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Fresno County Public Library Hosts Oath Ceremony

Fresno County Public Library (FCPL) will host a Citizenship Oath Ceremony at the Betty Rodriguez Regional Library for new citizens. This ceremony is to celebrate children under the age of 18 receiving their citizenship certificate.

The newest citizens, 22 children between the ages of 4 and 15 years old, from eight different countries, will be sworn in and will receive their citizenship certificate at the Betty Rodriguez Regional Library located at 3040 N. Cedar Ave, Fresno. The Ceremony will start at 10:00 AM on Saturday, February 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 new citizens will be able to take part in several library activities. During the ceremony, a librarian will share a story for all in attendance. In connection with The Big Read program, there will be a book talk on the NEA Big Read book, *The Latehomecomer* by Kao Kalia Yang. This is a book depicting a Hmong family's journey from their home country of Laos to the United States.

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

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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