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

Meet the New PAL Advisory Board President, Jessica Bass

Hello, Literacy Community!

I wanted to introduce myself. I am honored to have been elected as the President of the Advisory Committee for PAL. I am a Costa Mesa resident who grew up in Pasadena, California. I found PAL when I moved to Orange County several years ago—I was seeking volunteer opportunities and started my search on the library website. I met Cherall and completed tutor training. My work travel schedule proved too unpredictable to commit to being a tutor, and Cherall asked me to consider a board opportunity. I happily served as a member for several years and ran for President in January. Along with the new Vice President, Ashley Ferber, I plan to focus the board on outreach with a particular emphasis on growing community awareness about PAL—to attract learners, tutors, other volunteers and donors. The Board is motivated and excited about the coming year. I am open to ideas from anyone interested in advancing the PAL mission—we can all be involved in spreading the word about our fabulous program. I can be reached at advisoryboardjessica@gmail.com.



Current board members meet for the annual planning retreat.
(Pictured left to right) **John Thomas, Ellen Coleman, Megan Cooney, Ashley Ferber, Stephanie Peecher, and Jessica Bass.** (On screen) **Jen Bullington, Jill Draffin, Eve-Marie Kuntzman, Jill Richardson, Vincent Ma**

Jessica Bass

NEWPORT BEACH SWEEPS ADVANCED CATEGORY IN WRITER TO WRITER CHALLENGE!

**Registration
Deadline
Extended**

Join us for a Writer to Writer Celebration. Enjoy a delicious lunch and celebrate as we congratulate all the participants! Register Here: <https://bit.ly/W2W2022>

Saturday, March 12, 2022 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Holiday Inn - 7000 Beach Blvd - Buena Park, CA 90620

Tickets: \$10 - Reservations must be made by March 8. Sorry, no walk-ins.



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



In Memory of Tim Stephens

We are saddened by the passing of a kind and faithful tutor. Tim always had a positive word and laugh to share. Our thoughts go out to his family and friends at this difficult time.



SAVE THE DATE Happy Hour

with New York Times bestselling author and three-time Edgar Award winner, T. Jefferson Parker

Saturday, May 7th

Copies of *A Thousand Steps* will be available for purchase

More details to follow



THANKYOU

Aaron Ferber and Brynn Barnett donated their professional services to PAL in January. We are truly thankful!

Dates to Remember

Mar 12 - Writer to Writer Celebration

Apr 12 - New Learner Orientation

Apr 28 & May 5 - Tutor Training

May 7 - Happy Hour

May 18 - Tutor Connection

Know someone who would benefit from literacy services?

Have a friend looking to volunteer in the community?

Share Project Adult Literacy with them! We gladly welcome new learners and volunteers to join this special community.



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ProLiteracy
Education Network

Understanding Finance and Money **NEW!**

Learners, try this new online course that will prepare you to understand and access financial literacy information:

- Introductory concepts of finance and money
- Reading comprehension strategies
- Vocabulary terms related to finance and money

Click Here to Register: <https://bit.ly/PAL-finance-class>

Donations Welcome

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A MEMBER OF THE PAL FAMILY HAS GENEROUSLY OFFERED FREE TICKETS TO SHERMAN GARDENS TO TUTOR AND LEARNER PAIRS.

TICKETS ARE LIMITED AND WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.

CONTACT THE LITERACY OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION

