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IMPORTANT DATES

Annual Tutor & Learner Conferences

Month of June

Tutor Connection

Wednesday, July 9

International Literacy Day

Friday, September 5

MAY BIRTHDAYS

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

to some of our fabulous Volunteers!

Heather

Laura

David

Mike

Josephine

Jill

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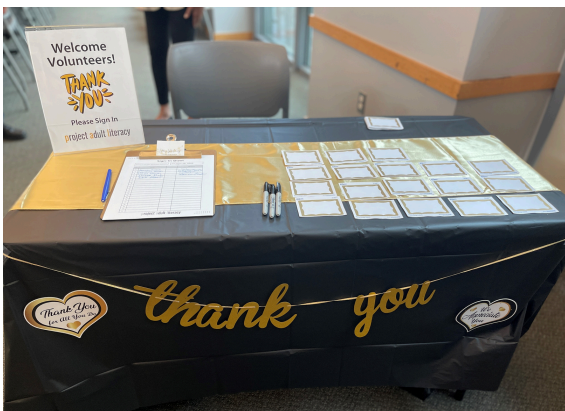
RECAP: Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

"Literacy Lights the Way"

Last month we celebrated our Volunteers and Tutors with our first Volunteer Appreciation Celebration, which included a delicious luncheon. This event was our way of saying THANK YOU to our volunteers. With over 130 million adults reading at a 6th grade level or below, our society is facing a literacy crisis and the only way to reverse that crisis is to do it TOGETHER. We appreciate everyone who attended and

missed those who were unable to attend. We value you and appreciate what our volunteers do for this program and for the learners. We look forward to seeing you all again soon!

Thank You





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PAL UPDATE: Literacy Advisors Visit

Earlier this month, Project Adult Literacy had the privilege of being a part of this year's California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) Traveling Advisors program. Christina, PAL Literacy Coordinator, spent two days with retired literacy coordinators, Valerie Hardie and Kim Noriega, from READ San Diego. During their visit, they provided valuable insight to what literacy programs represent and how these programs help their surrounding community. The advisors were given a tour of the PAL office while learning about our library and our program. They shared their knowledge and wisdom of what it takes to run a successful literacy program while discussing what every literacy program needs to have in place according to California state guidelines. In addition, they reviewed over our Volunteer Tutor Training and New Learner Orientation/Assessments, providing their feedback and recommendations.



We are so grateful to CLLS for providing this opportunity and for the chance to meet Valerie and Kim. We look forward to implementing some of their suggestions, while continuing to grow this program and help our community.

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OUTREACH: Representing PAL at CDM Event



Project Adult Literacy had the honor of attending this year's Corona del Mar Resident's Association Annual Town Meeting at Sherman Library & Gardens. PAL was a part of the popular Community Expo, which included representatives from various city departments including the Newport Beach Public Library. We met so many wonderful community members, while promoting the importance of literacy and how our program helps our local businesses and economy. In addition, we had fun giveaways including NBPL notebooks, pencils and more.

LOOKING AHEAD: Annual Tutor & Learner Conferences

This month we are reassessing all learners, which allow us to see where learners are at with their literacy skills. Once a learner completes their reassessment, their score will be provided to their tutor during annual tutor/learner conferences with the Coordinator, which will be held in June. At this conference meeting, we will have the learner set new goals they want to work on over the next year and sign them up for classes. In addition, both the learner and their tutor will have the opportunity to look over our available resources and ask any questions. We will reach out to tutors to schedule this conference meeting once their learner has been assessed.

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LIBRARY RESOURCES: Summer Reading Programs

Level up this summer at the library!

Summer
reading

The Newport Beach Public Library Summer Reading Program starts June 7! Join us for a summer of FREE activities, entertaining performances and a fun reading challenge. Every summer we invite our PAL learners and volunteers to participate in the Adult Reading Program.

Adult Summer Reading Program

The Adult Summer Reading Program is the perfect excuse to take back your reading time. Track your time spent reading or listening to books, submit book reviews, and complete activities to earn great prizes! Join us for Opening Day activities, a Summer Zine Program, and the It's a Wrap...Party!

Level Up Your Reading: Help Us Reach 600,000 Minutes!

Join us in reaching a community reading milestone this summer! Whether you prefer fantasy, historical fiction, graphic novels, or anything in between — every minute read counts. Join our Summer Reading Challenge and help us hit our big community goal:

🎯 600,000 minutes (that's 10,000 hours!)

For more information visit:

<https://www.newportbeachlibrary.org/calendar/summer-reading-program>

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RESOURCES: Free Adult Education Classes at OCC

Summer: FREE Classes at OCC



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- English for Parents

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- Customer Service/Retail Sales
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- Personal Care Aide



Classes start Monday, June 9!

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