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IMPORTANT DATES

Volunteer In-Service

Wednesday, October 29

Library Closed for Veteran's Day

Tuesday, November 11

Library Closed for Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 27 &

Friday, November 28

Holiday Literacy Potluck

Saturday, December 6

BIRTHDAYS

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

to some of our fabulous Volunteers!

Rich

Barbara

Ray

Tom

Jill

Pam

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PAL SITE VISIT: Visiting Carlsbad Literacy

While the Library was closed for renovations, PAL Staff took the opportunity to connect with other Literacy Programs in Southern California. We were able to visit the City of Carlsbad Learning Center and meet with Sandra, Literacy Coordinator of their program.

This literacy program is similar to ours in size and services offered. This site visit was beneficial as we learned what other programs are doing well and how we can implement some of their best practices into our program. In addition, we picked up a Carlsbad City Library card! We are grateful to be growing our knowledge and shining a light on how important literacy is in all of our communities!



Did You Know?

As a resident of California, you can get a FREE library card at most libraries. All you have to do is ask!



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EVENT RECAP: Learner Open House

Earlier this month, we held our first Learner Open House. Learners and tutors were invited to drop in and speak with our class instructors. Each class instructor provided information about their class and encouraged learners to sign up. Tutors also had the opportunity to learn more about classes and meet other volunteers in the program. Thank you to everyone who showed up!



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UPCOMING EVENT: Volunteer In-Service Training

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER IN-SERVICE TRAINING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

10:00AM-12:30PM

CIVIC CENTER COMMUNITY ROOM

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LEARN ABOUT:

- CALIFORNIA STATE 2026 UPDATES
 - WHAT IS LITERACY
 - ROLES & GOALS
 - TUTOR MATCHING PROCESS
- PRESENTATION: AMERICA LEARNS
 - IMPORTANCE OF SUBMITTING HOURS
- 2026 PAL EVENTS
- COLLABORATE WITH PEERS
- Q&A SESSION

**Light refreshments will be provided.*

Our Annual Volunteer In-Service Training on Wednesday,

October 29 from 10:00 a.m.

-12:30 p.m. We will providing

California State updates, discuss

the importance of submitting monthly reports and looking at

2026 events. This training is a

crucial event designed to support, refresh, and empower our dedicated volunteers.

Annual training is a key component of a high-quality adult literacy program, ensuring that our tutors have the skills, knowledge, and resources they need to be effective. This is also a great way to meet other tutors in the program and ask any questions you may have.

Please RSVP!

All volunteers, tutors and class instructors are encouraged to attend.

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LEARNER OPPORTUNITY: Writer to Writer



The Writer to Writer Challenge is BACK and we are encouraging EVERY LEARNER to participate! For those of you who are new or not familiar with Writer to Writer, this is a California-based reading/writing competition where you read a book or listen to an audiobook in English and write a letter to an author. This challenge is a great opportunity for learners to write, to express their voice in a safe and trusted environment and to work on goals related to their yearly Roles & Goals.

Learners enter Writer to Writer in one of four categories:

Emerging Writer (level 1) - Learners dictate letters to tutor/staff using the Language Experience Approach.

Beginning Writer (level 2) - Learners write basic letters using short, simple sentences and phrases of their own.

Intermediate Writer (level 3) - Learners write more complex letters using a larger vocabulary of words and detailed phrases.

Advanced Writer (level 4) - Learners write letters with little help from their tutor with spelling, grammar and punctuation.

All writing entries will be judged with one winner and two runner-ups from each category will be chosen to be compiled into a publication. All learners who participate receive a certificate of participation.

Application and letter are due by Friday, December 12, 2025.

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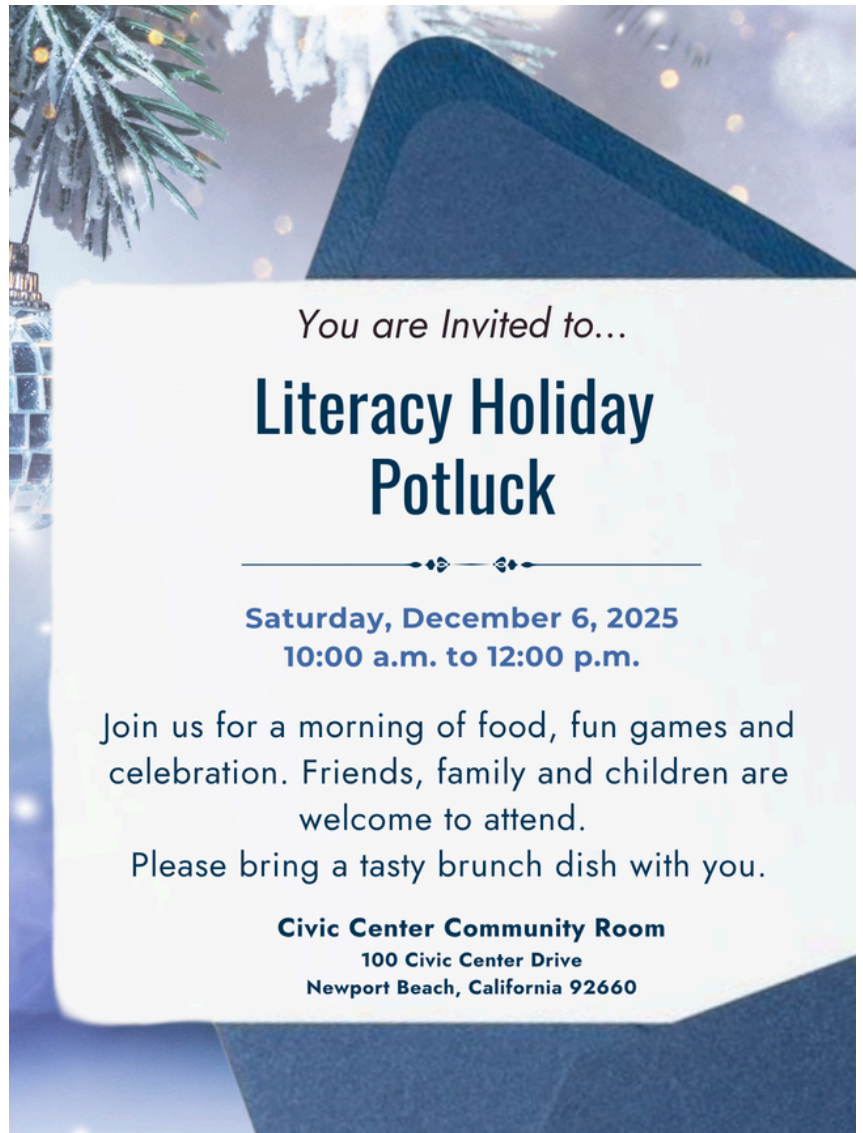
PAL COMMUNITY EVENT: Holiday Potluck

The holidays are just around the corner, which means...

You are INVITED to our Annual Literacy Holiday Potluck!

We will be holding our Annual PAL Holiday Potluck on Saturday, December 6 from 10:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m. at the Civic Center Community Room (next to City Hall.) Friends and family are invited to celebrate and reflect on this past year.

We will have fun games, delicious food and memorable times. We look forward to celebrating with you soon!



Contact the Literacy Office to RSVP!

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