

LITERALLY SPEAKING

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A publication of PROJECT ADULT LITERACY
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



REGISTER NOW



**Join us on Saturday,
October 9 for
happy hour with
best-selling author
Maggie Shipstead.**

Maggie will be discussing her Booker Prize shortlisted novel, *Great Circle*, and the global adventures that prompted the story.

Wine, beer and light hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6 pm. Tickets are \$35 and available at newportliteracy.org. Copies of *Great Circle* will be available for purchase from Laguna Beach Books.

Funds raised support Project Adult Literacy, a program of the Newport Beach Public Library.

**project
adult
literacy**

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Newport Beach Public Library*

**We have a
brand new name!**

**Project Adult
Literacy (PAL)**

*The name may have
changed, but the services
remain the same.*

CLASS CHANGES



Thank you to all of the learners who took the time to fill out the class survey sent out by the Literacy Office.

*Look for brand new
class registrations
coming soon!*

We're here to help. Email literacy@newportbeachca.gov or call 949.717.3874

Pick up your copy of News For You at the Literacy Office



Stop by to pick up
or contact us
and we will
put a copy
of
News For You
in the mail.

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Learners, are you looking for an
opportunity to practice speaking and
connect with other learners?

Sign Up For CONVERSATION MATCHMAKERS

Conversation Matchmakers is an online group
where learners can socialize and develop speaking
and conversational skills.

Contact the Literacy Office for more information.

Thank You for Coming to International Literacy Day

Library board of trustees chair, Paul Watkins,



warmly
welcomed
guests to
International
Literacy Day.
He then
introduced
Project Adult

Literacy Coordinator, Cherall Weiss, who shared the
importance of literacy skills in the community.

Congresswoman
Michelle Steel took
to the podium next
to introduce the
learners who have
recently become
U.S. citizens
(pictured right).



The program continued by introducing Renee
Hoffman Heath and Risa Hoffman, daughters of the
late Rochelle Hoffman, to present (via video) the



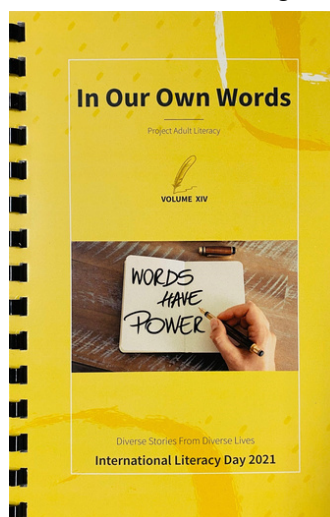
Rochelle Hoffman
Memorial Award to
Shabnam
Kavouosi.
Shabnam's tutor,
Kathleen O'Meara,
(pictured far left
with Shabnam and
her family) shared

why Shabnam was so deserving of this award. In her

acceptance, Shabnam described her experiences and
successes during her time with Kathleen.

Honorable mentions for the Hoffman Award went
to Mindy Liu and Il Jeong Choi for their hard work
and dedication.

To illustrate the significance of the program, and to



showcase the progress of
PAL's adult learners, every
guest received a copy of
"In Our Own Words", a
collection of stories, poetry
and essays written by
learners of the program.
The book itself was
designed by Hilda Kuo, a
learner in the program.
Attendees also enjoyed a
brunch and coffee
provided by local vendors.

Following the awards ceremony, Cherall closed with
a reminder that there are people all around us that
are struggling, and it is thanks to the many volunteers
that some of these lives are changing for the better.

Thank you to
all who came,
and a special
thank you to
the amazing
events
committee for
their work
(pictured right).

