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Oath Ceremony for New Citizens at the Central Library

Fresno County Public Library (FCPL) will host a Citizenship Oath Ceremony at the Central Library for new citizens. The newest citizens, 24 children, ranging in age from eight to sixteen years old, hailing from seven different countries, will be sworn in at the Central Library located in Downtown Fresno. The Ceremony will start at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 17th.

The Library has partnered with United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to provide a special day for the new citizens. In addition to taking their Oath, the children will be able to take part in several library activities. The Library will offer a craft for both kids and teens before the ceremony begins. During the ceremony, librarians will read a story and give a book talk. The new citizens and their families will gather in the William Saroyan Gallery of the Central Library where USCIS will administer the oath and the new citizens will pledge their allegiance to flag of the United States of America.

In partnership with the Central Valley Network for Integrating New Americans (CV-NINA) and USCIS, the Library has opened Citizenship Corners in twelve library branches since November 2015. These Citizenship Corners provide a variety of resources on the entire naturalization process.

"It's been a fun adventure partnering with USCIS to bring this enriching service to the community. Citizenship opens so many opportunities for those willing to seize it," said County Librarian, Laurel Prysiazny.

For more information about Library programs, services, and specific branch hours, please go to www.fresnolibrary.org or call the Library at (559) 600 – READ (7323).

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