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



Happy Holidays and warmest wishes to you
and yours from all of us at Project Adult Literacy
Thank you for an incredible 2021



2021 Writer to Writer entries have been received and submitted. Thank you, PAL learners for your amazing effort and participation. This year, we

had a *record-breaking* 13 letters!

For those not familiar with Writer to Writer, it is a writing challenge for all literacy learners sponsored by the Southern California Library Literacy Network. Learners are asked to read a book (in English) and write a letter to the author explaining how their book affected them.

To see a list of last year's participants, *please [click here for a complete list of 2020 Winners and Runners-Up.](#)*

We are looking forward to finding out the results of this year's challenge at the 2022 Literacy Conference on March 12. More details to follow soon.

Dates to Remember

Jan 11 - PAL Advisory Board Meeting

Jan 13 - New Learner Orientation

Jan 27 & Feb 3 - Tutor Training

Mar 12 - Literacy Conference



Thanks to you, Project Adult Literacy has once again been awarded a Top-Rated Nonprofit Certification by Great Nonprofits for 2021. We are proud of our Literacy Community. *[Click Here to see the complete top-rated list.](#)*

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



2021 PAL Holiday Party



Members of PAL Literacy community gathered to celebrate a great year together! The morning opened with a fun game of "get to know you" bingo followed by comments from our literacy

coordinator, Cherall Weiss.



have generously given their time to PAL, many over 100 hours in the course of a year. A special recognition goes out to Marcia Drew and Helene Chaban for their gift of 250+ hours contributed. *Volunteer extraordinaire*



Ray Johnston donated more than 400 volunteer hours to PAL this year!



election of the 2022 Advisory Board. We are very grateful to the board members

for giving of their time, guiding the program and helping to assure PAL's viability in the local community.

The volunteer presentation portion of the morning ended with the chance to honor volunteers who



There was something for all ages at the gathering this year, including a craft table and holiday face painting by

dedicated PAL volunteer Shannon Inoyue.

Thank you to the fabulous Events Committee for planning and putting on another great event!



December Library Hours

Dec 24	1:00 pm Closing
Dec 25-26	CLOSED
Dec 27-30	6:00 pm Closing
Dec 31	1:00 pm Closing
Jan 1	CLOSED

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