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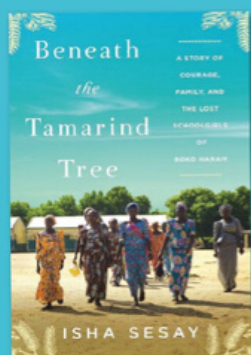
SCLLN Conference

We Need Your Help

New Tutors

PLEASE JOIN US  
**GIFT OF LITERACY LUNCHEON**  
Featuring Award-Winning  
CNN Journalist & Author

## ISHA SESAY



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.



FOR MORE INFORMATION  
[literacy@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:literacy@newportbeachca.gov)  
(949) 717-3874

The Gift of Literacy luncheon is NMPL's biggest fundraiser of the year. Join NMPL for this can't-miss event, as we raise funds to "unlock the potential".

The guest speaker is award-winning CNN journalist and author, Isha Sesay. In 2014, Isha Sesay led a CNN news team to a Peabody Award with her coverage of the kidnapping of 276 schoolgirls in Chibok, Nigeria by the Boko Haram terrorist group. The British-born journalist stayed with the story over the years, spending time with many of the 164 girls who escaped or were eventually released as part of the negotiations with the Nigerian government, as well as with the families of the 112 still unaccounted for. In August, the CNN International anchor quit her cable news position to tell the story in her new book, *Beneath the Tamarind Tree*.

**Tickets are available now:**

<https://www.newportbeachlibrary.org/about/literacy-services/special-events>

Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy is currently accepting sponsorships for the event.

MARCH/APRIL 2020

## Why I Take The Writing Your Story Class?

By Sung Kwon

According to the historians, about 5 millions years ago, the Primitive Era, the cavemen drew animals that they hand hunted inside their cave walls.

Perhaps, human being has tendency to record what he has done.

God gave me a very precious life. So, I have lived this earth about 25725 days.

Although, I am an ordinary person, and no position to write my memoir, when I write my story, I can understand myself more. I can recall my childhood, my parents and my hometown.

With the writing my story, I can find my own identity.

*Learner's Corner*

Stay connected!



## Hey There Tutors and Learners!

What's the best way to make  
the most of your time together?

# S.M.A.R.T. goals

We will start collecting your annual goals in June.

Be ready!



**Beginning March 2, all learners will  
need to sign a new contract in order  
to attend classes.**

**Our goal is to improve class attendance.**

**2020**

## Literacy Advisory Board

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**SMART** goals can apply to any goals in life. They can be long or short term.

For Example: ***Saving Money***

Let's say that your goal is to start saving more money. This alone isn't a **SMART** goal, but it can easily be modified so that it is one.

*Let's make this goal **SMART**!*

For example: You could say that you want to save \$10,000 a year for the next ten years. Now, the goal is specific and measurable because you have an amount that you are shooting for and the ability to measure the amount you end up actually saving. This goal is time-bound as well, since your goal is to save a specific amount each year over a given period. Whether the goal is achievable depends on your own financial situation. Assuming it is, the goal fits that criteria as well.

Lastly, you have to analyze whether saving money is a relevant and important goal for you personally. If that is true, then the goal in this example fits all the criteria of being a **SMART** goal.



# 2020 SCLLN Tutor and Learner Literacy Conference

**DON'T  
MISS IT!**

The 2020 SCLLN Literacy Conference gives volunteer tutors and learners the resources, strategies, and support to strengthen their skills and achieve their literacy goals. Workshops are developed with tutors and learners in mind at different skill levels. Topics include: reading, writing, vocabulary, pronunciation, technology, dyslexia, and more. The SCLLN Literacy Conference invites all learners and tutors to attend.

HOLIDAY INN - BUENA PARK HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER  
7000 BEACH BLVD, BUENA PARK, CA 90620

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2020 AT 8:00 AM

**Congratulations to  
Writer to Writer award winners  
Sarah Kim and Feri Robatian!**

Do you have a *connection with a local organization or business* who may want to partner with Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy? Contact the Literacy Office & let us know.



**We need  
your help!**

## Donations Welcome

Donations by credit/debit card can be made online: <http://bit.ly/NMPLDonate>

Checks can be sent to:  
Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy  
1000 Avocado Ave., Newport Beach, CA 92660

Tax ID 93-1011706

## Congratulations to the new tutors on completing their training!

Ann Tomlinson  
Elizabeth Braley  
Gavin Cameron-Webb  
Kathy Hope  
Maltaise Cini  
Meg Schuler  
Meg Watson  
Meg Weidner  
Paloma Duarte  
Sarah Dickler  
Tom Graham

## Upcoming Events

Advisory Board  
Meeting  
*March 10*

New Learner  
Orientation  
*March 17*

Tutor Training  
*Mar 31 & Apr 7*

Gift of Literacy  
Luncheon  
*May 1*

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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 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Mondays, 10:30 a.m.	Morning Book Club
March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Mondays, 1:00 p.m.	Life Skills: Idioms*
March 2	Monday, 6:00 p.m.	The 2020 Census and You*
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.	Life Skills: Idioms*
March 10	Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.	Advisory Board Meeting
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.	Evening Book Club*
March 4, 11, 18, 25	Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.	News You Can Use*
March 4, 11, 18, 25	Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m.	Writing Your Story*
March 4, 11, 18	Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.	Grammar and Vocabulary*
March 5, 12, 19, 26	Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.	Discussion: Idioms in Everyday Life*
March 5, 12, 19, 26	Thursdays, 1:00 p.m.	American Sitcoms*
March 21	Saturday, 9:00 a.m.	SCLLN Tutor/Learner Conference*
April 6, 13, 20, 27	Mondays, 10:30 a.m.	Morning Book Club
April 6, 13, 20, 27	Mondays, 1:00 p.m.	Life Skills: Idioms*
April 7, 14, 21, 28	Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.	Life Skills: Idioms*
April 7, 14, 21, 28	Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.	Evening Book Club*
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.	News You Can Use*
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m.	Writing Your Story*
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April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.	Discussion: Idioms in Everyday Life*
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\*Pre-Registration required. Please contact the Literacy Office at literacy@newportbeachca.gov or (949) 717-3874 for information.