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.

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](http://bit.ly/NMPLDonate).

**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*

**Donations Welcome**


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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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Contact the Literacy Office for the password

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.

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