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# Literally Speaking

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

# Looking Back: "International Literacy Day"

This year's International Literacy Day was full of celebration as we honored the learners in our program. We also distributed the 16th volume of **In Our Own Words** book, which is a collection of stories, essays, poems, and other writings that the learners worked on throughout the year. Please stop by our office to pick up your copy. You will be amazed by the stories our learners wrote!





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We want to say Congratulations to Sara Carlson, the winner of this year's Rochelle Hoffman Memorial Award! Also, Congratulations to honorable mentions, Nick Hubbard and Zoey Zhou! We are so proud of these learners and all that their tutors have accomplished with them.

#### **Tutor Connection!**

Are you looking for an opportunity to learn and connect with other tutors? Then we invite you to come to Tutor Connection for a great morning of food, discussion, activities, learning, and announcements. The theme of this tutor connection is Refocus and Refresh: Strategies for Success. Wednesday, November 1st, 10:00 to 11:30 am

<u>RSVP NOW</u>

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#### Writer to Writer Challenge 2024!

What is Writer to Writer? Writer to Writer began in 2001. This challenge gives learners the opportunity to exercise their skills and engage in a meaningful way with literature by writing a letter to an author of a book they read. In
celebration of California Literacy Library Services' 40th anniversary, the challenge will be offered statewide, rather than on the local level.

#### Participating is as easy as 1-2-3

- Learners read a book (or listen to an audiobook)
- Write a letter to the author (or dictate a letter)
- Submit an entry form



## <u>Holiday Schedule</u>

Please note the library and literacy office will be closed on the following dates:

- Friday, Nov 10 Veteran's Day
- Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving
- Friday, November 24 Family Day
- Monday, December 25 Christmas
- Monday, January 1 New Year's Day

#### Welcome to our new Literacy Department Assistant!

We are pleased to introduce Christina Smith as the new Literacy Department Assistant for the Newport Beach Public Library!

Christina is a former employee of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District and has over 10+ years of customer service and clerical experience. She also previously ran a non-profit charity preparing students for life goals.

As an alumna from Nevada State College, Christina graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a minor in Professional Writing.

Christina has a high work ethic and genuine passion for helping those around her. In her free time, she enjoys practicing yoga and spending time at the beach.

Please stop by and say hello!

### <u>Upcoming Dates:</u>

- Wednesday, Nov 1, Tutor Connection 10:00-11:30 am
- Sunday, Dec 3, Holiday Potluck 12:30-2:30 pm

We have new office hours! Monday-Thursday 8-3pm & Friday 8-2:30pm

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