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## IMPORTANT DATES

**\*Library Closed\***

Thursday, July 4th - Independence Day

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**\*SAVE THE DATE\***

Friday, September 6th - International  
Literacy Day

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Due by July 31st:](#)

~Learner Roles and Goals

~In Our Own Words Submissions

~Hoffman Nominations

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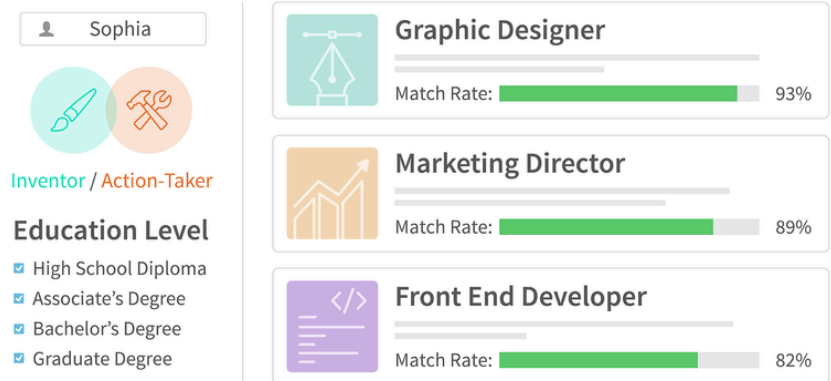
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## Tutor Resource: Workplace Literacy

Many of our learners are curious to explore new job possibilities but want to get a better handle on their own strengths and weaknesses. Traitify is a website that offers a free, short assessment test that shows users 60 pictures of different personality traits and users choose “Me” or “Not Me” for each picture. For example, one picture shows an exotic food and reads “New Experiences” at the top and the user chooses “Me” or “Not Me.” **Traitify has other paid uses, but this website is free and accessible to anyone providing a name and email address.**

At the end of the assessment test, users will get a description designed to match their interests and strengths along with a video that provides more details. Tutors are recommended to use their learners results as an opportunity to help learners explore their job-related strengths and potential careers.

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You can access **Traitify Online** by visiting <https://www.traitify.com> OR scan the QR code

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## Roles and Goals: How to Submit

The California Library Literacy Services provides tutors and learners a learner centered "Roles and Goals" framework to promote learner achievement. Roles & Goals Forms are vital to PAL's funding as it helps us evaluate what tutors and learners have accomplished during the year. Reaching our goals, both large and small, is what makes all of us successful.

### Instructions

- If you have worked with a learner anytime between July 1st, 2023 through June 30th, 2024 you will need to submit a Roles and Goals Form.
- If you have already submitted a Roles and Goals Form previously during that time frame, you do not need to resubmit a form.
- The form will be available in the office, online, and in the America Learns July Monthly Report.
- We will send an email with instructions on how to submit Roles and Goals through America Learns, in the coming weeks.



[Click here to Download  
a PDF Form or scan the  
QR code](#)

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**Due online or in-person by July 31st, 2024.**

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## In Our Own Words: Learner Submissions

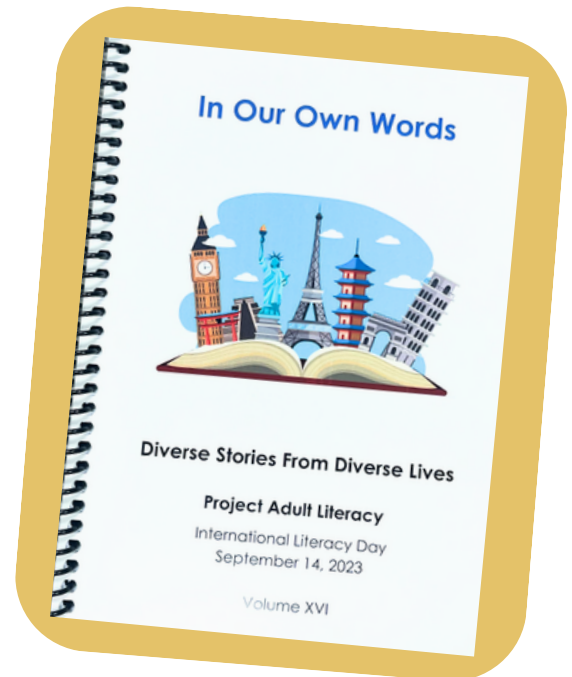
Learners, are you ready to become published authors? We encourage you to submit an original story, article, essay, poem and more for our next edition of "In Our Own Words."

### **Submission Requirements:**

- All writings must be original
- Topics can be fictional or non-fictional
- Entry must be under 500 words
- Limit one submission per learner
- Must include a IOOW submission form

Forms are available online ([click here](#)), in the office or scan the QR code. The form and writing submission must be submitted to [literacy@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:literacy@newportbeachca.gov) OR you can drop off a copy to the office by July 31, 2024.

Please note that all entries will be published in our program's *In Our Own Words*, Volume XVII, which will be presented at our International Literacy Day Celebration, Fall 2024.



Would you like a copy of last year's *In Our Own Words*? Please stop by during office hours for a free copy!



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## Hoffman Award: Nominate Your Learner



The Rochelle Hoffman Memorial Award was established in 2006 to honor the memory of a unique PAL volunteer. 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 annually recognize the achievements of an outstanding learner in the program by awarding them a cash prize.

**We are now accepting nominations for the 2024 Rochelle Hoffman Memorial Award.**

Volunteers can submit a nomination for a learner by filling out a nomination form. Forms are available in the office, online ([click here](#)) or you can scan the QR code.

**All nomination forms must be submitted to [literacy@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:literacy@newportbeachca.gov) OR you can drop off a copy to the office by July 31, 2024.**

The award will be presented at our International Literacy Day Celebration on Friday, September 6, 2024.\*

\*Note that the honoree learner and tutor will be notified in advance.



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## Adult Summer Reading Program: Sign Up

All learners and tutors are invited to participate in this year's Newport Beach Public Library's Adult Summer Reading Program, from June 8th through July 27th. [Register online with Beanstack](#) and keep track of every 20 minutes of reading or listening you do (including books, eBooks, books on CD, eAudiobooks, magazines, eMagazines, newspapers and eNewspapers, such as News For You.)

For every 100 minutes you read, you earn an entry ticket into the grand prize drawing at the end of the program, with the chance to earn up to 6 entries for 600 minutes read PLUS a bonus entry for completing the program!

### Weekly Prize Drawings

Submit book reviews and complete activities for entries into weekly prize drawings! Winners will receive a \$10 gift card to various stores in Newport Beach.

### Grand Prize Drawing

The Grand Prize Drawing will take place on Monday, July 29. The winner will receive a \$50 Fashion Island gift card!

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To register for NBPL Summer Reading Program and more information visit <https://www.newportbeachlibrary.org>  
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