



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF MONTEREY COUNTY

2015-16 Literacy Impact Report

A look at the impact of literacy programs at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County made possible by generous donors, sponsors, partners, and volunteers. Thank you for investing in our youth and our community!

Developing Great Readers

- **Over 750 youth** participated in literacy programs and skill-building activities!
- **200 youth** participated in *Read Naturally* since it's launch in 2014
- **100%** of *Read Naturally* youth attending 3 days/week **increased 3 reading levels!**
- **Literacy-based mathematic skills** were boosted through the *MobyMax* Math program with **96%** of participants **improving an average grade level of .52.**



Reading Naturally

Participants get to choose from 12 high-interest, nonfiction stories based on their assessment level. The program focuses on developing reading comprehension and fluency. Every child takes ownership of their progress as they self-monitor toward their goals, with real-time tracking of their reading levels. Members receive “Club dollars” for every story they complete to help incentivize their hard work and effort. BGCMC consults with reading specialist, Joann Mandi, to evaluate program effectiveness and best practices.

Meet our All-Stars!

“Read Naturally All Star” **Angel L.** (2nd Grade) is an English Language Learner that enrolled in the program in September 2015. His fall assessment showed him reading at 20 Words per Minute (WPM). Through Angel’s hard work, dedication and staff encouragement his March 2016 assessment went up to 71 WPM, and by the end of the school year he was reading 113 WPM!

“MobyMax All Star” **Donovan N.** (pictured right, 5th Grade) tested into the Moby program at a 2.2 grade level in October 2015; he finished at a 3.7 grade level in May 2016, improving 1.5 grade levels! When his lessons became more difficult in the spring quarter, his interest feigned, and he started to become disengaged. Parent investment and staff encouragement made the difference to keep him dedicated and participating in MobyMax everyday.



“I learned that if I keep working hard, good things will happen for me. I earned a MobyMax tablet! It’s more than just a tablet, too. I am even more ready to go to Middle School” – Donovan N. Age 11, “MobyMax All Star”

Science and Literacy



Nearly 500 youth participated in the Science Lit program, focusing on “Engineering Adventures” and “Engineering is Elementary.” The literacy-based curriculum helps members explore a real world problem in different countries. Members learned about geography, cultures, and the engineering design process. In one unit, Members read about Paulo, a young boy whose parents are aerospace engineers. Then, like the protagonist in the story, Members designed a “space parachute” to deliver an item to another planet.

Love of Literature Nights

The Clubs hosted 13 “Love of Literature” nights for over 130 participants to help our families develop a love of literature and equip them with at-home resources and tools. After sharing a family-style meal prepared by our staff, families enjoy a fun evening of activities for all ages. Books are provided to take home, and older siblings are encouraged to read to younger siblings, further strengthening the literacy skills of the entire family. Parents are also taught special literacy activities to practice at home with their children. These evenings foster positive communication between parents and staff, as they share about the child’s progress at the Clubs and at school.



2016-17 Great Readers Literacy Initiative

In an effort to support the growing number of youth unable to read at grade level, we are enhancing the Great Readers Literacy Initiative with three focus areas:

- **Early Readers** - young Members unable to read or struggling to read will participate in the "Early Reading" program utilizing the MobyMax learning tablets. The tablets offer three modules: 'Early Words' where they learn skills like decoding and blending, 'Early Stories' where they read and interact with new words, and 'Write Stories' by dragging and dropping words and pictures. Additionally, our “Kidz Lit” program will support comprehension and vocabulary, as members hear and/or read stories and then work with our staff to make the connection between the stories and their own life.
- **Reading to Learn** – focusing on 1st-3rd grade Members with reading skills but not yet at grade level, these members will be placed in the Read Naturally (RN) program. RN supports grade-level literacy goals by honing foundational reading skills using a repeated-reading mode. Members are individually placed at grade-level and goal-level using RN tools and the Hasbrouck-Tindal Oral Reading Fluency Norms. The effectiveness of the program is proven – 100% of those who participated 3 times/week improved by three grade levels in their reading scores!
- **Math is Literacy** - the switch to Common Core curriculum in public schools resulted in math problems becoming word-based, requiring critical thinking and comprehension skills. MobyMax offers differentiated learning to support this new approach, targeting areas where students are struggling, while allowing Members to progress once mastery is achieved. This allows for self-pacing and continuous monitoring as the program’s analytics assesses the Members’ progress in real-time.

We invite you to see the Literacy Program in action; please call (831)394-5171 to schedule a tour.

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