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San Bernardino County Library is celebrating National Literacy Month. To kick off the celebration the County Board of Supervisors declared September as Literacy Month throughout the County of San Bernardino by presenting representatives from the Yucaipa Literacy Coalition a resolution in recognition of the Library's 21 years of offering free reading assistance to adults.

Branches will be hosting a variety of activities in support of the month long celebration.

NEWTON T. BASS APPLE VALLEY BRANCH LIBRARY: The Hi-DARE Adult Literacy Program, with support from Desert Community Bank, is planning a special program with the author of *The Teacher Who Couldn't Read*, John Corcoran, September 24. The program begins at 10:30 am and will be followed by light refreshments. John Corcoran has been on National Television telling his story and bringing awareness to the problem of adult illiteracy. His book is about his struggles with his inability to read and how his shame and embarrassment reinforced his desire to keep it a secret. All tutors and learners in the Hi-DARE Literacy Program are invited to attend, along with anyone in the community interested in literacy. The Newton T. Bass Apple Valley Branch Library is located at 14901 Dale Evans Parkway in Apple Valley. Please call (760) 240-7739 for more information.

BARSTOW BRANCH LIBRARY:

Every Thursday from 10 am to 12 at the Barstow Branch Library, Literacy staff will have a booth at the library entrance with literacy materials available. A tutor will also be available to answer questions for anyone interested in participating as a tutor or learner. Barstow Literacy will be starting an English class for Spanish speakers and basic computer instruction in September with dates and times to be announced. On Friday, September 16th, there will be a Game Day from 12 to 4 pm. Come and play games such as Scrabble, Boggle, and Yahtzee to compete for hourly prizes. These programs are open to all adults and free of charge. All events are at the Barstow Branch Library, 304 East Buena Vista. For more information, please contact the Barstow Literacy Coalition at (760) 256-4847 or barlit@lib.sbcounty.gov.

BIG BEAR BRANCH LIBRARY

Big Bear Branch Library Literacy staff will be at Family Fun night on September 12th at Meadow Park from 3-7 pm. Many local service agencies and clubs will be there and library staff will participate by promoting library and literacy services. The event is free and there will be popcorn and cotton candy for all! The event is to promote community awareness of these services. This event attracts over 1,000 people and is largest free family event in the valley. For more information please call (909) 866-4512.

LAKE ARROWHEAD BRANCH LIBRARY

The Lake Arrowhead Mountain Literacy Program will be celebrating Literacy Month throughout September. An event will be held for group EIC Classes at both the Crestline and Lake Arrowhead Branch Libraries. Those with spelling tests scoring better than 80% correct each week earn prizes. The grand prize winner will earn dinner for two at a fine dining establishment. For more information contact Sharron Cook at (909) 337-5420

29 PALMS & YUCCA VALLEY BRANCH LIBRARIES

The Morongo Basin Coalition for Adult Literacy will be holding an open house to celebrate Literacy Month and their 21st anniversary. The open house will be Saturday, October 10th 11am-3 pm at the Copper Mountain College Campus. This event will be catered and door prizes will be raffled. There will be no charge for attendees. The purpose is to say "Thank you" to all of the supporters over the last 21 years and to inform the community that the Coalition is still here serving the Basin and new members are always welcome. Casual informal presentations will occur throughout the Open House along with a presentation of past events and participants. The public is welcome. Please call (760) 367-1146 for more information.

YUCAIPA BRANCH LIBRARY

The Yucaipa Branch Library will celebrate Literacy Month with giveaway books on Thursday of each week. The Literacy program and Starbucks have teamed together to bring a Preschool story hour at Starbucks. Parents will receive free books for preschoolers. Come to Starbucks located at 33562 Yucaipa Boulevard on Tuesday, September 6th and 20th at 10-11 am. Saturday, September 17th at 11:00 am Yucaipa Literacy will celebrate Hispanic Heritage and Literacy month with a program consisting of entertainment, refreshments and giveaway books. The celebration will take place at Yucaipa Branch Library at 12040 5th Street in Yucaipa. Please call (909) 621-3147 for more information.