Established in 1985, Butte County Library Literacy Services provides a variety of services for adults, families and children in our community.

Adult Reading Program
Adults interested in improving their basic literacy skills are matched one-on-one with trained volunteer tutors in our community. Instruction is goal-directed and learner-centered. Pairs typically meet in their local library once or twice a week for an hour to an hour and a half each meeting. For more information or to get help with your reading or to become a volunteer, please give us a call. We would welcome hearing from you!

Recognizing that a child’s first and most important teacher is his/her parent, additional activities and support are provided to parents improving their skills with the intention of being able to help their child(ren). These include special family gatherings and getting children’s books into homes to develop home libraries—all aimed at helping families discover the joy of reading and learning together!

The Literacy Coach
This 36’ custom-built vehicle travels throughout the county to preschools, low income housing complexes and other similar sites to bring services to children and their parents or caregivers who may not otherwise have access to the wonders of the library due to geographic, economic or language barriers. Visitors to the Literacy Coach enjoy storytimes, songs, and art activities. Children are especially excited to get to choose a brand new book to take home and keep for their home libraries!

Partners and Learners (PAL)
With the goal of helping every child succeed in the classroom, the exciting PAL program serves K-6th grade students in the Oroville/Palermo area. Kids are matched one-on-one with volunteer tutors and meet regularly to work on reading, writing, homework, using the library and other activities that encourage learning (all blended with a good deal of fun!).

Early Learning with Families @ the Library (ELF)
In collaboration with the Library’s Children’s Services, this program is offered especially for our community’s youngest members, those under three years! Activities include Library Playtimes at the Chico, Gridley, Oroville and Paradise branches—children visit the Library with a favorite adult to enjoy activities developed just for them! A casual, friendly atmosphere is provided as parents and caregivers have a chance to talk with guest specialists such as nutritionists and speech therapists. Babies Love Books, for little ones under 18 months, are delightful story times that not only introduce some wonderful books to share with baby, but also encourages interaction and play between baby and caregiver—learning and fun for all at the Library!