Summer is here and the Alameda County Library is excited to announce its annual Summer Reading Game (SRG)!

Packed with fun and prizes! The SRG provides a simple, low-cost, FUN way to encourage reading over the summer by providing incentives and prizes in exchange for reading. And all reading counts; including books, magazine and reading

out loud to siblings or grandparents for teens. Participation grows each year. Last year over 20,000 children, teens and adults registered to read and win prizes!



The fun runs June 1 – September 15, 2017. All participants can sign up and participate at any Alameda County Library branch; including Albany, Castro Valley, Centerville, Dublin, Fremont Main, Irvington, Newark, Niles, San Lorenzo, Union City and the Bookmobile.

Grand prizes include a high quality Timbuck 2 or a Fallraven backpack stuffed with a Fuji digital camera for teens and adults or a VTech digital camera for the kids and beats earbuds as an extra incentive to finish. Don't miss out!

Studies show that on average, children who read no books over the summer lose 3 months in reading achievement during that time. That means that by the time they reach the sixth grade, they are close to two grade levels behind their peers in reading. This loss significantly impedes academic progress and the Alameda County Library's Summer Reading Game helps fill these gaps in a fun way. For more information visit one of our branches, visit us online at www.aclibrary.org or contact, Anna Gonzalez, Children's Services Coordinator directly at agonzalez@aclibrary. org or 510.745.1583. Happy reading! We look forward to your participation in Alameda County Library's 2017 Summer Reading Game!

Message from the Director

The Alameda County Library Foundation (ACLF) turned 20 years old August 2016 and this issue of *ExLibris* is dedicated to all our generous and loyal library supporters who help us achieve our mission of *providing critical support to public libraries in the Alameda County Library system resulting in all people in our communities having access to knowledge in all of its forms.*

We honor those who circulate our materials; visitors who enjoy reading in the book stacks; participants at our free workshops and events; students checking out iPads and laptops for homework and research; and parents with children in strollers who attend story time each week THANK YOU!

The Alameda County Library Foundation which supports 16 library branches in Alameda County including the bookmobile and three P.U.L.S.E. sites is incredibly grateful for the community support of our patrons and friends. Our success depends upon the contributions of foundations, donations from local businesses, proceeds from fundraising events and the generous gifts we receive from individuals.

Our partnership with the Alameda County and the generosity of all our donors keeps our libraries relevant and vital. Thank you again for all your support! We look forward to seeing you at the library! Best wishes for a fun, safe and productive summer!

TionaSmith Executive Director



Fine Forgiveness!

Between June 12 and June 25, 2017

Alameda County Library is forgiving overdue fines on all returned items. Simply return them to us in good shape and your fines will be removed.

Enjoy all the great things your library has to offer this summer!



Summer Reading

From June 1 to September 15 Find more info at http://summer.aclibrary.org



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Visit your local branch this summer! www.aclibrary.org

The Alameda County Library will be holding a fine amnesty event from Monday, June 12 through Sunday, June 25, 2017.

To have fines waived, all you have to do is return your reasonably worn overdue items to any ACL location. You can also request forgiveness for overdue fines on previously returned items. There is no limit on the amount of fines that can be forgiven.

In addition to overdue fine forgiveness, you can request to have the processing fee forgiven on replacement items and the library card replacement fee waived for replacement library cards. For more information please visit www.aclibrary.org.

Newark Library - Reading Buddies

Reading Buddies is a oneon-one reading program
for grades 1 to 6 or English
Language Learners up
to 8th grade to improve
English skills by reading
to a teen volunteer every
week for 30 minutes at a
time; working on pronunciation
and comprehension. Registration
is required and starts Wednesday
October 4th 2017. Reading

Buddies will be available e v e r y Wednesday a n d Thursday



during the 2017/2018 school year. Seats are very limited so sign up as early as possible. Priority will be given to students who are reading below grade level. A report card or a "Teacher Recommendation" must be presented at time of registration.

Please note: this program is targeted for struggling readers. If your child improves to above grade level reading, their spot may be given to a struggling reader. More information can be obtained by contacting Celia Davis, Children's Librarian at Newark Library, at 510-284-0686 or CDavis@aclibrary.org



County Librarian

County Librarian Cindy Chadwick recently attended a resource fair and family story time at the Newark Library. After the event, as

she was helping staff and volunteers clean up, Cindy found herself with a moment alone in the program room, a small, unremarkable space that's been greatly used over the years. But that day, she was struck by the significance of the room and the magic that has happened there over decades of programming. "Day after day, year after year, there have been children there, laughing, learning, growing, doing homework, singing, dancing, reading," Cindy remarked. "So many children and adults have passed through that little room. And this sounds strange, but for a moment, it felt like a sacred space."

These magic, sacred spaces exist in all of our libraries, enhancing the lives of our patrons every day. With support from our partners and donors, we can ensure they continue to exist, providing learning, playing and dreaming opportunities for all.

Alameda County Libray Foundation is looking for Volunteers!

Consider volunteering and assisting the Alameda County Library Foundation (ACLF) team with administrative tasks and fundraising campaigns.

ACLF also works with local high school districts to help students obtain their community service hours for graduation. Not only will

students be completing their hours but they will gain real life administration experience! The Foundation is always in need of clerical support so apply now!

Call the Foundation at 510.505.7077 or email volunteers@aclf.org for more information on volunteering opportunities. You can also complete an application at www.aclf.org.



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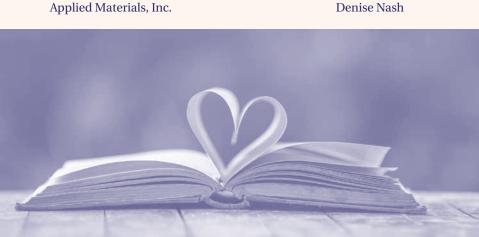
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