

# LITERALLY SPEAKING

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a program of the Newport Beach Public Library

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

## Lights, Camera, Action! Brand New Literacy Program Videos Coming Soon

NMPL is ready for its closeup (interview that is). Students at Newport Harbor High School stepped up to film the latest video to promote Adult Literacy Services available at the Newport Beach Public Library. Several



Tutor Ray and Learner Hilda

Literacy Tutors and Learners agreed to be interviewed in order to share more about NMPL and the impact it has made on their lives.

Through these interviews, we will be able to reach Newport Beach and its surrounding communities to give people the opportunity to learn more about the need for Adult Literacy Programs like NMPL.



Tutors, don't miss this next Virtual Tutor Connection.

June 16th at 10am

Gather with other tutors to learn about writing and tracking SMART goals. (Just in time for Roles & Goals forms due July 15)

Contact the Literacy Office to register today.



### IN OUR OWN WORDS DUE JULY 30

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.

Submit by email to the Literacy Office



### ROLES & GOALS DUE JULY 15

Roles & Goals forms are vital to NMPL's funding & will help us paint a picture of all that tutor/learner pairs accomplished together during the year. Reaching goals, large or small, is what makes all of us successful.

[Click Here for the R&G Form](#)



### Dates to Remember

June 16 - Tutor Connection  
June 23 - New Learner Orientation  
July 7 & 14 - Tutor Training  
July 15 - Roles & Goals Due  
July 30 - Last Day for *In Our Own Words*

We're here to help. Email [literacy@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:literacy@newportbeachca.gov) or call 949.717.3874

## Don't Miss This Important Webinar

### Plastic Pollution Coalition Presents:

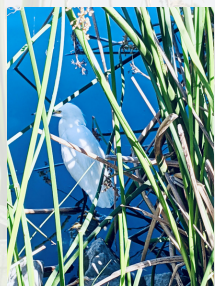
*An in-depth conversation about the injustice of disposable culture  
and how to move beyond plastic*

Wednesday, June 23rd from 2-3pm PST

[Click Here  
To Register](#)

## Learner Class Field Trip: Finding Nature in Irvine

NMPL Tutor, Deborah Brin (photo right), led an informative and literacy skill-building small group class about environmental awareness. Learners gathered on Zoom for 3 weeks to learn about conservation issues. The class ended with a very



special field trip to San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine.

Learners benefited from Deborah's vast knowledge of the area while taking in the beauty of birds, plants and wildlife. It is hard to believe this space exists in the middle of a busy city! [For more information about the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary or to see it for yourself, click here.](#)

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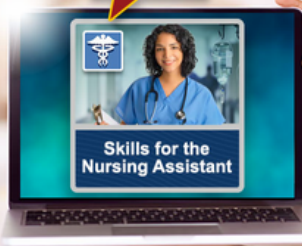
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- Unit 4: Your Interview and New Citizenship

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# HAPPY FATHERS DAY



**NMPL is now a proud business  
member of KXFM & KOCI**

We are getting the word out about our Literacy Services in Newport Beach and surrounding areas. Listen for the NMPL radio spot on KOCI 101.5 and KX 93.5. Let us know when you hear it!

## Notebook

Resources for the Adult Educator



[Click Here for The Spring 2021 issue of Notebook](#)

**Health Literacy:** Teaching About Vaccines

**Speaking & Listening:** Bringing Conversation Clubs to Zoom

**Writing:** 5 Ways to Publish, Share Student Writing,

**Pronunciation:** Minimal Pair Pronunciation Resources  
While Teaching Remotely