



The Literacy Circle



Camarena Memorial Library

Winter 2024 - 2025

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Learners & Citizenship Class

2024

Flora & Ana Karen

Meet two of our Citizenship class learners & find more about their experience with the class and how it helped them prepare for their interview.

Keep reading to find more about how to sign up!

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The Carnegie Technology Center has re-opened its doors to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays with different services and programs for the community. From computers, printing and scanning to English classes, art programs for adults and a book club!

Continue reading to find all the programs available...



DID YOU KNOW?



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TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
3PM-7PM

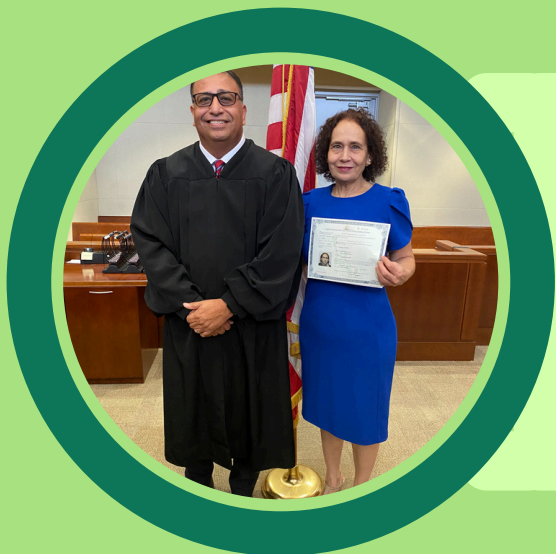
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Learners & Citizenship Class

What is the Citizenship Class? How does it work?



- The Citizenship Class is a FREE program for Calexico residents mainly
- It is focused on practicing for the Citizenship test & interview
- Class is offered once per week on Mondays at 5:30 pm
- A total of 12 sessions or 3 months
- All materials are included
- Class is imparted in English only
- Library Card is required to sign up



“Having the opportunity to attend the Citizenship Class helped me better prepare and present my Citizenship test & interview with more confidence.

All materials were of great help and the teacher was very good at explaining and making the class interesting”

-- Flora, a participant of the Adult Literacy Services Program became a US Citizen a few months after the Class



“This wonderful program helped me a lot! I was able to practice my confidence, fluency and I was also able to add new vocabulary that was of great help for my interview. The materials were great as their content provided useful information and exercises.

I want to thank the Camarena Library for offering this program and for doing it for free”

-- Ana Karen, a participant of the Class became a US Citizen on November 25, 2024



Signing up for the waiting list is open all year for the Citizenship Class

Here is how you can contact us to sign up:

Visit the library at 850 Encinas Ave or the Carnegie Technology Center 420 Heber Ave for information in person

Give us a call at (760) 768-2170

Send us an email at library@calexico.ca.gov

Computer Class

Would you like to learn basic computer skills?

The Carnegie Technology Center is offering
FREE in person classes once a week starting
in January 2025

Join us on Tuesdays from 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Each week we will review a different topic
from this list:

Computer basics
Basic Internet search
Email
Social Media

Call us at (760) 357-5525 to reserve your spot
or

Stop by 420 Heber Ave and join the class

*The Carnegie Technology Center is open Tuesdays &
Thursdays from 3 pm - 7 pm*



Carnegie Programming

Take a look at the
programs offered at the
Carnegie Tech Center!

English as Second Language

Tuesday to Thursdays
from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Citizenship Class

Mondays from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Contact library staff for more information

Let's Talk Conversation Group

1st & 3rd Thursday of the month
from 5:30 to 7:00 pm

Library Learners Book Club

3rd Tuesday of the month
from 5:30 to 7:00 pm

Artsy Adults

Thursdays once per month
from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
Check calendar for specific date

Call us for more information or to sign-up!
Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3 pm - 7 pm
(760) 357-5525

Check our monthly calendars for specific dates and special events we may
have available each month:

<https://calexicolibrary.org/carnegie>

Carnegie Technology Center

420 Heber Ave. Calexico, CA (760) 357-5525

Parenting Corner

Family Nights

Christmas Family Night -- December 19 at 5:00 pm

Pajama Party -- January 30 at 5:00 pm

Read Across America -- March 6 at 5:00 pm

Check our website for the registration links!

Family Literacy Nights

December 30 at 5:00 pm

January 27 at 5:00 pm

February 24 at 5:00 pm

For participants of the Adult Literacy Services Programs and their families

Homework Help is offered Mon - Thurs from 3 pm - 4 pm & no sign-up is needed

K-9 Tutoring is offered Mon - Thurs from 3:00 - 5:30 & sign-up is needed. Call the library to reserve your spot!



Resources & Extra Events

Northstar

Learn Computer Basics!

Access this online resource from home or at one of the library locations and start improving your computer skills!

<https://calexicolibrary.org/resources>

Club de lectura: Rincón Literario

January 29, 2025 at 5:30 pm

At the library

Title: El cementerio de los cuentos sin contar de Julia Alvarez

Find the e-book & audiobook on Hoopla
It is a potluck!

Lunch at the Library

Every day the library is open

From 2:30 - 3:30

Ages 1-18



The Literacy Circle Book Recommendation

The Secret Lives of Church Ladies by Deesha Philaw

The Secret Lives of Church Ladies explores the raw and tender places where Black women and girls dare to follow their desires and pursue a momentary reprieve from being good. The nine stories in this collection feature four generations of characters grappling with who they want to be in the world, caught as they are between the church's double standards and their own needs and passions.

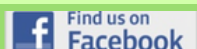
There is fourteen-year-old Jael, who has a crush on the preacher's wife. At forty-two, Lyra realizes that her discomfort with her own body stands between her and a new love. As Y2K looms, Caroletta's "same time next year" arrangement with her childhood best friend is tenuous. A serial mistress lays down the ground rules for her married lovers. In the dark shadows of a hospice parking lot, grieving strangers find comfort in each other.

With their secret longings, new love, and forbidden affairs, these church ladies are as seductive as they want to be, as vulnerable as they need to be, as unfaithful and unrepentant as they care to be, and as free as they deserve to be.

Available on Hoopla - 4hr 06min

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/audiobook/the-secret-lives-of-church-ladies-deesha-philaw/13559851>

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“Some books are so familiar that reading them is like being home again.”

- Louisa May Alcott