

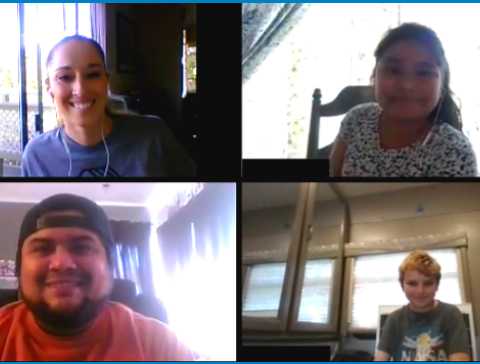


**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF MONTEREY COUNTY**

2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR 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, and volunteers.

Thank you for investing in our youth!



READ NATURALLY THROUGH COVID-19

When Clubhouses closed following health guidelines due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Boys & Girls Club Staff worked quickly to ensure that our young readers didn't go without reading intervention for long. Although there was a short pause in programming, we were able to quickly resume Read Naturally virtually in a few weeks.

VIRTUAL SUCCESS

Alizon, 4th grade Member, started Read Naturally the first week of virtual programming. Her dad expressed concern about her academics and was grateful we offered the opportunity for reading intervention virtually. Alizon showed tremendous commitment to the program. Alizon completed 20 stories, moved up from level 5.0 to 5.6 and improved her reading from 96 correct words per minute to 126 correct words per minute. Alizon committed to growth in her reading and she was very successful.

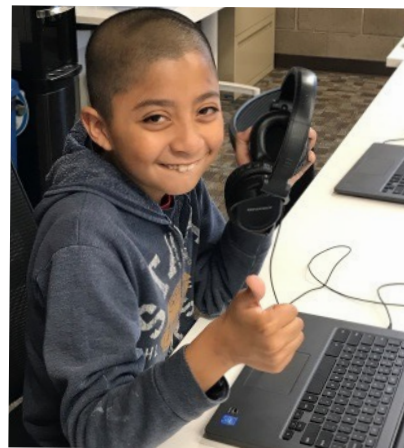
DEVELOPING GREAT READERS

Over 350 youth participated in literacy programs and activities

143 youth participated in the literacy intervention program Read Naturally

1,916 stories were read (each story completed represents progression in a child's reading level)

Readers improved by an average increase of **29.3 words per minute**



READ NATURALLY

Read Naturally is an online reading program that accelerates reading achievement by combining the research-proven strategies of teacher modeling; repeated reading, and progress monitoring. A student works at his or her own pace while our staff uses the text and audio tools to guide the student through the steps. The student masters a story by reading along with the narrator until he or she can read it fluently and comprehend it.

MEET OUR READ NATURALLY ALL STARS

Jayson, 4th grade Member, has always been a joy for staff to work with. He had consistent attendance and his family always expressed gratitude for Boys & Girls Clubs and the work we do. During virtual programming, Jayson passed 7 stories at level 4.0 and was ready to be assessed at level 4.5. Upon assessment, Jayson was reading 88 words per minute!

Victoria, 1st grade Member, is one of the youngest Members in Read Naturally. She began the program identifying 6 words and ended the program identifying 47 words. Every time she passed an assessment, she and her mom would hug and scream in celebration. Watching her advance in reading and comprehension was such a joy!

BGCMC is thankful for your investment to develop and implement our Great Readers Literacy Initiative. We hope you are pleased with the impact your investment has had in changing the lives of our kids!