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# LITERALLY SPEAKING

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## President's Message

*Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy  
Board President,  
Eve-Marie Kuntzman*



Barbara Bush once said, "Everything I worry about would be better if more people could read, write, and comprehend".

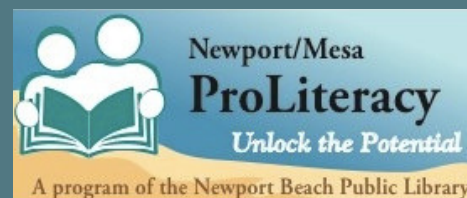
In the United States today, we have about 36 million people who have not yet experienced the gift of literacy. But, I'm not here to suggest we waste time worrying about these sobering statistics; I would much rather focus on the solution. If you are reading this newsletter, you are already part of that solution. Newport Mesa ProLiteracy has grown steadily now over three decades. Today, we serve hundreds of people in our community every year, with innovative teaching, one-on-one tutoring, and peer-based engagements, activating the minds and hearts of adults all around us. As Board President, I am constantly in awe of the compassion and commitment of our volunteers, the dedicated expertise of our staff, and the courage and commitment of our learners.

2019 is already off to a great start, as we have conducted trainings for new tutors, welcomed new board members, and identified new ways to collaborate with other organizations in the community that will help us to widen our reach and grow our impact. These inspiring accomplishments are all possible thanks to you. I hope to see you at the upcoming Gift of Literacy Luncheon in April; please do not hesitate to come up and introduce yourself, so that I may thank you in person. If you cannot make it to this year's luncheon, there will be other opportunities throughout the year to celebrate with us. We have lots of exciting things on the horizon for this year that we are eager to share with you here and through our social media updates - if you aren't following us already, please join us today! Literacy truly is the gateway to a life of purpose. Thank you for being such an important part of this vision, and for giving the gift of literacy to so many. Together, we will continue to bestow this gift to the many people who still wait for the opportunity to join our program. Celebrate with me, by picking up a book to enjoy, and remembering what a privilege and a blessing that ability is.

Fondly,  
Eve-Marie Kuntzman

## 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:  
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## Secure Your Financial World

Join us on **April 9th at 1PM**  
in the **Sword Meeting Room**  
for a **Financial Literacy Workshop!**

Being aware of the many things that affect finances can be overwhelming. Many learners (and tutors) experience anxiety when thinking about these issues, especially when the systems in the U.S.A. are different than those that they are comfortable with.

NMPL will be introducing a series of Financial Literacy workshops to educate participants and try to alleviate some of the fear.

The first workshop in the series will tackle **Financial Safety** and will be presented by representatives from Bank of America.

The topics covered will include:

**Fraud**

**Identity theft**

**Scams and how to spot them**

Other sessions will include: saving for college, investments, getting and maintaining credit and more. If you have any topics you would like to explore, please contact the Literacy office.

Space is limited and open to the public so please register in advance to ensure your place. Tutor and learners are welcome.

Register online at:

<http://bit.ly/NMPLFinancialSafety>

or contact the Literacy Office at:

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

## LITERACY



**IS COMING...**

BINGO is a classic game that most people are familiar with. Did you know that BINGO actually dates back to Italy in the 1500's? And it is still as popular as ever in schools, churches, community centers and now.... LITERACY.

From March 1st to March 31st all learners are encouraged to participate in a game of literacy BINGO. Read, Connect, Discover challenges the learner community to read various genres, connect with other community members, and discover new experiences.



Orange squares = **READ**

example - read a memoir or biography



Blue squares = **CONNECT**

example - swap recipes with a friend



Green squares = **DISCOVER**

example - visit a local, state or national park

**The Literacy BINGO challenge runs from  
March 1 - March 31, 2019.**

*For more information please contact the Literacy Office.*

### *How to Play*

- Pick up your NMPL Bingo Card from the Literacy office and make sure you are registered.
- Complete 5 squares in a row (vertical, horizontal, or diagonal) to make a Bingo.
- Write what you read or did in each square.
- Raffle tickets awarded for each Bingo. Drawings to be held each Monday from 3/11/19
- Grand prize raffle ticket awarded for completing all 25 squares.
- Bingo card entries accepted through *March 31, 2019.*

### *Have Fun*

- Enjoy reading books in your favorite format: books, eBooks, audio books.
- Check out resources in the Literacy Office and library to complete a square.
- Need help with any square? Ask a librarian.

### *Prizes*

- Raffle tickets earned for each Bingo achieved may be entered for gifts.
- Grand Prize Raffle will be held the first week of April.



Couple of weeks ago my friend and I went to the fig & olive restaurant for lunch. My friend asked the waitress if they have a good combination and they did. The three course of meal of mine started with some vegetables (beets carrots cilantro) and followed by my fig & olive chicken salad main course and ended with cream brulee with a scoop of ice cream that was mine. We had a good time & it was relaxing to catch up with my friend since i have not seen for sometime.

Fan Y. about Beijing Restaurant

Afkham K. about Fig & Olive

In the Chinese Spring Festival, we went to the Beijing restaurant for dinner. The restaurant was on Yale road, near the Zion market. It was in the north of Irvine. It featured Beijing cuisine. My favorite dish was Beijing roast duck. The duck was freshly toasted and cut. But you should reservation for this dish. And the restaurant moderately I think. But sometimes it was a bit noisy here. If you wanted a quiet environment, you could book a private room. The service was helpful, if you wanted to try the most authentic Beijing food. So I recommend this restaurant.

I would like to talk about Le Zinque Restaurant. I know it's a French Restaurant and it's a little bit cliché but i like this place because it's near my home, i can go by bike. The location is in Lido Marina Village so you have a really beautiful view on the Marina. During the week for the lunch it's not too full but during the weekend it's crazy, you have to book a table because there is a lot of people. The atmosphere is nice not too fancy. The food is good you have a classic french recipes and american recipes also with french touch like the burger for example. I tried the burger, the croque monsieur and the bowl with smoked salmon and it was really good. Everytime i'm going there with my family and my friend from France, the prices the wine is expensive but good and the food is not too high prices but not too small prices too depends that you take. The service is really good but during the week and especially late for the lunch you have to go on the bar for order and pay in the same time. I went there the evening date with my husband, for brunch with little one and my husband and for cool dinner with friends. I recommend this place.

Caroline G. about Le Zinque Restaurant

## Learner Spotlight:

### Recommended Eats

Can't decide on where to go for dinner? Read these restaurant reviews written by some of our learners in NMPL's Tuesday morning *Life Skills: Idioms* class!

Houra P. about Cheesecake Factory

In my 70th Birthday, my daughter took me to cheesecake factory restaurant at Fashion Island, it was an unforgettable day. The restaurant had a nice ocean view with young people chattering, and you could feel happiness at the atmosphere and the food was delicious. We started with tomato juice as an appetizer and I ordered shrimp scampi as a main dish (course), for the portion they served the price was reasonable. The service was very friendly, they sang happy birthday for me and brought me a special dessert. I strongly recommend to my friends.



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## March/April Class Dates and Events

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

March 4, 11, 18, 25	Mondays, 10:30 a.m.	Morning Book Club
March 5, 12, 19, 26	Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.	Life Skills: Idioms*
March 5, 12, 19	Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m.	Discussion: Idioms in Everyday Life*
<b>March 12</b>	<b>Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Advisory Board Meeting</b>
March 5, 12, 19, 26	Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.	Evening Book Club
March 6, 13, 20, 27	Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.	News You Can Use*
March 6, 13, 20, 27	Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m.	Grammar & Vocabulary*
March 13, 27	Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.	Creative Writing*
March 7, 14, 21, 28	Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.	Public Speaking & Daily Conversation*
March 7, 14, 21, 28	Thursdays, 1:00 p.m.	American Sitcoms*
<b>March 16</b>	<b>Saturday, 10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Writer to Writer Awards Brunch^</b>
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Mondays, 10:30 a.m.	Morning Book Club
<b>April 2</b>	<b>Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>New Learner Orientation*</b>
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.	Life Skills: Idioms*
Apr 4, 9, 16, 23, 30	Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m.	Public Speaking & Daily Conversation*
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.	Evening Book Club
April 3, 10, 17, 24	Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.	News You Can Use*
April 10, 17	Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m.	Grammar & Vocabulary*
April 3, 10, 17, 24	Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.	Creative Writing*
<b>April 11, 18</b>	<b>Thursdays, 9:15 a.m.</b>	<b>New Tutor Training*</b>
April 11, 18, 25	Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.	Discussion: Idioms in Everyday Life*
April 4, 11, 18, 25	Thursdays, 1:00 p.m.	American Sitcoms*
<b>April 5</b>	<b>Friday, 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>SOLD OUT! - Gift of Literacy Luncheon with Lisa See^</b>