# A program of the Newport Beach Public Library March 2023 Literally Speaking

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

#### Hello, PAL Family!

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As we continue our journey together into 2023, we find ourselves overwhelmed with gratitude for the entire PAL community. Despite challenges faced over these past years, PAL is emerging stronger than ever, thanks to all of you. Each member of this community plays an important role in who we are as an organization, and in our continued ability to transform the lives of so many people each and every year. None of the magic that is PAL would be possible if not for the passion, dedication, and commitment of each and every one of you.

We have an exciting year ahead of us—one that will be characterized by the promise of our shared potential for growth and impact. On behalf of PAL, all of those who have already achieved their goals, and the many more we will reach throughout the coming year, heartfelt appreciation for being such a vital part of our mission. Thank you for staying the course, believing in the importance of the work we are doing, and being part of such a strong and supportive community. We hope to see you at one of our upcoming events to share in the celebration!

### In Memoriam

Stephen Koffler, MD, passed away on December 18, 2022, at the age of 86. Dr. Koffler was a beloved tutor with Project Adult Literacy from 2008-2017. He was always proud that he helped several learners reach their professional goals.



Dr. Koffler is survived by his wife of 64 years, Lynne Smith Koffler, daughter Sharon Corell (Roger), son Neil (Karen), and granddaughters Kaitlin (Donald), Abigail, Hayley, and Leah.



#### Happy Hour with Gregg Hurwitz

Join us on Saturday, March 25, from 5-7 p.m. for Happy Hour with best-selling author Gregg Hurwitz, who will discuss his new thriller, *The Last Orphan: An Orphan X Novel*.

Wine, beer and light hors d'oeuvres will be served in the Bamboo Courtyard followed by a discussion in the Friends Meeting Room. Books will be available for purchase.

Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased online at newportliteracy.org.

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

# **Donations Welcome**

Donations through the mail: Project Adult Literacy, 1000 Avocado Avenue, Newport Beach, CA 92660 Donations can be made online:

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