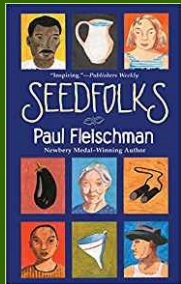




Redlands Reads!

The Redlands Adult Literacy Program

**Announces
the 2019
Community Read**



Seedfolks

by

Paul Fleischman

**Join us in reading
about how a group of
strangers build
relationships and a
sense of community.**

**We hope everyone will
enjoy reading this
Inspiring book.**

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**Literacy Changes
Lives!**

With Hard Work and Clear Goals, Adult Learner Looks Forward to a Bright Future.

Tanya Jauregui joined the literacy program with goals of getting a better job, furthering her education, and improving her grammar, critical thinking, and presentation skills.

Before joining the literacy program, she had never read a novel for pleasure. Her tutor suggested that she try one, Tanya found she liked it, and now she has read several novels. She says that reading different books has exposed her to many different ways of thinking and learning.

Tanya participated in the Adult Learner Leadership Institute (ALLI) workshop last April where she developed her leadership abilities. Since attending the workshop, she has become a volunteer for the Redlands Adult Literacy Program, serving on the Anthology Writing

Committee. She was also one of the authors of the adult literacy program's recently published book *Our Stories, A Collection of Writings*.

Tanya's tutor, Becky Curran, has always had an interest in reading, writing, and education. She chose the Redlands Adult Literacy Program as a place to volunteer because working as a tutor makes her happy.

Becky says that through the literacy program she has built new, meaningful relationships with her learner and other tutors. Because of her work with Tanya, she has grown in ways that she did not anticipate.

Becky has observed Tanya's growth in many different facets, and is thankful to be part of it. Becky and Tanya emphasize that the adult



Tanya Jauregui (left) and her tutor Becky Curran

literacy program is available to everyone and the only expense is the time one has to give to improve one's literacy.

Tanya's advice to new tutors and learners is to be determined, consistent and set reasonable goals. With hard work, she noted, adult learners will be successful. Her advice is to start small, and work towards bigger goals. Tanya can look forward to a brighter future as she uses her stronger reading and writing skills.

Computer Classes and Workshops

The literacy program offers basic and intermediate level computer classes for adult learners who want to learn to use computers to do better at work or communicate with family members, employers, or teachers.

Instructor Kim Green says, "learners benefit from the small group setting and the individual support they receive from tutors and

from one another."

New this year are two-hour workshops that provide training for literacy tools such as iPads or personal Smart Phones.

Additionally, Word and PowerPoint workshops combine literacy skills with technology allowing learners to tap into their creative side.



Computer class participants learn to use technology

Redlands Adult Literacy Program

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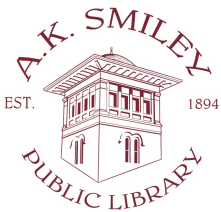
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The **MISSION** of the Redlands Adult Literacy Program is to provide professional and confidential tutoring in reading and writing to help learners in the Redlands community reach their literacy goals.

All participants are treated with dignity and respect.

You can help support adult literacy in our community:

- Spread the word that literacy help is available at Smiley Library—most learners find out about the program from family and friends.
- Become a literacy volunteer.
- Come to literacy events.
- Join the Friends of A. K. Smiley Public Library and purchase books at the Friends Bookstore, located in the lower-level of Smiley Library.
- Make donations to the Redlands Adult Literacy Program.

Help change someone's life!

Our Stories, A Collection of Writings by Adult Learners and Tutors

The Redlands Adult Literacy Program celebrated 2018, the Year of the Writer, with the publication of its first anthology, *Our Stories, A Collection of Writings*.

Tutors, learners, and family members gathered on September 8th to hear eighteen authors read their works. Mark Corrin read "A Memory" about his wonderful trip to Lincoln Center in New York City where he celebrated his niece's graduation from New York University.

Olga Balbuena shared "A Special Family Vacation", a memory of an amazing vacation in 1989 when her entire family traveled together by car through Mexico. She met many family members, visited an archaeological site, and wrote that the trip inspired her to feel proud of her roots and study tourism when she grew up.

Tutor Sharon Regalado submitted an entry entitled "Connections with the Past" about written treasures: birthday cards, anniversary cards, notes, exchanges between herself and her husband, her aunt and her uncle, and miscellaneous thoughts. None of these treasures would exist if someone hadn't taught the authors to write. Written memories are a connection with the past and a validation of lives lived.

The Adult Literacy Anthology is a collection of written treasures by authors who are excited to share their stories, experiences, memories, hopes, dreams, and challenges with the community.

We hope that reading the anthology will inspire other tutors and learners to write about their own life experiences and to share those stories with the community through our next volume. Please check out a copy of the anthology. Copies are available at A.K. Smiley Public Library.



Authors Sharon Regalado (left) and Olga Balbuena celebrate the publication of *Our Stories, A Collection of Writings*