

Literally Speaking

Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy

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International Literacy Day

More than 780 million people worldwide (nearly two-thirds of whom are women) do not know how to read and write. International Literacy Day, traditionally observed each year on September 8, focuses attention on worldwide literacy needs.

Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy hosts an International Literacy Day (ILD) event at the Newport Beach Public Library, highlighting the tremendous strides our adult learners have made in reaching their goals. It is a day of celebration as tutors, learners and special guests share dishes from their home countries and come together to honor literacy program participants.

The adult learner who exemplifies the mission of the program, is honored as the *Rochelle Hoffman Memorial Award* winner. This award, established in memory of Rochelle Hoffman, a dedicated tutor who passed away in 2004, is presented each year by Rochelle Hoffman's daughters, Renee and Risa.

Another special part of the day is the presentation of the book *In Our Own Words*, which is a collection of stories, essays and poems written by the learners of the program. Learner submissions for this special edition must be submitted to the literacy office by **July 24**. Please join us on **September 14, 2017**, at 10 a.m. to celebrate International Literacy Day. It is our way of recognizing the efforts of volunteers and the progress of our adult learners. By improving literacy skills, we strengthen our community, and what better way is there to applaud these dedicated people than by supporting their efforts!



Unlock the potential.

Become a tutor.

Check out our website for more information at www.newportliteracy.org

Important dates

July 4: Library Closed

July 11: Board Meeting

July 19: New Learner Orientation

July 24: Learner Stories are due

July 31: Roles & Goals Forms are due

August 9 & 16: Tutor Training

TUTOR TOOLBOX

CultureGrams has become one of the most trusted and widely used cultural reference products in the education, government, and non-profit arenas. Its aim is to foster understanding and appreciation of the world's peoples by documenting the unique details of their customs, traditions, and daily life. CultureGrams content is available in the CultureGrams Online Database and as PDF downloads of individual reports.

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“To develop the literacy skills of adults to empower them to achieve greater success in their lives — at home, at work, and in the community.”

- Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy Mission Statement



Roles & Goals

A hallmark of Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy is its learner-centered commitment; helping learners to meet personal goals. In order to measure our success, California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) requires all programs to report on how we are doing. The Roles & Goals form is the vehicle we use to tout the achievements of every learner in the program.

By now, Tutors should have received email requests for the annual Roles & Goals for to be submitted to the office by July 31st. These forms will help us paint a picture of all that you and your learners accomplish together in the year. As you know, reading scores simply do not tell the whole story of

our work. Reaching our goals, large and small, is what makes all of us successful.

Even if you are no longer tutoring, your learner has left or you have a new learner, it is still important we receive your report for any sessions you had between July 2016 and June 2017 for ALL you.

Please return the Roles & Goals form to the literacy office by no later than July 31st. As always, if you need help in completing the form or if you would like a copy of last year's form, please contact us.

Thank you

“There are two kinds of people; those who do the work and those who take the credit. Try to be in the first group; there is less competition there .”

~ Indira Gandhi ~

MORE TUTOR TOOLBOX

Recently traditional forms of learning have developed new technologies. Consequently, vast numbers of people are choosing to improve skills by using online learning.

One of the most popular methods of online learning is Deep English.com. This very convenient website helps non-native speakers learn English online by speaking and listening to the English content, not by memorization. The benefits to online English learning include materials for all online platforms, easy accessibility from home and an established self-paced learning experience so students can complete goals at any time and arrange all learning at their individual schedules.



President's Message

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far and maybe some of you even have exciting vacations planned!

This year has been an exciting one for Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy. Our annual fundraising event with famous author Lisa See broke all records! Over 250 guests enjoyed an engaging speech by her, which was truly a wonderful experience for everyone. On behalf of our advisory board, thank you to our supporters, donors, sponsors, guests and our amazing events committee and, of course, our dedicated staff! Hats off to you all!

Last year we added a second event, The Literacy Happy Hour, right here at the library. It was so successful that we are already planning a repeat for October 2017. More information to follow.

Career on-line High School program, a diploma program for community members who never achieved this goal, began in earnest in November. There are already several candidates who are well on their way to achieving this very important milestone and are anxious to get started with college or career certification programs.

Our advisory board members are continuously working hard on many projects to make a deep and lasting impact in the lives of our learners and the community. We appreciate the generous contributions of The Friends of Library and Newport Beach Public Library Foundation and, of course, the City of Newport Beach. Their continued support enables the program to reach over 200 adult learners from our community each year.

We are always trying to improve the program so please let us know if you have any suggestions, concerns or questions.

I wish you all a happy, safe and fun summer!

Farah Moyaffar



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Help the program grow stronger.

Help others reach their goals. Volunteer tutors work one-on-one, helping adults improve basic reading and writing skills. Tutors receive free training and tutor two to three hours a week.

- Tutors
- Advisory Board
- Assessors

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Learner Accomplishments

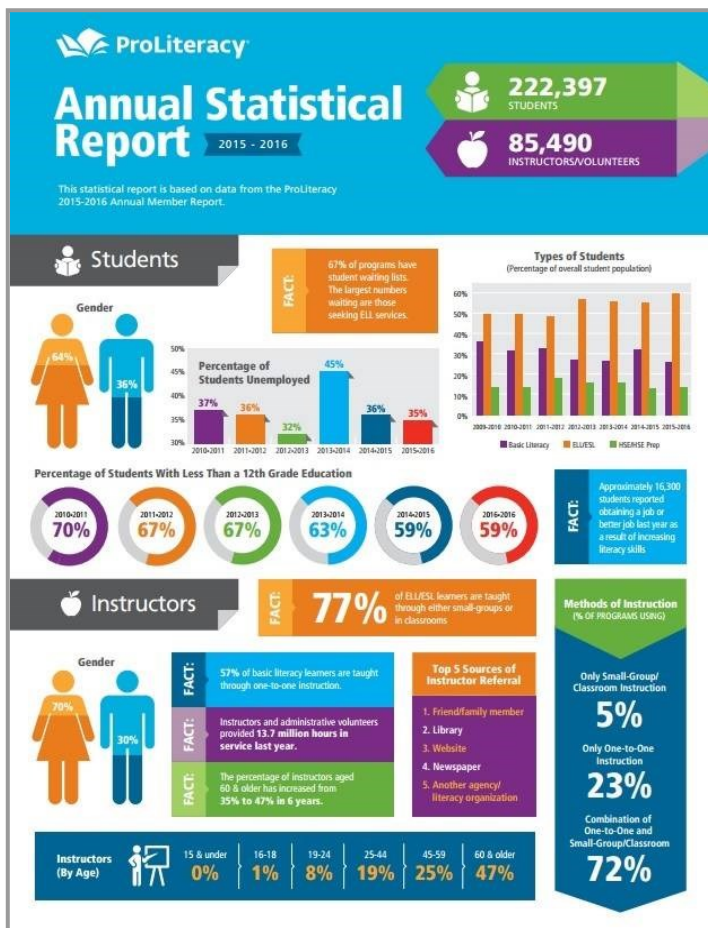
- Passed esthetician test
- Opened a restaurant
- Obtained a driver's license

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Don't Forget Summer Classes!

Many students and staff are eager to take summer vacation and travel around the world. For those students that plan to stay in town, Literacy Services has big plans for YOU! We have classes running through the entire California summer. Taking a summer class helps learners:

- Continue achieving goals through the Summer
- Stay on track with learning needs
- Study with supporting and understanding teachers

There are two brand new classes offered for the summer. *Idioms for Everyday Life*, instructed by Carol Hazelwood, and *Discussion: Life Skills* taught by Helene Chaban. For learners that are traveling, please remember to continue improving your literacy skills through the Summer.



Say Cheese!: Helene Chaban's Discussion Life Skills Class

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Upcoming Literacy Dates/Events

June 5, 12, 19, 26	Mondays, 10:30 a.m.	Book Club
June 6, 13, 20	Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.	Discussion: Life Skills Class**
June 6, 13, 20, 27	Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.	Evening Book Club**
June 7, 14, 21,	Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.	News You Can Use**
June 7, 14, 21, 28	Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.	American Sitcoms**
June 7, 14, 21, 28	Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.	Conversation Class
June 15	Thursday, 10:30 a.m.	Script to Screen**
June 14, 21, 28	Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.	Pronunciation Workshop**
June 21	Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.	Tutor Connection
June 28	Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.	Movie Talk**
July 10, 17, 24, 31	Mondays, 10:30 a.m.	Book Club
July 11, 18, 25	Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m.	Evening Book Club**
July 20, 27	Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.	Idioms for Everyday Life**
July 11, 18	Tuesdays, 10:00 am	Discussion: Life Skills Class**
July 4	Tuesday	Independence Day (Library Closed)
July 7, 14, 21, 28	Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.	American Sitcoms**
July 7, 14, 21, 28	Thursdays, 6:30 pm	Conversation Class
July 11	Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.	Advisory Board Meeting
July 12	Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.	Pronunciation Workshop**
July 19	Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.	New Learner Orientation**
July 24	Monday	Deadline for learner essays
July 31	Monday	Deadline for Roles & Goals

***Pre-registration required*

Note: All programs are held at the Central Library unless otherwise posted and subject to change.

For more details, contact the literacy office at (949) 717-3874 or email us at literacy@newportbeachca.gov