

project adult literacy

IN OUR OWN WORDS

Share Your Story with Us!

Every year, Project Adult Literacy publishes a book called "*In Our Own Words*." This book is an anthology, which is a published collection of literacy writings from different learners. This book will be published and presented at our International Literacy Day Celebration in the Fall.

What kind of writing can you submit?

Anything you have written yourself! This could be:

- A short story
- A poem
- A personal reflection or essay
- A description of a significant event in your life
- Thoughts on a topic important to you

You can have your tutor and/or your class instructor assist you. We are here to help you every step of the way!

How to submit:

- 1) Fill out a submission form (form is attached and paper copies are available in the Literacy Office)
- 2) Submit your original writing AND submission form by emailing them to literacy@newportbeachca.gov OR you can drop off your original writing and submission form to the Literacy Office.

We still have copies of past year's "*In Our Own Words*" book if you want to stop by during Office Hours to pick up your free copy.

ALL submissions must be turned in by July 18, 2025.



2025 IN OUR OWN WORDS SUBMISSION FORM

Each year Project Adult Literacy is proud to share a collection of learner writings titled *In Our Own Words*. All learners are encouraged to submit an original story, essay, or poem for our program publication. This publication is distributed to program participants and all who attend the NBPL's International Literacy Day Celebration in the Fall.

The deadline to submit an IOOW entry by email or in-person is July 18, 2025.

Submission Requirements:

- ✓ Writing submissions must be original and typed
- ✓ Limit one submission per learner
- ✓ This form must be included with writing submission

Date: _____

Learner Name: _____

Tutor Name (if applicable): _____

RELEASE: You must check one box below:

- ☐ I give Project Adult Literacy the permission to publish my entry In Our Own Words submission with this name: _____
- ☐ I do not give permission to publish my name. (Will be published as "Anonymous").

Please contact the literacy office at literacy@newportbeachca.gov or 949-717-3874 if you have any questions