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IMPORTANT DATES

Library Closed for Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 27 &

Friday, November 28

Giving Tuesday

Tuesday, December 2

Holiday Literacy Potluck

Saturday, December 6

Library Closed for Christmas

Thursday, December 25

BIRTHDAYS

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

to some of our fabulous Volunteers!

Helene

Barbara

Sophia

Lynn

Susan

Bob

Christine

Martha

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RECAP: Volunteer Tutor Training & New Learner Orientation

Last month, we held our final Volunteer Tutor Training of the year and added three wonderful new tutors to our growing team! Our Volunteer Tutor Training is a comprehensive 2-day training provided to new volunteers. We teach them the tools they need to be effective mentors.



WELCOME!

We are delighted to share that nine new learners successfully completed our Fall New Learner Orientation last month!

This marks the beginning of their exciting journey with the program. Our foundational New Learner Orientation introduces learners to our program and helps them make the most of our services.



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EVENT RECAP: Volunteer In-Service

We want to send a huge thank you to the 27 dedicated volunteers who participated in our Annual Volunteer In-Service Training last month! This training served as an annual refresh, providing our tutors with the latest knowledge and resources including:

Policy Review: Catching up on the latest California State updates.

Reporting: Reinforcing the importance of timely monthly report submissions.

2026 Sneak Peek: Discussing and collaborating on our upcoming 2026 events.

Beyond the necessary updates, our PAL trainings are an invaluable way for tutors to meet other tutors in the program and share successful strategies.



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NEW PARTNERSHIP: Huntington Beach Adult School

We are excited to announce our new partnership with Huntington Beach Adult School! Huntington Beach Adult School (HBAS) is an adult education institution that is dedicated to promoting lifelong learning and preparing students for success in further education, the workforce, and the community.



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SCHOOL

They offer several programs including: English as a Second Language classes, ESL Citizenship classes, Career Readiness classes, Computer Skills classes, Personal Development and Skill Building classes.

These relevant, rigorous and innovative programs can help adult achieve their academic, personal and professional goals.

In addition, HBAS offers FREE Career Training programs designed to prepare students for specific careers such as: Accounting Clerk, Administrative Assistant, Business Information Worker, Medical Assistant, Medical Billing & Coding, Pharmacy Technician, Paraprofessional and School Bus Driver. Some of these programs can be completed in as little as 9 months.

Helping students reach their goals is a team effort, which is why HBAS is fortunate to partner with colleges, businesses, government agencies and non-profit organizations including Project Adult Literacy. With this partnership, learners in our program are invited to participate in HBAS. Simply stop by the Literacy Office to learn more.

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LEARNER OPPORTUNITY: Writer to Writer



The Writer to Writer Challenge is GOING ON NOW and we are encouraging EVERY LEARNER to participate! Writer to Writer 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 at the core of literacy.

This 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.

Winners will receive a cash prize and are invited to attend an awards ceremony at The Southern California Library Literacy Network Conference in March 2026. All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation plus they will have their writing published in a special Writer to Writer booklet!



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

Participating is Easy

- You will read or listen to a book in English.
- Once you finish reading the book, you will write a letter to the author (or you can dictate a letter to your tutor to write) about how the book impacted you including how the book make you feel, how did you relate to the characters and what lessons did you learn.
- Submit a completed entry form with your letter.

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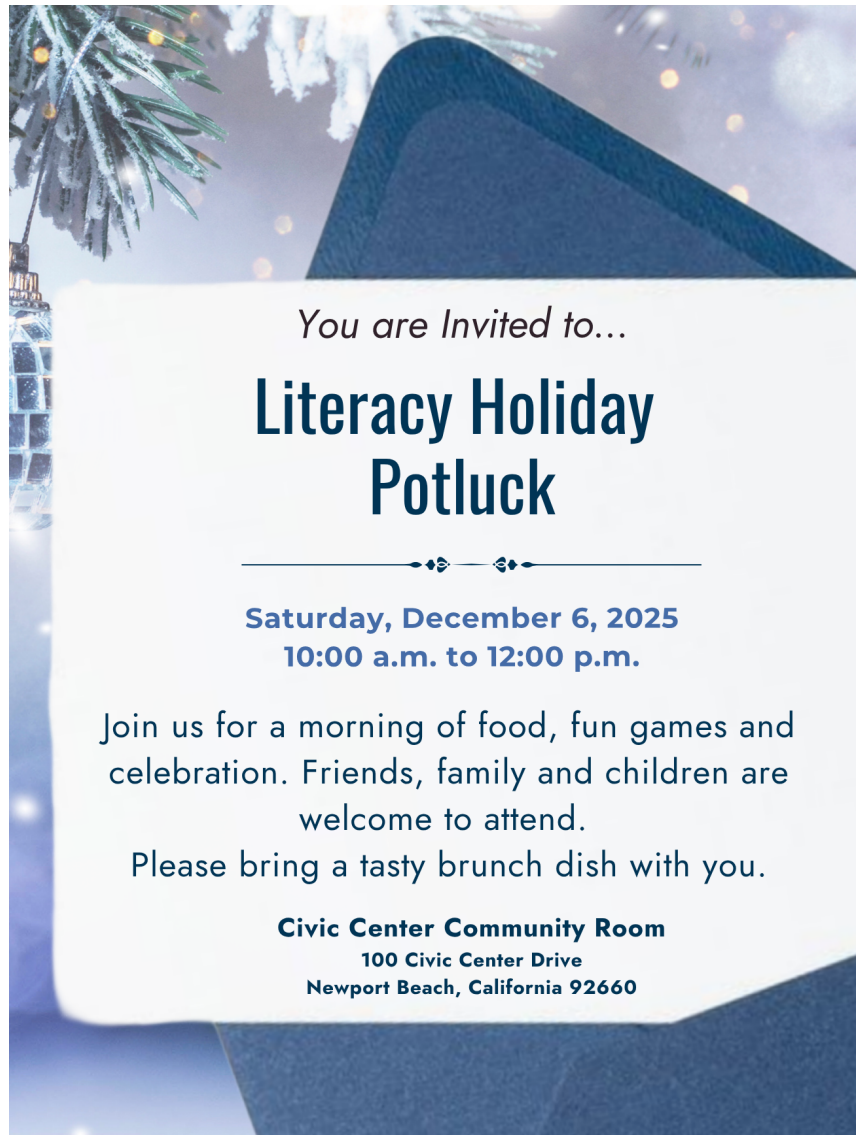
PAL COMMUNITY EVENT: Holiday Potluck

The holidays are almost here,
which means...

it's almost time for our Annual
Literacy Holiday Potluck!

We will be holding our Annual
PAL Holiday Potluck on
Saturday, December 6 from
10:00 a.m. -12:00 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!



You are Invited to...

Literacy Holiday Potluck

Saturday, December 6, 2025
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Join us for a morning of food, fun games and
celebration. Friends, family and children are
welcome to attend.

Please bring a tasty brunch dish with you.

Civic Center Community Room
100 Civic Center Drive
Newport Beach, California 92660

Contact the Literacy Office to RSVP by December 1!

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GIVING TUESDAY: Support the Gift of Literacy

Giving Tuesday is an annual global day of generosity that occurs the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, encouraging people to give back to their communities.

GIVING
TUESDAY

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

When you donate to Project Adult Literacy, you're not just giving money—you're providing the gift of literacy to an adult in our community. For many of our learners, gaining basic reading, writing, and English skills is the key to unlocking a better future:

At Home: Literate parents can actively support their children's education.

At Work: Better literacy skills lead to better jobs and economic self-sufficiency.

Within the Community: Gaining confidence to participate in their community.

Every dollar you contribute to PAL directly supports our essential program, helping us recruit, train, and provide materials for our dedicated volunteer tutors and the learners they serve.

Consider making a donation to PAL to help us
empower more adults through literacy!
Visit bit.ly/DonateToProjectAdultLiteracy



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

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