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IMPORTANT DATES

International Literacy Day

Friday, September 5

Possible Library Closure

September 15 - October 5

Volunteer In-Service

Wednesday, October 29

Holiday Literacy Potluck

Saturday, December 6

BIRTHDAYS



to some of our fabulous Volunteers!

Patty

Rick

Justin

Signe

Miriam

Jake

Marlene

Samantha

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RECAP: Volunteer Tutor Training

This month we held our Summer Volunteer Tutor Training and welcomed nine new volunteer tutors into the program! In this training we discussed the roles and responsibilities of a volunteer tutor. The volunteer tutor 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.



**WELCOME
NEW
VOLUNTEERS!**



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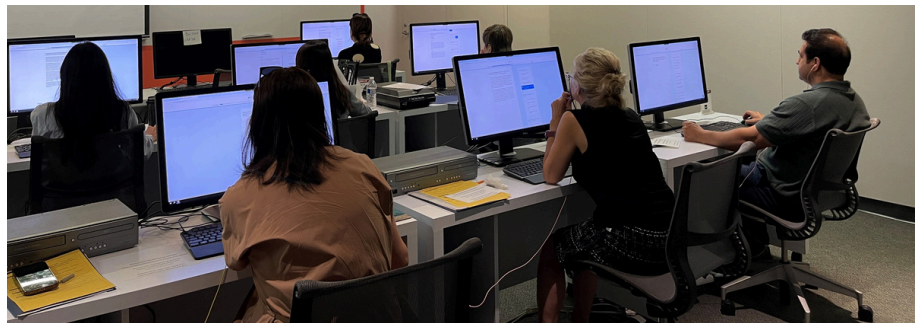
RECAP: New Learner Orientation

This month we had seven learners complete our Summer New Learner Orientation! In our orientation, we discussed PAL's mission and taught the new learners how to write SMART Goals. We explained how tutoring sessions work and went over the small group classes we currently offer. After orientation, the learners took an online assessment. This assessment tells us their individual learning styles and where they are at with their current English reading, listening and writing skills. After orientation, each learner meets with the Coordinator to officially welcome them to the program.



**WELCOME NEW
LEARNERS!**

Literacy is an essential skill that empowers – not only by providing a foundation of academic knowledge but quite simply, by changing lives.



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UPCOMING EVENT: International Literacy Day

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INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY CELEBRATION

2025

Volunteers, learners, family and friends are encouraged to attend.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

10:30AM - 12:30PM

CIVIC CENTER COMMUNITY ROOM
100 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE NEWPORT BEACH
(NEXT TO CITY HALL)

You are Invited!

Join us for an International Brunch and celebrate our Literacy community! Volunteers, learners, family, and friends are encouraged to attend. We will be presenting a special learner with the Rochelle Hoffman Memorial Award as well as giving out this year's In Our Own Words – a collection of writings from learners in our program.

We have learners (and volunteers) from all around the world who come together for one common goal...to develop literacy skills and empower each other to achieve greater success in their lives – at home, at work and in the community.

We would love for you to share your culture by bringing a dish from your native country to our International Literacy Day Celebration.

Please contact us to RSVP!

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PAL UPDATE: LIBRARY CLOSURE

As you all know, the library is currently under construction as we have been replacing elevators the last few months. Next month, the library will be undergoing HVAC maintenance for about 3-4 weeks. During this time, the Central Library will be closed to the public.

This means we will NOT be holding classes and no tutoring sessions will be able to take place at the library. The Literacy Lab will also be closed during this time.



Anticipated Closure Dates:

Monday, September 15 through Sunday, October 5

*Please note these dates are subject to change.

PAL UPDATE: SAVE THE DATE

Tutors & Volunteers - we will be holding our Annual Volunteer/Tutor In-Service Training on Wednesday, October 29 from 10:00am-12:30pm. At this meeting, we will discuss a variety of topics including California Library Literacy Services (CLLS), updated Roles & Goals and how to properly fill out Monthly Tutoring Reports. In addition, you will learn more about tutoring matches, how to reserve the Literacy Lab and 2026 events. RSVPs will be sent out soon!

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RESOURCES: FREE CLASSES AT OCC

Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa offers an Adult Education Program which provides instructional programs and student support services to help adult learners improve their English skills, become a U.S. citizen, and/or gain career technical skills to obtain a job or better job!



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- Intermediate Speaking
- Advanced Pronunciation
- Advanced Reading & Writing
- Advanced Listening & Speaking
- Intermediate English for Career Prep
- US Citizenship I



Classes start Monday, August 25

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