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IMPORTANT DATES

Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

Saturday, April 26

Learner Annual Reassessments

May 13, 14, 20, 21, 28

New Learner Orientation

Saturday, May 17

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

to some of our fabulous Volunteers!

Marcia

Eriko

Soo

Quintin

Debbie

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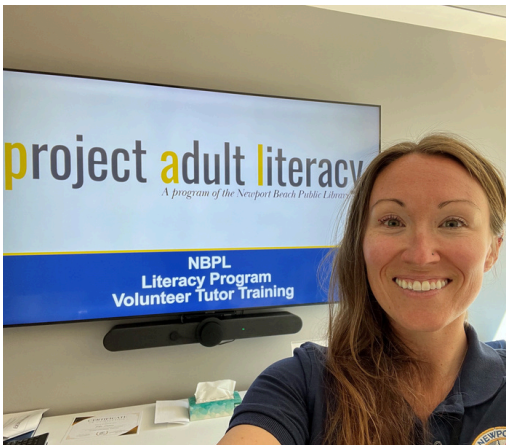
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RECAP: Spring Volunteer Tutor Training

Last weekend, we held our Spring Volunteer Tutor Training and welcomed nine new volunteer tutors into our program! In this one-day training we discussed the roles and responsibilities of a volunteer tutor and the trainees learned about SMART goals and how to create lesson plans while walking away with various strategies and activities to use with their learner. We finished the training by teaching our new volunteers how to set up and use the America Learns program, which they will use to submit monthly hours and various reports.



WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

If you or someone you know would like to volunteer and be a part of Project Adult Literacy, please have them contact our office.

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VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT: Marcia Drew



**Marcia Drew, PAL Class
Instructor and Tutor**



How long have you been volunteering with PAL?

I have been a volunteer in PAL since 2008.

What is your favorite part about being a tutor?

My favorite part of being a tutor is when my learner tells me they have met their Literacy goals and they are ready to begin the next chapter in their life. (For example: when they apply to a university, get a job or volunteer in their children's class).

Who was your most memorable learner?

My most memorable learner was Guillermo. We worked together for a year and he passed his GED exam. After that he was promoted to a residential elevator installer.

What has been your biggest accomplishment as a tutor?

My biggest accomplishment in the Literacy program was going from a tutor then being asked to teach classes. Teaching classes has given me an amazing opportunity to work with really motivated learners.

QUESTION

The Literacy Program staff have been very supportive of my classes and the learners enthusiasm motivates me to continue volunteering in the PAL program.

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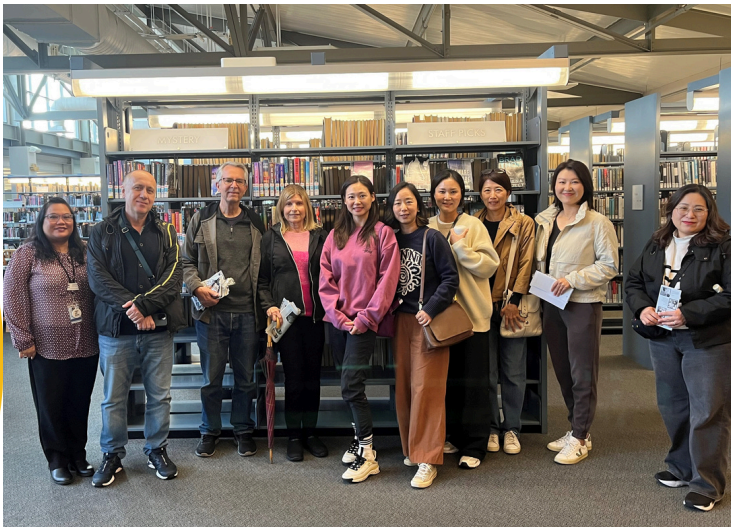
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OUTREACH: Literacy Library Tour Groups

Did you know PAL offers Literacy Library Tours? Over the last two months, PAL held two Literacy Library Tours for different groups of ESL students from the SouthCoast ESL Program (Mariner's Church location in Irvine). — students learned about the Literacy program and toured the Central Library, where they learned about the services we provide at here at NBPL. At the end of the tour, all students received a Library Card and goodie bag with information about various programs and upcoming events.



If you are interested in learning more about the services we offer at the Newport Beach Public Library and the Literacy Program, please contact the Literacy Office to schedule a tour.

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Literacy Library HIGHLIGHT of the Month: Playaway Bookpacks

Check One Out Today



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LOOKING FORWARD: Learner Annual Reassessments

Last year, we changed our learner assessments from a paper form to an online version. By doing so, we were able to assess all learners using the same criteria and have a clearer understanding of where learners are in their literacy skills. Plus the online format breaks down the learners skills into three separate categories: Reading, Listening and Writing. In May, PAL will have all learners take their annual reassessments. This in-person reassessment takes about 90 minutes and allows us to see where a learner's English skills are compared to last year.

Reassessments will take place on the following days:

Tuesday, May 13 from 11am-1pm

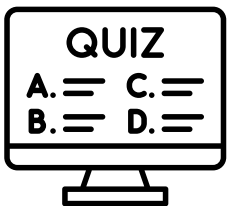
Wednesday, May 14 from 11am-1pm

Tuesday, May 20 from 11am-1pm

Wednesday, May 21 from 11am-1pm

Wednesday, May 28 from 11am-1pm

Once a learner has taken their assessment, the score will be provided to their tutor during annual tutor/learner conferences with the Coordinator. At this conference meeting, we will go over the learner's goals and sign them up for classes. In addition, both the learner and their tutor will receive a workbook that correlates to the learner's assessment score and/or other resources.



Learners can register for their reassessment through the email we sent out or they can stop by the Literacy Office.

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PAL UPDATES: New Donation Link

We want to thank EVERYONE who continues to donate their time and/or money to Project Adult Literacy! We are happy to announce that the Newport Beach Public Library Foundation will now be assisting Project Adult Literacy with our funds, which means we have a NEW donation link.

If you are interested in donating money to PAL, you have three options:

[Online Donation – CLICK HERE](#)

where you can set up a one-time or reoccurring monthly payment on your credit or debit card

OR

[Donate by Mail - CLICK HERE](#)



simply download our donation form, fill it out and mail it to: Newport Beach Public Library Foundation, Attn: Development, 1000 Avocado Ave. Newport Beach, CA 92660

OR

[In-Person Donation](#)

make out a check payable to '[Project Adult Literacy](#)' and drop off the check to the Literacy Office

Every donation helps make a difference in a learner's life.

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