

LITERALLY SPEAKING

AUGUST 2020 EDITION



The Next Online New Learner Orientation will be 9/16 at 10am

NMUSD recently sent out notification that the 20-21 school year will start out using distance learning. It is so important that parents are able to work with their children to ensure their progress. For parents that struggle with reading, writing and communicating in English, this presents a big problem. If the parent struggles, it is very likely that the children will struggle as well. Literacy programs around the State are ready to help. If you know somebody that needs assistance, please contact us at literacy@newportbeachca.gov



IN OUR OWN WORDS

Become a published author! We encourage all learners to submit original stories, articles, essays, poems and more for the next edition of *In Our Own Words*.

All writings should be under 500 words. We are impressed with the response we've received so far and cannot wait to share.

Email your submissions to:
literacy@newportbeachca.gov

Submission Date Extended to 8/30/2020



The California State Library is working on a time capsule and inviting learners, tutors & supporters to participate in this project. Submit your creative writing, photograph or drawing, etc. that shares your quarantine experience. [Click Here](#)

Donations Welcome

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

Donations through the mail can be made via check:
Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy
1000 Avocado Avenue
Newport Beach, CA 92660

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Class Dates & Online Events

8/3	Morning Book Club
8/4	Life Skills: Idioms
8/4	Evening Book Club
8/5	News You Can Use
8/6	Writing Your Story
8/12	Grammar & Vocabulary
8/18	Public Speaking & Daily Conversation
8/19	Tutor Connection
9/16	New Learner Orientation
9/23 & 30	Tutor Training



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 Stories from people like you will help us make an even bigger impact in our community. GreatNonprofits – the #1 source of nonprofit stories and feedback – is honoring highly regarded nonprofits with their 2020 Top-Rated List. Writing about your experience will help us raise visibility for our work. All content will be visible to potential donors and volunteers. It's easy and only takes a few minutes. [Click here to leave your review.](#)



News For You Online

Learn to read. Read the news.

News for You is a weekly print and online publication for adult learners that uses current events and human interest stories to engage learners' interest while building skills in reading, comprehension, vocabulary, and more.

[Click Here](#) for easy-to-read news stories that can help you learn to read, write, speak, and understand the English language. Seven new stories are posted each Wednesday, along with audio, exercises, vocabulary, a crossword puzzle, a word search, and a poll.

[Contact the Literacy Office for the password](#)

ROLES & GOALS

Learner Name _____

- The Roles & Goals form is not a checklist. Instead, use it to begin a conversation with the adult learner concerning what they would like to accomplish through their efforts in the program.
- Use this sheet to set learner goals initially, to update the status of previously set goals, or to set new goals to be worked on over the next few months.
- When updating previously set goals, use this form to indicate whether the learner is making progress, has met, or is no longer interested in a particular goal.
- You may also report additional information about unanticipated achievements by the learner.
- Use dates (month/year) to indicate date goals were set or updated. Previous goals may be reset by updating the "Date Making Progress" column.
- Also on a separate worksheet, please share what you and the learner have seen as real-life indicators (evidence) of goal achievement.
- For additional information, please see Roles & Goals Instructions and FAQ sheet.

My Goals as a Lifelong Learner	Date Goal Set	Date Making Progress	Date Goal Met	My Goals as a Worker	Date Goal Set	Date Making Progress	Date Goal Met
Learn the alphabet, letters, and sounds				Search for a job			
Learn math skills				Apply for a job			
Read a book				Interview for a job			
Read a more difficult book				Get a job or a better job			
Read news or a magazine				Perform current job tasks better			
Write a note, message, or text				Use work related technology			
Write a letter, poem, story, or essay				Read work-related material			
Fill out a form or application				Write work-related material			
Use new technology skills				Obtain a license or certificate			
Use the library							
Get a diploma							
Other Goals in the Lifelong Learner Role				Other Goals in the Worker Role			

Introducing the New Roles & Goals 2020-2021 Form

The state made a few minor changes that reflect updated goal achievement and measurement of progress (not just accomplished goals). Please use this form to report new goals for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

[Click Here to Download](#)

Learners' Writing Corner

The most favorable thing is that I participated in a Literacy Program to help us to involve the community and to improve our English. There were the classes for reading, writing, life skill idioms and the census, above all, I've got an English tutor to improve my English understanding. All these peoples are volunteers. These kind persons contribute their time and passion to help others like me. It makes me feel not lonely at all.

NBPL's Early Literacy Fun at Home!

	BABY (6-24 months)	TODDLERS (2-3 yrs)	PRESCHOOL (3-5 yrs)
SING	Sing songs and play music. Sing songs that relate to the month from which you are reading.	Practice strengthening these skills by using hand motions like in the ABCs, 123s, and the Wheels on the Bus. Repetition is great, too!	Bring out a wooden spoon and let your preschooler sing along with the rhythm of the music.
TALK	Talk about books and ask your child about their favorite stories from the day.	Do for a walk and talk about what you see? Play "I Spy" as you go for a walk!	Point to a great pronunciation (word) and ask your child to tell you the story by looking at the pictures.
READ	Read together every day, especially before bed to calm the body down.	Let your child use hand to help turn the pages together!	Check out NBPL's Video Literacy Fun at Home Bundles. All video bundles include a worksheet to go along!
WRITE	Write or draw with your child.	Practice recognizing hand writing with worksheets, sign books, and flashcards!	Let children use letters during a craft activity—work on their finger strength!
PLAY	Play together every day to encourage creativity, critical thinking, imagination, and	Practice recognizing hand writing with worksheets, sign books, and flashcards!	Make puppets! Have your child act out their favorite story or create their own using puppets and stuffed animals.

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS: EARLY LITERACY KIT

Newport Beach Central Library's children's department is offering literacy kits for kids ages 6 months to 5 years old that includes books and activities.

[Click Here for Family Storytime Bundles](#)



Do you need to check out a tablet for tutoring or online learning? Contact the Literacy Office