## Volunteer Opportunity: Bilingual Storytime Reader

Responsibilities:	Read stories, sing songs, and help oversee a craft project in a language other than English to children of all ages. Assist staff with educating parents and caregivers in their native language about the importance of early childhood literacy and reading as the building blocks to their children's future school successes.  Bilingual Storytime Readers are not responsible for teaching children how to read.
Qualifications:	<ul> <li>Age 18 and older</li> <li>Ability and desire to work with people of all ages and backgrounds</li> <li>Flexible, dependable, outgoing</li> <li>Good communication skills and public speaking skills</li> </ul>
Value to the Library:	Reading to children develops their imaginations, encourages them to maintain their native language and/or learn a new language, and establishes a pattern of lifelong reading and learning. It also stimulates the imaginations of young children and gives them the skills and concepts that they can use to be successful in school.
Value to the Volunteer:	<ul> <li>You will have the opportunity to share your love of reading and books with children</li> <li>You will spark curiosity, inspire creativity, and champion learning</li> <li>You will assist in providing quality and helpful Library service to the community</li> <li>You will have fun and achieve a sense of accomplishment and fulfillment through helping others</li> </ul>
Selection and Training:	<ul> <li>Interview with Volunteer Coordinator and On-Site Supervisor</li> <li>Attend an orientation (approximately 1 hour)</li> <li>Receive specialized training (approximately 2 hours)</li> <li>Complete County mandated training (approximately 2 hours)</li> <li>Proficient bilingual skills required</li> </ul>
Time Commitment:	<ul> <li>Up to one and a half hours weekly during set program hours</li> <li>Schedule is set with Volunteer Coordinator and On-Site Supervisor</li> </ul>
Length of Commitment:	Minimum of 6 months requested
Reports to:	On-Site Supervisor
Contact:	Library Volunteer Coordinator 707-784-1855
Apply:	The volunteer application is available on our website: solanolibrary.com/services/volunteer

