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A Full House for International Literacy Day

Advisory Board President, Eve-Marie Kuntzman, warmly welcomed the room to International Literacy Day. She then introduced Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy Coordinator Cherall Weiss, who emphasized and spoke of the importance of literacy skills in our society.

Newport Beach City Councilman Will O'Neill took to the podium to introduce the learners who have recently become United States citizens. Congratulations to Siamak Lotfisafiabady and Flora Maleki!

To illustrate the significance of the program, and to showcase the progress of Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy's adult learners, every guest received a copy of "In Our Own Words", a collection of stories, essays and recipes written by the learners of the program. Attendees enjoyed a delicious meat and cheese arrangement generously donated by Pavilions and an international potluck provided by adult learners.



A highlight of the celebration was honoring the graduates of 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. Three students have completed the full curriculum which includes Language Arts, Math Social Studies and Science. Mayor Diane Dixon presented diplomas to the hard working graduates: Azucena Ponce, Isabel Sevilla and Valedictorian, Beverly Haddock. Beverly gave an inspiring and uplifting speech.

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Cherall Weiss continued the program by introducing Renee Hoffman Heath and Risa Hoffman, daughters of the late Rochelle Hoffman, to present the annual Rochelle Hoffman Memorial Award to Ana Jacobo. Susan Munthe, Ana's tutor, shared about Ana and the reason she was so deserving of this award. In her acceptance, Ana beautifully demonstrated how she overcame her vulnerabilities



and boosted her confidence with the help of her tutor and the support from Literacy Services. An honorable mention also went to Sara Abenpoor, another amazing learner. Sara's tutor, Margi Williams introduced and honored Sara's incredible efforts and commitment.

Following the speakers and awards ceremony, Cherall closed with a reminder that illiteracy is all around us and it is thanks to the many volunteers that people's lives are changing for the better. Everyone agreed that International Literacy Day is a truly inspirational day.

SAVE THE DATE

HAPPY

Hour

The Editor

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Saturday, October 26, 6-8 p.m.

A fun time for a good cause! Support Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy Tickets: \$35 per person, includes wine, beer, soft drinks, and light appetizers. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



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Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae of OC Supports Newport/Mesa Literacy

Thank you to Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae of OC for continuing to generously donate to Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy.





Houra, Anna, Yumiko, Kelly, Ryoko, Jenny, Hon, Grace and Kristi joined their teacher Marcia on the Sculpture tour.

The Idioms Class Takes a Field Trip

Did you know ProLiteracy offers small group classes in addition to one-to-one tutoring? These classes add so much to the learning process and help build confidence and skill.

A favorite of many learners, the Life Skills: Idioms class recently took a field trip to the sculpture exhibition in Civic Center Park. Everyone enjoyed taking their learning outside and seeing the beautiful garden and works of art.

Marcia's class focuses on discussing various life situations and the special language needed to negotiate them.



Southern California Library Literacy Network Writer to Writer

The Southern California Library Literacy Network invites our adult learners to join others around Southern California in the 2019 Writer to Writer Challenge. It is a chance for learners to:

- share your thoughts with others in writing
- relate what you read in a book to your own life
- become a writer yourself!

Contact Newport/Mesa Literacy to participate or for more details.

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Upcoming Events

Tutor Connection
September 25

New Learner Orientation
October 2

Tutor Training
October 17 & 24

Happy Hour
October 26

Annual Holiday Potluck
December 7

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September/October Class Dates and Events

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

September 9, 16, 23, 30	Mondays, 10:30 a.m.	Morning Book Club
September 10, 17, 24	Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.	Life Skills: Idioms*
September 10, 17, 24	Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m.	Public Speaking and Daily Conversation*
September 3, 10, 17, 24	Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.	Evening Book Club
September 11, 18, 25	Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.	News You Can Use*
September 25	Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.	Tutor Connection*
September 11, 18, 25	Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m.	Writing Your Story*
September 4, 11, 18, 25	Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.	Grammar & Vocabulary*
September 19, 26	Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.	Discussion: Idioms in Everyday Life*
September 19, 26	Thursdays, 1:00 p.m.	American Sitcoms*
October 7, 14, 21, 28	Mondays, 10:30 a.m.	Morning Book Club
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.	Life Skills: Idioms*
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October 2	Wednesday, 10:00 am	New Learner Orientation*
October 2, 16, 23, 30	Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.	News You Can Use*
October 25	Wednesday, 10:00 am	Tutor Connection*
October 2, 16, 23, 30	Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m.	Writing Your Story*
October 17, 24	Thursdays, 9:15 a.m.	Tutor Training*
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Thursdays, 1:00 p.m.	American Sitcoms*