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Holiday Party

More than 100 members of our Literacy community gathered to celebrate a great year together! The morning opened with a fun game of "get to know you" bingo and comments from our board president, Eve-Marie Kuntzman and literacy coordinator, Cherall Weiss.

Among the items of business conducted was the election of our 2020 Advisory Board. We are grateful to the members of the board for guiding our program and helping to assure our viability in the community.

We also were thrilled to watch a performance of "Catching Words", an original play by Sara Rodriguez Mulatero, a UCI MFA directorial candidate, performed by a cast of UCI drama students about literacy. Sara spent hours interviewing tutors and learners to capture the spirit of NMPL. The performance captured the voice of program participants so beautifully. One attendee commented, "The drama captures and distills many of the emotions and learning experiences that are part of our work in adult literacy, both for learners and volunteer workers." There was not a dry eye left in the house at the end of the performance.

The morning ended with the chance to honor volunteers who have given over 100 hours in the course of a year. Ray Johnston received a standing ovation for his gift of over 700 hours!

Thank you to our hard working events committee for putting on another great event!



A Beautiful Gift in Honor of Peggy Cully

Carolyn Cosgrove has been involved with Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy for nearly 10 years. During this time, her dedication as a tutor has made a big difference in the lives of the learners she has worked with, and her commitment as an events volunteer has made a huge impact on the life of our literacy program.

Carolyn recently made a generous contribution to NMPL in memory of her dear mother, Peggy Cully, that will provide Career Online High School scholarships for those adults seeking a high school diploma. Peggy instilled the love of reading and English into her children and to the hundreds of young people that she taught over 20 years. Throughout her life, Peggy supported many charities with her time, talent and contributions. She had a profound influence on countless lives. It is obvious that Carolyn follows closely in her mother's footsteps as she, too, shares her blessings with so many.

Thank you, Carolyn.





A Scavenger Hunt for NMPL's Idioms Class

Instructor Marcia had a creative idea to practice literacy skills while having fun... Who wouldn't enjoy a scavenger hunt?

Members of the "Life Skills: Idioms" class formed teams and searched Fashion Island to find landmarks, signs and services from a list provided to them. One of the tasks on their list was to "look for Santa's house and take a photo with your team".

It was friendly competition and everyone had a lot of fun working on their skills.



Sign Up for a day of:

- new friends
- exciting workshops
- breakfast & lunch
- lots more



SAVE THE DATE

**SATURDAY
MARCH 21ST
8AM-3PM**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
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**Contact the Literacy Office
for more details.**



**Learners - Don't miss this important
class where you can learn more about
participating in the 2020 census. Sign up
online or contact the Literacy Office.**

February 24th at 6pm

OR

March 2nd at 12pm

Upcoming Events

**Tutor Connection
February 5**

**Census Class
February 24 &
March 2**

**Tutor/Learner
Conference
March 21**

**Gift of Literacy
Luncheon
May 1**

Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy
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1000 Avocado Avenue
Newport Beach, CA 92660

January/February Class Dates and Events

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

January 6, 13, 27	Mondays, 10:30 a.m.	Morning Book Club
January 7, 14, 21, 28	Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.	Life Skills: Idioms*
January 7	Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.	New Learner Orientation*
January 7, 14, 21, 28	Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.	Evening Book Club
January 8, 15, 22, 29	Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.	News You Can Use*
January 8, 15, 22, 29	Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m.	Writing Your Story*
January 8, 15, 22, 29	Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.	Grammar & Vocabulary*
January 8, 15	Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.	Tutor Training*
January 8, 15, 22, 29	Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.	Strengthening Your Writing & Speaking Skills
January 9, 16, 23, 30	Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.	Discussion: Idioms in Everyday Life*
January 9, 16, 23, 30	Thursdays, 1:00 p.m.	American Sitcoms*
February 3, 10, 24	Mondays, 10:30 a.m.	Morning Book Club
February 24	Monday, 6:00 p.m.	2020 Census Class*
February 4, 11, 18, 25	Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.	Life Skills: Idioms*
February 4, 11, 18, 25	Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m.	Public Speaking & Daily Conversation*
February 4, 11, 18, 25	Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.	Evening Book Club
February 5, 12, 19, 26	Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.	News You Can Use*
February 5	Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.	Tutor Connection*
February 5, 12, 19, 26	Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m.	Writing Your Story*
February 5, 12	Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.	Grammar & Vocabulary*
February 5, 12	Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.	Strengthening Your Writing & Speaking Skills*
February 6, 13, 20, 27	Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.	Discussion: Idioms in Everyday Life*
February 6, 13, 20, 27	Thursdays, 1:00 p.m.	American Sitcoms*