

Educational Resource Services offers trainings on new e-book collection addressing student mental health issues



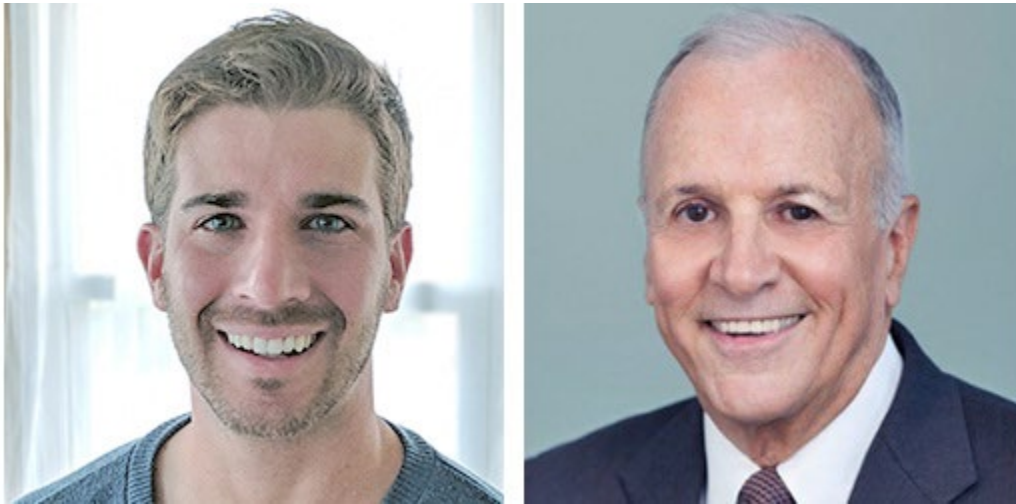
Educational Resource Services (ERS) recently acquired a comprehensive collection of mental health e-books for students and educators. Entitled *Cameron's Collection*, the 40-book set covers topics ranging from depression, anxiety, and suicide to anorexia, bullying, stress, self-injury, and more.

Titles from *Cameron's Collection* have been selected to support teens who may be battling mental health issues or who desire a greater awareness of the subject. The collection also serves as an instructional resource for counselors and teachers providing guidance to struggling students.

To familiarize educators in schools that contract with the ERS Library for media services, three trainings will be offered this spring. Attendees will review the collection content and learn how they and their students now have access to *Cameron's Collection* via the ERS Portal. The free trainings are offered from 8:00 until 11:00 a.m. on March 11, April 1, and May 13 with registration available at tulare.k12oms.org. For additional information, please contact Debra Lockwood at debra.lockwood@tcoe.org, or Sara Torabi at sara.torabi@tcoe.org.

Early Childhood Education annual conference to focus on supporting children with special needs

Early Childhood Education's 32nd Annual Early Care and Education Conference is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Wyndham Visalia. Entitled "Promoting Inclusion: Embracing the Needs of All Children," the conference will focus on supporting students with special needs. This year, the event will feature two prominent keynote presenters – Chris Ulmer and Whit Hayslip.

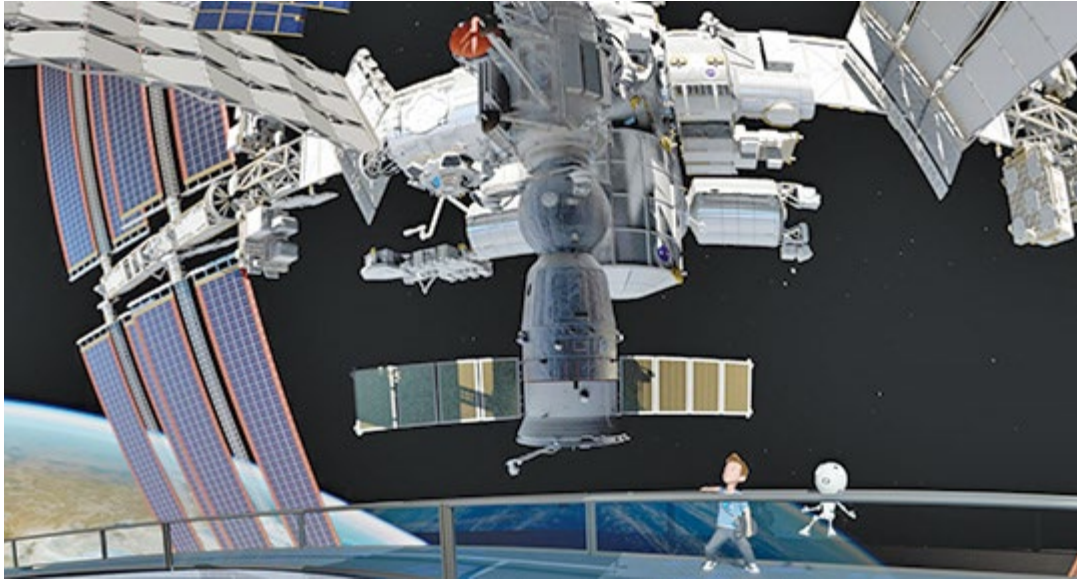


Mr. Ulmer (photo left) is a disabilities rights advocate, YouTuber, and founder of SBSK (Special Books by Special Kids). The former special education teacher now travels the globe meeting friends with a diagnosis and sharing their stories on social media. "When we take time to hear someone's story and view life from their perspective, we learn and grow as humans making the world a better place," he says.

Whit Hayslip (photo right) has worked in the field of early childhood education for over 50 years. He currently serves as a consultant to the David and Lucile Packard Foundation's "Starting Smart and Strong Initiative" in Fresno. In 2010, Mr. Hayslip retired from his position as assistant superintendent for the Los Angeles Unified School District, where he was responsible for programs serving over 35,000 children between birth and five years of age. Additionally, he served as a director of Infant and Preschool Special Education, and on numerous local, state, and national advisory groups.

The cost of the conference is \$60 per person and includes a light breakfast and a lunch. Early Childhood Education staff may register beginning today at tulare.k12oms.org/182586. Registration for all other organizations opens February 28 and closes March 27. For additional information, call Elvira Barron at (559) 651-0185.

Planetarium to offer two public shows on Friday



The Peña Planetarium will offer two public shows on Friday, February 21. At 6:00 p.m., audience members can enjoy *The Secrets of Gravity: In the Footsteps of Albert Einstein*. This show follows the adventures of 12-year-old Luke, who is far more interested in the universe and its secrets than boring magic spells. One night, he sneaks into the Albert Einstein Museum where he meets ALBYX3, a quirky robot who knows all about Albert Einstein and his theories. ALBY takes Luke on a magical journey through space and time during which they not only uncover the secrets of gravity, but also learn about friendship and imagination.

At 7:00 p.m., visitors can see *Phantom of the Universe*. This program is an exciting exploration of dark matter. The show reveals the first hints of dark matter's existence, then plummets deep underground to see the most sensitive dark matter detector on Earth. From there, it journeys across space and time to the Large Hadron Collider at CERN, speeding alongside particles before they collide in visually stunning explosions of light and sound.

The Peña Planetarium is located at 11535 Avenue 264 in Visalia, on the southwest corner of Mooney Boulevard and Avenue 264. Tickets are available at the Planetarium office only after 5:00 p.m. on the day of the show. Each of the shows requires a separate ticket. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for children 11 and under. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No late seating is offered once the planetarium doors close. For information, call (559) 737-6334. For program descriptions and more information on the public shows, visit tcoe.org/PlanetariumPublicShows.

Coming Up!

- **through February 28**
Student Art Exhibition
TCOE Administration Building Lobby, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia
[More information.](#)
- **February 19**
Tulare County Spelling Championship
9:00am - 3:00pm, Visalia Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia Ave.
[More information](#)
- **February 20**
University Preparatory High School Information Night
6:00 - 7:00pm, COS Visalia campus, Yokut Room 9, 915 S. Mooney Blvd.
[More information](#)
- **February 21**
Planetarium Public Shows
6:00pm: *The Secrets of Gravity: In the Footsteps of Albert Einstein*
7:00pm: *Phantom of the Universe*
TCOE Planetarium & Science Center, 11535 Avenue 264, Visalia
[More information](#)
- **February 22**
Circle J BioBlitz
9:00am - 12:00pm, Circle J-Norris Ranch, Springville
[More information](#)
- **February 22**
Habitat Restoration Volunteer Day at Circle J
1:00 - 4:30pm, Circle J-Norris Ranch, Springville
[More information](#)

View more events at tcoe.org/CalendarofEvents.

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