

# HOME ROOM

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Read Across American is on Monday, March 2, but one day is hardly enough to emphasize the importance of reading to student success. Researchers often take a look at literacy as a means to predict how lawful a student will be once he or she is out of school and enters adult life.

Teaching a child to read and to love reading is giving that youngster one of the best life skills. And that is why the California Teachers Association has expanded its Read Across America efforts to promote more than just one book on one day. With the California Reads program, CTA promotes books recommended by teachers in all grades and reading levels throughout the year.

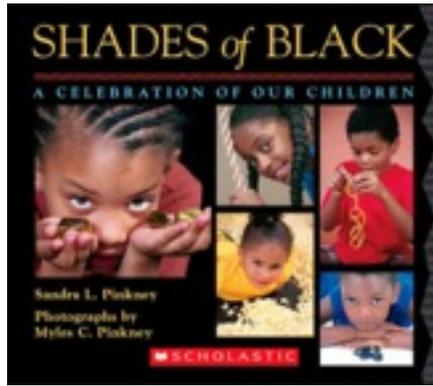
In promoting literacy throughout the year, CTA still enjoys participating in national literacy events through Read Across America. CTA has created resources for our members to download and use in their classes. There are inspirational posters, a list of the 2019-20 recommended books, certificates in English and Spanish, a bookmark and the "6 Reading Keys" flyer in eight languages. The flyers can be great handouts for parents.

The five books highlighted on this page are recommended for March 2. To download the resources or to recommend a book, go to [www.CTA.org/CaliforniaReads](http://www.CTA.org/CaliforniaReads). Teachers are literacy experts, so CTA invites you to add a book to the list of recommended reading.

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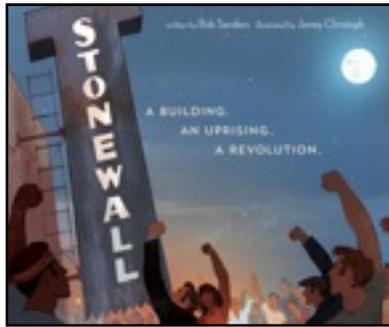
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## Shades of Black: A Celebration of our Children (Pre-K/TK/K)

A remarkable book of affirmation for African-American children. Portraits and striking descriptions of varied skin tones, hair texture and eye color convey pride in a unique heritage. A joyous celebration of rich diversity.



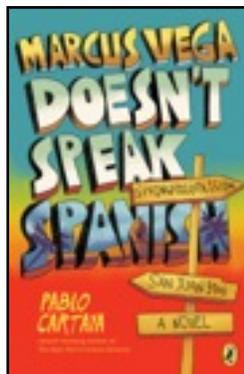
## Stonewall: A Building, an Uprising, a Revolution (Grades 1-2)

In the early morning of June 28, 1969, the Stonewall Inn was raided by New York City police. Members of the LGBTQ+ community began to protest and demand their rights.



## Front Desk (Grades 3-5)

Mia Tang lives in a motel. As her immigrant parents clean rooms, the 10-year-old manages the front desk. Her parents hide immigrants in empty room and if the mean motel owner finds out, her family will be doomed.



## Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish (Grades 6-8)

Marcus faces suspension after a fight at school, so his mom takes the eighth-grader to Puerto Rico. Thus begins his search on the island for the father who walked out of his life 10 years earlier.



## Internment (Grades 9-12)

Layla Amin, 17, and her parents are sent to an internment camp for Muslim Americans. With the help of friends in the camp, her boyfriend on the outside and an unexpected alliance, Layla leads a revolution against the camp director in a fight for freedom.

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# California Casualty has special offers



Can you promise to avoid any distractions when you are driving? California Casualty is offering those who can make that promise an opportunity to win a 2020 Jeep Compass in the Keep On Course Giveaway. All you have to do to enter is go to [www.DriveSafePromise.com/CTA](http://www.DriveSafePromise.com/CTA).

One distraction is too many when you are behind the wheel. Holding your phone to make or answer a call, checking email and typing a text can take your mind or eyes off the road just long enough for an accident to occur. Promise to make safe driving a priority and enter the Keep On Course Giveaway.

California Casualty has also lowered its renters insurance rates by 26 percent and when bundled with auto coverage, the renters policy is nearly free. For a quote, contact Tami Phillips at 877-711-9653 or [www.ReadyforQuote.com/Tami](http://www.ReadyforQuote.com/Tami).

Imagine if all your belongings were stolen or destroyed. Do you have enough money to replace your television, computer, furniture and clothing? California Casualty's renters insurance policy will cover the costs of those items and also reimburse you for living expenses if you cannot stay in your apartment or rental property. Contact Tami today to ensure you are insured.



## Executive Board openings offer opportunity to serve

If you are feeling the need to lead, there may be no better time than now to step forward. Seven positions on the FSUTA Executive Board will be for the taking in our April election, so now is the time to decide whether you are ready to step forward and become a candidate.

Each of the Executive Board openings carries a two-year term. The positions are treasurer, corresponding secretary, recording secretary and four Members at Large. Nominations open at the March 2 Site Representative Council meeting and will close April 6 at the Site Representative Council meeting.

Request a Declaration of Candidacy form by email at [fsutaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:fsutaoffice@gmail.com).

**Treasurer**

**Corresponding Secretary**

**Recording Secretary**

**Members at Large (four seats)**

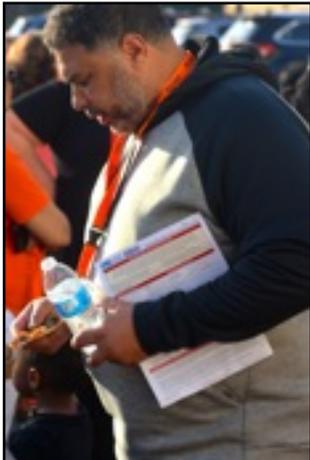
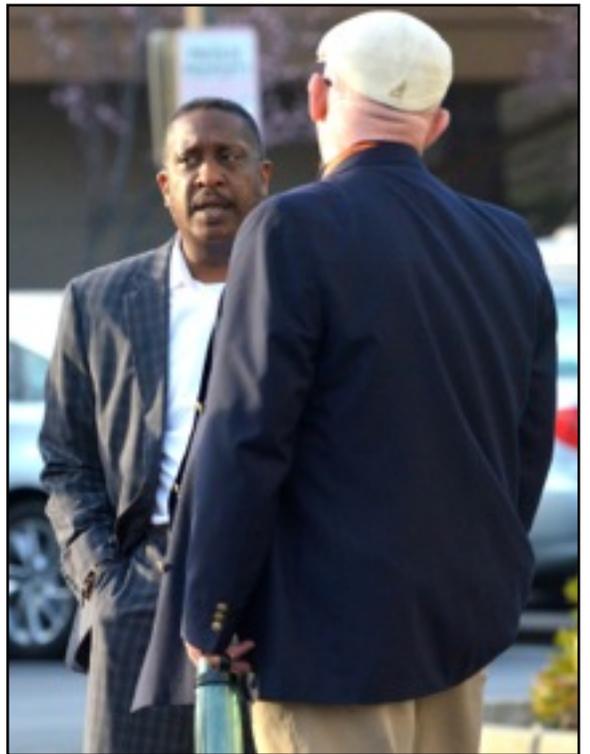


— Elect your 2020-21 Site Representative —



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# Sunshine is power of orange





# STILL *and better than ever* GOING

**35** YEARS

Deanna Alloway, *Anna Kyle*  
Edith Monachello, *Rolling Hills*  
Dayna Rigot, *Tolenas*

Patricia Adkins-Adams, *Crescent*  
David Brown, *Cleo Gordon*  
Linda Huff, *David Weir*  
Amy Love-Fields, *Crescent*  
Thomas Vohs, *Green Valley*  
Leslie Williams, *Rolling Hills*

**30**  
YEARS

Shelly Barrett, *Rodriguez*  
Oneta Edmonds, *Armijo*  
Janis Gillespie, *Anna Kyle*  
Elizabeth Hirsch, *Green Valley*  
Mary Llewelyn, *Fairfield High*  
Matthew Miller, *Fairfield High*  
Elizabeth Osburn, *Cleo Gordon*

**25**  
YEARS

Margene Rich, *Sem Yeto*  
Margie Steplight, *Crescent*  
Cynthia Stuart, *K.I. Jones*  
Brian Swetland, *Fairfield High*  
Lori Taylor, *Fairview*  
Julie Victor, *David Weir*



**20** YEARS

Nicholas Baca, *Rodriguez*  
Corie Barloggi, *Suisun Elementary*  
Shelly Folden, *Tolenas*  
Stephen Gallagher, *Suisun Elementary*  
Anita Green, *Green Valley*  
Jessica Kirchhoff, *Anna Kyle*  
Meena Matthew, *B. Gale Wilson*  
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Stephen Patton, *Fairview*  
Dan Pozzesi, *Green Valley*  
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