



Pictured above: NMPL at the 2019 SCLLN Writer to Writer Awards  
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# LITERALLY SPEAKING

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## 2019 Gift of Literacy Luncheon



Over 200 people attended the 12th annual Gift of Literacy Luncheon held at the Pacific Club in Newport

Beach on April 5, 2019. This year's keynote speaker, Lisa See, spoke about her newly-released (and bestselling) novel, *The Island of Sea Women*. Each guest received a copy that Ms. See was happy to personalize. Attendees perused the many silent auction and raffle items before being seated and welcomed by professional emcee, Michael Villani. Mr. Villani introduced Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy (NMPL) Event Committee Chair, Helene Chaban who "got things rolling."

Helene introduced some special guests and spoke movingly about how much the program means to her. She then introduced literacy coordinator, Cherall Weiss, who talked about how having literacy issues makes life a struggle, citing the real life example of a diabetic male who couldn't read his insulin dosage and

how the program has grown with the help of so many generous donors. Then, Ms. Weiss introduced the Learner Speaker, Candace Kirby.



Candace came to NMPL because, even though she was born and raised right here in California, she could not read

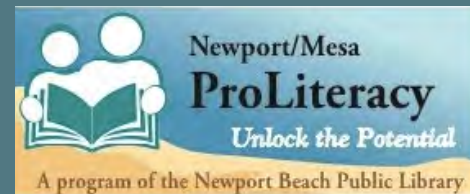
well enough to help her own two children. She spoke of how she struggled through school and then struggled with the realization that her boys struggled because she could not help them. That is going to change!

The Gift of Literacy luncheon is the largest fundraiser of the year for NMPL. This year, the event raised funds to support the ongoing needs of the program.



### Donations Welcome

Donations with credit or debit can be made online at: <http://bit.ly/NMPLDonate>  
 Donations through the mail can be made via check and sent to:  
 Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy  
 1000 Avocado Avenue  
 Newport Beach, CA 92660



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# Financial Literacy Workshops

Join us on **May 16th at 1PM**  
in the **Staff Conference Room**  
for a *Financial Literacy Workshop!*

After several learners recently expressed concerns about navigating the financial system in the U.S., we have launched a series of financial literacy workshops. These workshops are designed to give basic information about various topics of financial interest.

The first session, offered by Bank of America, was on fraud and protecting yourself against stolen cards, identity, etc. The next session, to be held on May 16th and given by Star Care Financial will focus on general financial wellness: credit, budgets, student loans and more.

This event is open to the public and space is limited. Please contact the office to sign up or register online at: <https://bit.ly/2XBuEBQ>

## Attention Tutors

JOIN US  
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TUTOR  
CONNECTION

MAY 23, 2019  
10:00 - 11:45

## Welcome New Tutors

We would like to welcome our graduating class of tutors for Spring 2019. Their time and effort are truly appreciated and many learners will benefit from their participation. If you know somebody who might enjoy tutoring, please tell them about us!

Next Tutor Training: July 17 & 24, 2019 at 5:30pm.

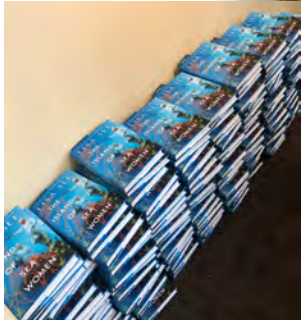
*Pictured Left to Right:*

- Jake Napierala
- Jake Jacobs
- Mary Ottman
- Richard Kanocz
- Karen Johnson
- Dana Parsons
- Sharon Langerman



Congratulations to our **New Tutors**  
for completing their training!  
Welcome to the NMPL Community!

# 2019 Gift of Literacy Luncheon Fun



*In Our Own Words*

## STORIES WANTED

Each year we publish a collection of learner writings to be distributed at our International Literacy Day celebration.

We encourage all learners to submit a story, poem, essay or any other writing for this keepsake publication

### DUE DATE

**AUGUST 1, 2019**

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### May/June Class Dates and Events

*All events are located at the Central Library unless otherwise marked with \*, and are subject to change.*

Morning Book Club	Mondays, 10:30 a.m.	May 6, 13, 20
Public Speaking and Daily Conversation*	Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m.	May 7, 14, 21, 28
News You Can Use*	Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.	May 8, 15, 22, 29
Grammar & Vocabulary*	Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m.	May 8, 15, 22, 29
Strengthening Writing and Speaking Skills*	Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.	May 29
Discussion: Idioms in Everyday Life	Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.	May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
American Sitcoms*	Thursdays, 1:00 p.m.	May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
<b><i>Financial Literacy Workshop: Financial Wellness*</i></b>	<b><i>Thursday, 1:00 p.m.</i></b>	<b><i>May 16</i></b>
Tutor Connection	Thursday, 10:00 a.m.	May 23
Morning Book Club	Mondays, 10:30 a.m.	June 3, 10, 17, 24
Public Speaking & Daily Conversation*	Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m.	June 4, 11, 18, 25
News You Can Use*	Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.	June 12, 19, 26
Grammar & Vocabulary*	Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m.	June 5, 12, 19, 26
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\*Pre-Registration required. Please contact the Literacy Office at literacy@newportbeachca.gov or (949) 717-3874 for information.