



Together We Learn: Creating Community and Nurturing Holistic Learning for Adult Learners

Project Second Chance (PSC) is Contra Costa County Library's adult literacy program, with four offices serving a 26-branch library system. Developing community among learners can be difficult with learners receiving services at many different locations, on different days and times. To help, PSC has implemented two new, mostly virtual learner support programs:

- PSC Reads, an annual program-wide read
- PSC News Club, a bimonthly news reading and discussion group



PSC Reads:

- Launched in January 2024
- First two selections by community vote
 - *I Am Malala* (Young Readers edition)
 - *Discovering Wes Moore* (Young Readers edition)
- Books provided at no cost to learners and their tutors
- Tutor guide and background materials and videos provided
- Book clubs hosted both online and in person
- Family literacy component includes related children's books and family book club



PSC News Club:

- Launched in August 2024
- Meets twice a month on Zoom to discuss *News for You* and *Newsela* articles at adult learners' levels
- Monthly themes around engaging topics: Contributions of immigrants, treatment of animals
- Forum for adult learners to practice their reading and conversation skills while meeting other learners



Next Steps:

- Increasing participation in both groups
- Incorporating learner feedback

