

Sign of the Times

Project READ Newsletter

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In the Library...

There are a lot of things happening around the Library this summer. Summer Reading has kicked off and kids and teens can earn great prizes for reading. If you haven't seen the murals downstairs, it is definitely worth a trip!

Now, too, is the time for kids to take care of any fines they might have. By participating in the reading programs, kids can read instead of paying money for the fines. If a child reads ten minutes, he or she can remove \$1.00 from the fine. All you have to do is register for the reading program and get a form from the people downstairs at the checkout desk or the registration tables. This is only for kids, though, so if the adults have fines, they will not be able to do it.

A lot of tutors and learners plan to be

Goals and Achievements

There is a new form for tutors to fill out. Project READ tracks the progress and achievements made by learners, and this new form should help give an update on where you are right now.

The form is in your box or you can get one from me. Tutors and learners can look

on vacation during the summer. If you are one of them, please let me know when you plan to be back in case there is any confusion about return dates.



There are a lot of fun activities happening around the area this summer. You can participate in the Go Fourth celebration next week, watch fireworks for Independence Day, or sit at Lake Sacajawea and listen to music Thursdays from 6 to 8pm beginning the 12th of July.

I hope you have a great summer and will see you here at the library. As always, thank you for all you do!!!

😊 Elizabeth

at it together and fill out the information regarding what the learners can do now and what things they have accomplished while working with the tutor. It will also tell me the learner's new goals.

Please let me know whenever a learner reaches a goal or has great news and growth to share. It is always fun to hear and see how much the tutors and learning impact the learners and the amazing things they do. Keep up the great work!

2012 Library Closures:

July 4, Wednesday, Independence Day
September 3, Monday, Labor Day
November 12, Monday, Veterans' Day
November 22-23, Thursday-Friday, Thanksgiving Holiday
December 25, Tuesday, Christmas Holiday

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Five Tips to Remember New English Words

Tip #1

Write your new words on sticky notes and put them in your house or office where you will see them.

Tip #2

Write your new words in a notebook and review them for 5 minutes every day until you know the words.

Tip #3

Make flashcards for your new words and study them every day until you know the words.

Tip #4

Take 3 or 4 new words and try to write a sentence or paragraph that includes all of them and makes sense.

Tip #5

Put your new vocabulary words into groups that relate to each other, for example - school: book, paper, pen, pencil, teacher, student, etc. - and you will have an easier time remembering them.

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<http://studyenglishlanguage.info/for-esl-learners-five-tips-to-help-you-remember-new-english-vocabulary-words>

Lesson Idea: Word Sorts

Word sorts can be used for learning vocabulary in specific areas or for discovering word patterns.

Give the learner a list of words and a list of categories, either written on separate cards or at the top of a sheet of paper.

Have your learner go through each word on the list and place the card, or write the word, under one of the categories.

Example:

Create word cards with the following to practice food words: apple, kiwi, asparagus, watermelon, chicken, beef, cabbage, peas, pork, carrot.

Write these categories for the learner to use: Fruits, Vegetables, Meat.

Alternatively, the learner comes up with the categories after examining all the words on the list, then sorts them.

You can apply this activity to reading exercises to improve word recognition and sight words. If you are reading a story, use the words from the story as your vocabulary and categories.

FUN AND GAMES!

AT THE BEACH!

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WORD LIST

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