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# Literally Speaking

Empowering adults to achieve greater success in their lives through literacy skill development



## International Literacy Day

Join us Thursday, September 14th for PAL's International Literacy Day Celebration!

We are excited to host International Literacy Day at the Newport Beach Public Library. This is one of our favorite events so please join us for this special day of celebration that honors the learners in our program.

At this event, we are proud to present the Rochelle Hoffman Memorial Award. Started by Rochelle's family and friends, this award is presented to one special learner and includes a generous cash award.

Another highlight of our International Literacy Day Celebration is the presentation of "In Our Own Words". This is a collection of stories, essays, poems, and other writings. Please RSVP for the celebration, Registration is now open!

**[Click here to register!](#)**

### Submit Hoffman Award Nominations

**[bit.ly/2023Hoffman](https://bit.ly/2023Hoffman)**

The Rochelle Hoffman Memorial Award was established in 2006 to honor the memory of a special woman. Rochelle was a long-time literacy tutor who embraced her role as an educator, community leader, and mother. Her family and friends established this special fund to recognize the achievements of an outstanding learner in the program.

Please submit nominations by August 15, 2023.

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## Welcome to our new Literacy Coordinator!

We are pleased to introduce Gabriela Leman as the new Literacy Coordinator for the Newport Beach Public Library!

Gabriela has over 10 years' experience in education and non-profit organizations. Some of the organizations she has worked for include the Orange County Department of Education, The Boys and Girls Clubs of America, and the University of Irvine.

As an alumna from the University of Irvine, CA, she graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in Social Policy and Public Service.

Gabriela has a high work ethic and genuine passion for everything to which she commits. In her free time, she enjoys running and reading self-improvement books.

Please stop by and say hello!



### Citizen Test Completion

Tutors, has your learner applied for citizenship and passed their exam?

If so, we would love to know!

Learners who have successfully completed their citizenship test within the last year are invited to contact our office. Those learners will be recognized at the International Literacy Day Celebration on September 14th. Please submit the name of your learner and when they completed their exam to:

[Literacy@NewportBeachCA.Gov](mailto:Literacy@NewportBeachCA.Gov)

### Roles and Goals

**This is a friendly reminder to submit your Roles and Goals by August 3rd, either by email or in-person.**

**You and your learner's progress is important to us, so we look forward to receiving your form.**

**If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 949-717-3875.**

**We will be happy to assist you!**

### Upcoming Dates:

- Hoffman Nomination Forms due 8/15
- Roles and Goals forms due 8/03
- Writer to Writer opens 9/5
- International Lit. Celebration 9/14