

LITERALLY SPEAKING

SPECIAL EDITION

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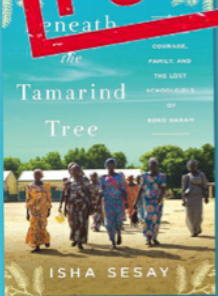
Stay connected!



PLEASE JOIN US GIFT OF LITERACY LUNCHEON

Featuring Award-Winning
CNN Journalist & Author

POSTPONED



Friday, May 1
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Hyatt Regency
1107 Jamboree
Newport Beach

Support Newport/Mesa
ProLiteracy. Space limited.
Tickets: \$100 per person,
includes lunch, book and
signing.



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Following the direction of the CDC, we have made the difficult decision to postpone the 13th annual Gift of Literacy Luncheon.

While we know this is the right thing to do, it was a hard call to make for many reasons, not the least being that ***we rely on the funds raised from this event to support the many programs we offer.*** These programs help adults who are struggling with their reading, writing, and communication skills become more successful in our community. Improved skills help our learners succeed in all aspects of their lives, which helps make the community we live in stronger.

We are hoping to reschedule the luncheon before the end of 2020 and will know more as we continue discussions with Isha Sesay, our author speaker, and the Hyatt Regency Newport Beach.

We are here for you.

We may not be seeing you in person but our community continues to connect. This special edition of Literally Speaking is designed to help keep you informed about what is happening in our program during this unprecedented time. We want to help our learners, tutors and volunteers connect via classes and tutoring sessions in order to continue to make those great improvements to literacy skills!

Questions? Email us at:
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Zoom, Skype, WhatsApp, and Google Hangouts are great tools for setting up tutoring sessions and online classes. We now offer several classes on line and many of our tutors have been successfully meeting with their learners virtually.

Need help getting started?

Email: Literacy@newportbeachca.gov

Community Action Response: COVID-19

4 things you can do to make a positive difference in your community



Think of others, consider your actions & be kind

People in every community will face the challenges of Covid-19 in some way – from needing basic provisions to help while they are unwell.



Connect and reach out to your neighbours

As self-isolation increases, we need to find new ways to stay connected and check in on one another for our physical and mental wellbeing. Share phone numbers and stay in touch.



Make the most of local online groups

Keep up to date, share information and be a positive part of your local community conversations.



Support vulnerable or isolated people

Different groups in our communities are at increased risk and social isolation and loneliness are key concerns for all ages. There are things you can do like volunteering for local support services or donating to food banks to help.

In Memory of Arthur Friedman, A Friend and Faithful Volunteer

Arthur was a dedicated volunteer with the Newport Beach Public Library ProLiteracy program for nearly 12 years. He helped individuals improve their English skills, which led to positive life changes, both socially and professionally. One of his former learners credits him for helping her on her path to become an American doctor. Arthur passed away on March 27, 2020 and will be greatly missed.

- Tutors and Learners -

Make sure to keep focusing on your S.M.A.R.T. Goals during this season! Make the most of your time together. Need help filling out Unemployment or Leave forms? Ask for help! We will get through this together.



Parents' Corner

The schools have implemented Distance Learning...now what?

Here are some helpful tips for learning at home

- Have the kids get up and get dressed in the morning. It helps get the day going.
- Find a place in your home that is just for schoolwork if possible.
- Communicate with the teacher. They need and want your feedback. (Let your tutor know if you need help with this communication)
- Set a schedule for the kids with time for breaks, snacks and physical activity.
- Read with your kids! This time at home can be a great opportunity for everyone to improve their literacy skills.
- Don't be too hard on yourself. This is tough!

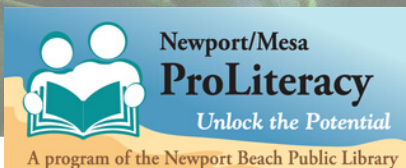


Stay Tuned!

A ZOOM Tutor Connection is coming soon. Details to follow.

*Don't forget to join our **Tutor Forum** on Facebook:*

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/790171658170096>



Donations Welcome

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