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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*



## Career Online High School

In 2017, Newport Beach Public Library and Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy joined

together to help adults in the area achieve their goal to obtain a High School Diploma.

The State of California made the achievement of this goal a priority and is helping libraries to offer a specialized program called Career Online High School "COHS". Through a matching award program, students who complete a pre-requisite class are able to apply for a scholarship to complete their High School Diploma and receive certification in one of several career choices.

As COHS is a web-based program, it is a wonderful opportunity to give an adult the chance to get their High School Diploma in the convenience of their own home.

Our first graduating class will be hon-

**"Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence."**

~Abigail Adams~

ored at International Literacy Day on September 13th at 10AM. Four students have completed the full curriculum which includes; Language Arts, Math, Social Studies and Science as well as their career training courses.

Congratulations to our graduates:

Angel Oyune  
Melinda Luege  
Sheryll Pereira  
Lilia Stephens

Please join us on International Literacy Day to congratulate these exceptional women.

## International Literacy Day

Please join us on **Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** as we gather to celebrate *all* the people in the literacy program and award the Rochelle Hoffman Memorial Award. A big thank you to all of the Learners who contributed an essay in this year's "In Our Words" book, and to those learners who are planning to share a special dish from their home country.



## Help Support YOUR Literacy Program

### *Ralph's Grocery Stores*

By simply buying groceries, you can help us raise funds. Register at: <https://www.ralphs.com/topic/community-contribution-2>

### *Amazon Smile*

Purchase with purpose.

Shop at: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/93-1011706> and Amazon donates to Newport Mesa ProLiteracy.

## Donations are always welcome

We are grateful for the community support that we receive from local companies, foundations, organizations, and individuals whose donations have been helping the program continue to serve the literacy needs of our community.

If you have any contacts who might be interested in supporting literacy, please contact the office.

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## TUTOR/LEARNERS SPOTLIGHT

### Serving Up Ice Cream at OC Fairgrounds

On Saturday, August 18th, tutors and learners along with friends and family members gathered at the OC Swap Meet at the Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa. By helping to serve up ice cream, we were able to raise money to support adult literacy education. In addition, we had great fun getting to know other tutors and learners in the program and met some new friends as well.



### New Tutors and Learners

We would like to welcome our July graduating class of tutors. Thank you for your time and effort.

**Tamera Bilbao, David Griffin, Jeanne Harvey, Noel Humphries, Deb Rothbert, Christine Sharp, Paul Watkins, Rhonda Watkins**

If you know somebody who might enjoy tutoring or benefit from participating in the program, please tell them about us.

**Learner Orientation: October 2**  
**Tutor Orientation: October 16, 23**

### *Kappa Kappa Gamma Fundraiser*

*Kappa Kappa Gamma* held their annual "Evening Under the Stars" event at Crystal Cove on Saturday, July 21st. Proceeds from the event benefited Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy and supported adult literacy services and programming. This is the 4th year that the *Kappas* have chosen NMPL as the recipient agency of this beautiful event.

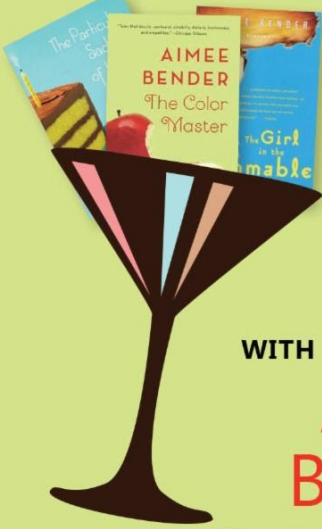
Their fundraising efforts have resulted in donations of about \$3,000 each year.

Thank you.



Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy invites you to enjoy

# HAPPY Hour




Saturday  
October 6  
6-8 p.m.

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### Upcoming News & Events

- \* Sept. 3rd Library Closed
- \* Sept. 11th Board Meeting
- \* Sept. 13th International Literacy Day
- \* Oct. 2nd New Learner Orientation
- \* Oct. 6th Happy Hour

### The Irvine Museum

Please join us for a fun field trip to The Irvine Museum Collection in Irvine on **October 12th!**

**Why museum field trips matter?** It is great for learners to explore various theatre arts and exhibits in the Orange County area.

The mission of the museum field trip is to ignite interest in and foster discoveries about art. We facilitate experiences in which learners discover how to explore their own perceptions and the possible meanings of these works of art. Learners will learn to make connections to other artworks, but also to their own lives, knowledge, and feelings, and to society both past and present.

These are all skills that learners themselves have identified as important to them.

Thank you to our American Sitcoms teacher, **Marcia Drew**, and NMPL volunteer and docent at The Irvine Museum, **Carolyn Scheer**, who will lead the tour.

### *Learner Testimonials of Past Trips - Irvine Museum*

"The tour in the Irvine Museum gave me so much pleasure and enjoyment. I appreciate that the Newport Beach Public Library Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy program provided this opportunity to us." -VT



"Thank you so much for providing us all amazing events and programs such as the Irvine Museum field trip. Carolyn, our tour guide, gave us a great tour and tried to simplify general information about different art eras and addressed the distinctive characteristics of each style in the exhibition's paintings." - NP

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## Upcoming Literacy Dates/Events

|                           |                        |   |
|---------------------------|------------------------|---|
| September 24              | Mondays, 10:30 a.m.    | Book Club                                     |
| September 25              | Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.   | Discussion: Life Skills Class**               |
| September 4, 11, 18, 25   | Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m.    | Vocabulary Building**                         |
| September 26              | Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.  | News You Can Use**                            |
| September 19, 26          | Wednesday, 1:00 p.m.   | Grammar & Vocabulary**                        |
| September 12, 26          | Wednesday, 6:15 p.m.   | Literacy 360**                                |
| September 13              | Thursday, 10:00 a.m.   | <b>International Literacy Day Celebration</b> |
| September 20, 27          | Thursday, 10:00 a.m.   | Writing Workshop**                            |
| September 13, 20, 27      | Thursdays, 1:00 p.m.   | American Sitcoms**                            |
| September 6               | Thursday, 10:30 a.m.   | Script to Screen**                            |
| September 11              | Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.     | <b>Advisory Board Meeting</b>                 |
| September 20              | Thursday, 10:00 a.m.   | <b>Tutor Connection</b>                       |
|                           |                        |   |
| October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  | Mondays, 10:30 a.m.    | Book Club                                     |
| October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  | Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.   | Discussion: Life Skills Class**               |
| October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  | Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m.    | Vocabulary Building**                         |
| October 3, 10, 17, 24     | Wednesday, 6:15 p.m.   | Literacy 360**                                |
| October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. | News You Can Use**                            |
| October 2                 | Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.    | <b>New Learner Orientation**</b>              |
| October 3, 10, 17, 24     | Wednesday, 1:00 pm     | Grammar & Vocabulary**                        |
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| October 6                 | Saturday, 6:00 p.m.    | <b>Happy Hour**</b>                           |

*\*\*Pre-registration required*

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