 5 New tutors awaiting training
- 32 Learners
- 15 Learners waitlisted
- Need for additional tutors



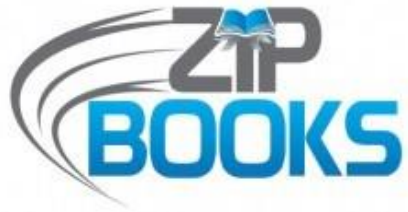
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Success Stories

- 196 Learner goals met
- 2 Received their GED
- 2 Passed the citizenship test
- 14 Obtained new jobs
- 14 Read books to their children
- 11 Interacted with children's teachers



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- Began 2011
 - ✓ NCCL onboarded in October 2013
- Alternate model for interlibrary loan service
- Managed by NorthNet Library System
 - ✓ In partnership with California State Library
 - ✓ Supported with California Library Services Act funds



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How It Works

- Patrons request a book that is not in the library's collection
- Item is ordered through Amazon
 - ✓ Sent directly to the patron's address
 - ✓ Free of charge
- Patron returns the item to library staff
- The item may then be added to the library's collection



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To Participate

- Registered borrower in good standing
- Requests must be for books in print or audiobook format
 - ✓ Titles must have a broad appeal and be appropriate for a public library use
 - ✓ Adult, teen, or children books
- Cost limits
 - ✓ \$75 for audiobooks and foreign-language items
 - ✓ \$50 for all other qualifying items
- One request at a time
 - ✓ Up to three per month.
 - ✓ The Zip Book must be returned before you can submit another request.



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Success Stories

- Awarded \$12,000
 - ✓ Additional awards possible
- 1,300 Patrons have participated since 2013
 - ✓ Feedback is extremely positive
- Make a request at any library branch or complete the form on the library website: <https://www.mynevadacounty.com/library>



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