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Developing the literacy skills of adults to empower them to achieve greater success in their lives



JOIN US FOR HAPPY HOUR WITH AUTHOR MARLA JO FISHER!

Don't miss this author talk followed
by a Q&A -- on
Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 5 pm

Marla Jo Fisher writes the Frumpy Middle-Aged Mom column, which runs in eleven of the Southern California News Group's newspapers, including the Orange County Register. She was a workaholic newspaper reporter before adopting two children out of foster care at age 46. A former award-winning investigative reporter, Fisher now juggles her job as a newspaper columnist with being a single mom.



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- Refer learners to the program
- Become a volunteer tutor
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- Teach a small group class
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Brand new Literacy Class coming soon... *Environment and You*



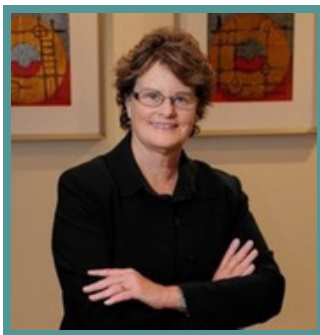
Led by our very own
Deborah Brin, this family
friendly class will tie in
literacy skills building with
learning about caring for the
environment.

Week 1: Introduction to Class
Week 2: Plastics, pollution and
how things get into the water
Week 3: Impacts on environment
and wildlife and wrap-up
Week 4: Beach exploration and
cleanup (If COVID allows)

Wednesdays in May 6-7:30pm

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NEW NMPL BOARD MEMBERS



Jill Draffin

Ms. Draffin is a retired real estate and finance attorney. She has been volunteering in the community for several years as a tutor for Read/OC as well as an ESL teacher at a local church. Ms. Draffin is looking forward to using her skills to further the cause of Adult Literacy.



Ben Ballinger

Mr. Ballinger is President of Polara Group, a Los Angeles-based real estate development company. Mr. Ballinger is passionate about supporting various causes, including food/toy drives for children, affordable housing policy creation, and efforts to end hunger and homelessness.



Jill Richardson

Ms. Richardson is a free-lance producer and brings twenty-five years of corporate based production experience to the board. Ms. Richardson has personal investment in the cause of Adult Literacy and is looking forward to being involved in the program.



Lauren Leung

Ms. Leung is a Senior Vice President at PIMCO and is active in several community organizations. With many community contacts, Ms. Leung is hoping to develop some collaborations and to make Adult Literacy more prominent to her peers.

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