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CELEBRATE LITERACY: SHARE A BOOK THAT CHANGED YOUR LIFE

To draw attention to the transformative power of reading and books, the people at Solano County Library are asking, “What book has made a difference in your life?” International Literacy Day is September 8, and the library will be celebrating throughout the month of September with a project called “Books Change Lives.”

“‘Books Change Lives’ is an opportunity for members of the community to share the one book that most affected them. We hear book recommendations every day. We thought it was time to collect these recommendations and the stories behind them. We want as many people as possible to participate, not just library users,” said Ann Miller, community relations coordinator.

At the Library’s Web site, www.solanolibrary.com , people can write about the book that made a difference in their lives and read about some of the books that changed the lives of others. Local businesses are displaying entry forms for the project and donating prizes for the best entries. Entry forms are also available at the seven branches of Solano County Library.

This is the second year the Library has designated the month of September to celebrate literacy and libraries, and the ways they both can influence our quality of life. Literacy is essential for activities like following instructions on a medicine bottle or getting a driver’s license. Reading books and living in a community of readers is important too. Whether it is an

“ah ha” moment inspired by a poem, an injustice illuminated by a story, or a subject explained that was once unfathomable, books have a transformative power in the lives of readers. “The Library is dedicated to all the reading needs of the community. We want to make sure that adults and children have the literacy skills they need to succeed and that all readers have books that will allow them to explore, expand and change their lives,” said Miller.

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