

# LITERALLY SPEAKING

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

## Save the Date - September 8 for International Literacy Day

All of us are excited that we will be able to host International Literacy Day (ILD), LIVE, at the Newport Beach Public Library. This is one of our favorite events of the year so be sure to mark your calendar to join us for this special day of celebration that honors the learners in our program.

In 1966, UNESCO proclaimed September 8th as International Literacy Day to remind the global community of the importance of literacy for individuals, communities and societies, and the need for intensified efforts towards more literate societies. All of the volunteers at NMPL work hard to fulfill this directive, and the results are evident by the wonderful accomplishments by our learners.

One of the highlights of International Literacy day is the announcement of the Rochelle Hoffman Memorial award. Rochelle was a beloved tutor in the program until her death in 2004. Her family and friends started this award in Rochelle's honor to recognize one special learner for their outstanding achievements in their literacy efforts. Because of Rochelle's thoughtful family and friends, the chosen learner is presented with a generous cash award.

Another highlight of ILD is the distribution of a book of learner's writings. *In Our Own Words* is a collection of stories, essays, poems, and other writings that the learners in the program have worked on throughout the year. This year's edition is sure to be extra special as Hilda, one of our learners, who is an accomplished graphic artist, has offered to design the book.

We look forward to seeing you on September 8 at 10am in the Friends Meeting Room at the Library. For questions or to reserve your space please contact us at: (949) 717-3874 or by email at [Literacy@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:Literacy@newportbeachca.gov)

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## Learners' Corner

### A THANK YOU FROM AN NMPL LEARNER

*I have good news: I got the admission from Cal State Long Beach University to get my single subject teaching credential!*

*I am very excited and grateful for every thing that I learned from my tutors at library!*

*A Big THANK YOU to you for organizing everything, your efforts and kindness!*



### Dates to Remember

Sep 8 - International Literacy Day Celebration

Sep 29 - New Learner Orientation

Oct 6 & 13 - Tutor Training

Oct 9 - Happy Hour

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





## In Memory of Herb Ring, A Friend and Faithful Volunteer

We are saddened by the recent passing of a dedicated tutor and friend of literacy. Herb's kind heart and his commitment to helping the community was always an inspiration.

Our thoughts are with his loving wife and family. May his memory be forever a blessing.

## Donations Welcome

Donations by credit and debit can be made online:  
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 Newport Beach, CA 92660  
 Tax ID 93-1011706



SAVE THE  
*date*  
**HAPPY HOUR**  
 with  
**Maggie Shipstead**  
**Oct 9 at 6pm**

Maggie Shipstead has been longlisted for the Bookers Prize for her newest novel, *Great Circle* AND the book is being adapted for a TV series.



## KKG Gives

Thank you to Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae of OC for continuing to generously donate to Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy.

## FREE CITIZENSHIP PREP RESOURCE

### Tricky vocabulary in Part 12 of the N-400 application

Ways for students to cope with tricky vocabulary they may encounter on the English speaking test.

New Readers Press  
 ProLiteracy's publishing division

[Click Here](#) for this resource that helps citizenship students prepare in the event they are asked to provide definitions of difficult words. It identifies words or phrases that may cause difficulty during testing and suggests a simple way of explaining it.

## Tees for Literacy



We have a limited number of t-shirts available for purchase. Made of high quality, soft cotton, this tee would be a great gift for everyone AND they are on sale: \$20 or 2 for \$35  
 Proceeds benefit NMPL

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