

Literally Speaking

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Congratulations to Our Winners!

Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy is proud to congratulate our two winners of the *Writer8Writer* competition. Yoko Emori's letter received runner-up in the Beginners category, while Grace Wong won in the Advanced category.

Grace was present at the *SCLLN Annual Literacy Conference* luncheon and read her emotional letter to all of those in attendance. Unfortunately, Yoko was not able to appear in person due to her travels but her tutor, Joy Faigen, attended and accepted the award on her behalf.

It is moving to see so many learners put pen to paper to express their gratitude toward an author who impacted their lives.



Grace Wong



Yoko Emori

A New Online Look for the Library

The Newport Beach Public Library has launched their newly re-designed website. This includes a new look for our own site as well. While things may appear different, all of the same information can still be found plus several new additions. We have received emails regarding disabled links and PDF's, but please bear with us while our IT department fixes and upgrades the site.

If you are having trouble finding the website on the library page, simply click on ABOUT and you will find the link to LITERACY SERVICES. This will take you to our new page. And, if you choose to make a donation to Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy through our website, the DONATE NOW link will take you to our donations page.

Thank you for your support!

Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy
invites you to the tenth annual

Gift of Literacy

Fundraising Luncheon

April 21, 2017

11:00 am

Radisson Hotel Newport Beach

Tickets \$95 per person

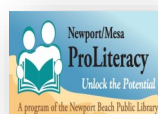
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Guest Speaker

LISA SEE



Photo by Patricia Williams

Best-selling author of such novels as, *Shanghai Girls*, *Peony in Love*, and *Snow-flower and the Secret Fan*. Her latest novel, *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* will make its debut at our event.

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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

Newport Beach Public Library and Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy have joined together to help adults in the area achieve their goal to obtain a High School Diploma.

The State of California has 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, for example:

- Child Care and Education
- Certified Protection Officer
- Commercial Driving
- Homeland Security
- Office Management
- Customer Service
- Food and Hospitality

The basic curriculum includes completing credits in Language Arts, Math, Social Studies and Science. In fact, these credits can be transferred from the student's previous high school if completed in the past.

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. If you know anybody that might benefit from this information, please pass it on.

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. And please also remember us in your will.

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Snapshot:

Deborah DeMaddalena Tutor

Every now and then you come across an individual whose impact is far-reaching. One such person is Deborah DeMaddalena.

She joined Literacy Services as a tutor in 2014 and has been a great supporter of our program by tutoring multiple learners and being proactive in the program.



Literally Speaking: What first drew you to the Newport Beach Public Library literacy program?

Deborah: When I retired in 2014, I was looking for a volunteer opportunity. A friend who was part of the Friends of the Library, recommended I look into the Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy program. After meeting Cherall and attending orientation, I was hooked. I knew I could make a small difference in someone's life.

Literally Speaking: How has your work here affected your life day to day?

Deborah: Each time I meet with my learner, I get to see our world through someone else's eyes. I am reminded just how much our culture shapes our world view, and in turn, how we communicate with one another. Helping someone to achieve English literacy has highlighted where I can improve on being a better listener. I have also rediscovered my native English language and am now more aware of how much language evolves and changes based on the world around us.

Literally Speaking: What are your other interests and what do you do for fun?

Deborah: My number one passion in life is travel. I have been traveling both domestically and internationally since 1972. With 38 states and 35 countries under my belt, I feel like I've just scratched the surface of seeing this wonderful planet of ours. Next trip in April – Iceland. When I'm not on the road or working with literacy, I love to read historical fiction, am learning to speak German (now I really relate with my learner), have taken up Karate, and have recently decided to try learning to play the Ukulele. I hope I never stop being curious.

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

~Abigail Adams~

New Tutors

We would like to welcome our graduating class of tutors for Winter 2017. Their time and effort are truly appreciated and there are a lot of learners who will benefit from their participation.

If you know somebody who might enjoy tutoring, please tell them about us (next Tutor Training, May 11 & 18, 2017, 9:15am).

WINTER 2017



(In alphabetical order)

Emily Berkowitz

Paloma Duarte

Catherine Humphrey

Jerry Jaquess

Elyse Kleinberg

Tara Miller

Debbie Weeks

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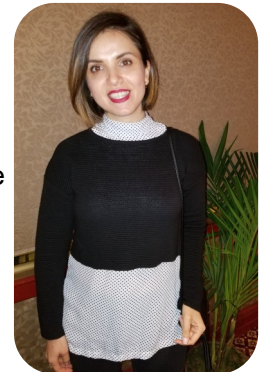
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Learner's Corner

2017 SCLLN Literacy Conference

By Nora Pourasad

On February 25, the 17th Annual Literacy Conference of the Southern California Library Literacy Network was held in Newport Beach. I realized that "life is a journey. Let's enjoy every moments of this path." I repeated to myself once again when I was heading towards the "Writer to Writer" event. Was I anxious? I must say like many other learners, the Literacy program washed away my fears. When I got there I felt as if I was among my family and friends. When I met other people from different libraries with different stories and as I did, they became my good friends. During lunch, I was lucky to bump into a Spanish couple from Beverly Hills Library. Surprisingly she was a winner, Almudena Solana, who is a professional writer. She invited us to her upcoming speech for her new book. Isn't it great?! Literacy program is helping me to achieve my oldest dream; making friends from all around the world.



It's considerable that even though the world is gigantic, we are connected to each other with an invisible rope. Our stories and experiences of joys and sorrows, success and failures, are some how the same. While listening to the stories at the conference, I felt as if I knew them, and their fears and motivations were familiar. It is fascinating that we were able to communicate with other learners and see how they got here, and what encouraged them in their life. Someday I wake up thinking life is hard and there are so many things to learn and master. Other learners shared their stories of their inspiration. I saw tears on which wasn't absolute joys but tears that showed how stories of life can impact others. It can remind us our life when we were in similar circumstances. Maybe one day my story helps someone else's life. I am sure that I will find the book which can take my hand and bring me to the bright side of the life. In the next event I will share it with you and I want to hear yours too. See you there next year!

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Upcoming Literacy Dates/Events

March 6, 13, 20, 27
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March 9
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Mondays, 10:30 am
Tuesdays, 10:15 am
Tuesdays, 1:00 pm
Tuesdays, 6:00 pm
Tuesday, 7:00 pm
Wednesdays, 10:00 am
Wednesdays, 10:30 am
Wednesday, 10:00 am
Wednesday, 7:00pm
Thursday, 10:00 am
Thursday, 10:30am
Thursday 1:00pm
Thursdays, 6:30 pm

Book Club
Discussion Class
Grammar & Vocabulary**
Evening Book Club**
Advisory Board Meeting
News You Can Use**
Pronunciation Workshop**
Movie Talk**
Creative Writing Class**
Writing Workshop**
Script to Screen Workshop**
American Sitcoms**
Conversation Class

April 3, 10, 17, 24
April 4, 11, 18, 25
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April 12
April 5, 19, 26
April 12, 19, 26
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April 13, 20, 27
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
April 21

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Wednesday, 7:00pm
Thursday, 10:00 am
Thursday, 10:00 am
Thursday, 10:30am
Thursdays, 6:30 pm
Friday, 11:00 am

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Pronunciation Workshop**
Creative Writing Class**
Learner Orientation
Writing Workshop**
Script to Screen Workshop**
Conversation Class
Gift of Literacy Luncheon†

** Pre-registration required

† Event located at the Radisson Hotel in Newport Beach

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