**NEWS RELEASE**

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**LIBRARY LITERACY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Solano County Literacy Program is looking for adult literacy volunteer tutors to provide tutoring in-person or online, for an adult in our community who wants to improve their reading, writing, or speaking skills.

Literacy is vital for a healthy and thriving community. More than 60,000 adults in Solano County are functionally illiterate, meaning that the reading and writing skills they have are inadequate to manage their daily living and employment tasks beyond a basic level. Children whose parents struggle with reading and writing skills are more likely to struggle in school and have low literacy skills themselves. Teaching an adult to read, write, and/or improve their English speaking skills can have far reaching effects in our community. A recent study found that adult literacy students realize an increase of about $10,000 dollars in their annual income after receiving 100 hours of literacy instruction.

You can help improve your community by becoming a volunteer tutor. Tutor preparation gives you all the tools you need to help someone else reach their goal and improve their skills. Tutors don’t have to have prior experience, just your commitment of time, 3 hours a week, is needed. The next tutor orientations are in Fairfield, Wednesday, January 19th from 6-7:30 pm, or Saturday January 22nd from 10 am-11:30 am., or in Vacaville, Thursday, January 20th from 10 am-11:30 am. Training sessions will be socially distanced and all current county Covid guidelines are followed.

Solano County Library serves the communities of Cordelia, Dixon, Fairfield, Rio Vista, Suisun, Vacaville, and Vallejo. For more information, visit www.solanolibrary.com—click *Literacy* or call 1-800-450-7885 or 707-784-1526.

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