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LIBRARY & LITERACY UPDATE

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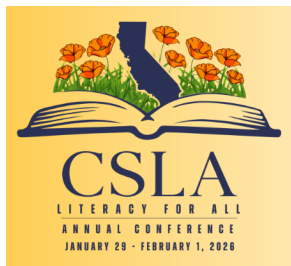
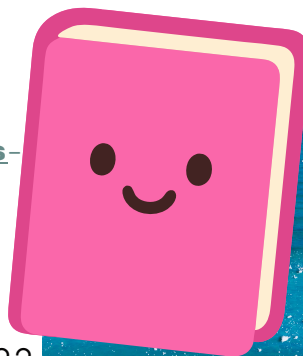
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LIBRARY INFO & DATES

- December is **Read a New Book** Month.
- International Day of Persons with Disabilities**- 12/3
 - Kern County Resource
- Computer Science Education Week** is 12/9-12/15
- Hanukkah: Evening of Wed, Dec 14 – Mon, Dec. 22
- Letter Writing Day- 12/7
- Dewey Decimal Day** & Human Rights Day- 12/10
- Feast Day of Our Lady Guadalupe- 12/12
- Crossword Puzzle Day & Short Story Day- 12/21
- Jolabokaflokkur, also known as the Christmas or Yule Book Flood (Iceland)- 12/24
- Christmas- 12/25
- Boxing Day- 12/26
- Kwanzaa- 12/26-1/1
- New Year's Eve- 12/31

Don't miss... the annual **CSLA** (California School Library Association) conference in Irvine from January 29-Feb. 1, 2026 with keynotes Jennifer LaGarde and Amanda Jones. Click [here](#) to learn more.



FREE WEBINARS

Booklist:

- Page Turners and Heart Burners: The Art of YA Romance-12/3

Follett Community:

- Digital Citizenship in Action: Preparing Students for a Connected World- 12/16

CDE RECOMMENDED LITERATURE LIST UPDATED- CLICK [HERE](#)

RESOURCES

Hour of Code:

- Watch [this video](#) to learn more about the Hour of Code
- Hour of Code Creativity with AI
- Join 180+ countries and register to participate [here](#)





STUDENT SUCCESS CARDS



Read on for Info on the Student Success Cards Initiative
Click [here](#) to access the full flyer with Ventura County
Public and City library contact info.



California Senate Bill 321– click [here](#) to learn more

California Senate Bill 321 (2023) establishes the Local Public Library Partnership Program, overseen by the California State Library, to strengthen collaboration between schools and public libraries. The law requires that by third grade, every California student be issued a Student Success Card—a library card that provides free access to local library materials, digital resources, and programs through formal partnerships between school districts and public libraries. By January 1, 2026, all districts must have these partnerships in place, and beginning in 2029, they must report annually on the number of cards issued and how students are using library services to support learning and literacy.

DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY IN VENTURA COUNTY?

Who doesn't love Dolly Parton? And, with her dedication to early literacy, there are even more reasons to love her. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a free early-literacy program that mails high-quality, age-appropriate books each month to children from birth to age five. Its goal is to foster a love of reading, strengthen early learning, and ensure all children have access to books regardless of family income. In California, Governor Newsom supported a law providing state funding to expand the program, ensuring broader access for families across the state. The California State Library helps administer the program locally, and in Ventura County, families can enroll to receive books at home. Here are some resources about the program and how you can enroll your family or support the project.

- Click [here](#) to learn more about the Ventura County IL program
- Sign up [here](#) (submit your info to be notified of a new program and you will receive info to enroll when funding is available).
- Click [here](#) to donate to support one year's worth of books for one or more children.

