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IMPORTANT DATES

Library Closed

Monday, February 16th

Coffee with the Coordinator

Tuesday, March 31st

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Saturday, April 25th

Annual Learner Assessments

Tuesdays & Wednesdays in April

In Our Own Words

June 30, 2026

BIRTHDAYS



to some of our fabulous Volunteers!

Alison

Jeff

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Orange Coast College Partnership

Project Adult Literacy is proud to announce a new partnership with Orange Coast College's Adult Education Program in Costa Mesa. OCC's Adult Education Program provides instructional programs and student support services to help adult learners improve their English literacy skills, become a U.S. Citizen and gain career technical skills to obtain a job.

Classes offered through OCC's Adult Education program are noncredit and tuition-free. Learn more at

www.orangecoastcollege.edu/adulthoodeducation



OCC's Adult Education Program offers a wide variety of class including:

English Language Learning

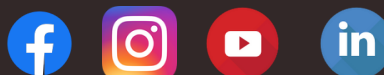
Classes designed to improve listening, speaking, reading, writing, pronunciation and grammar skills

Career Education

Classes designed to enhance valuable and hands-on skills to advance in the workforce

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Honoring a Past Tutor



Johan Grobler

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of the passing of one of our dedicated tutors, Johan Grobler. Johan joined Project Adult Literacy in 2017, and was driven by a simple but profound belief: to provide someone else with the joy of reading. Coming from a family of teachers, he had a passion for tutoring and educating others.

During his time with PAL, he also served as a Board Member for PALS4PAL.

While we deeply feel this loss, we are inspired by the legacy Johan leaves behind and the learners lives he has touched. The gift of literacy is one that continues to give for generations, and every word read by his students is a tribute to their life's work. Our thoughts are with Johan's family and friends during this difficult time.



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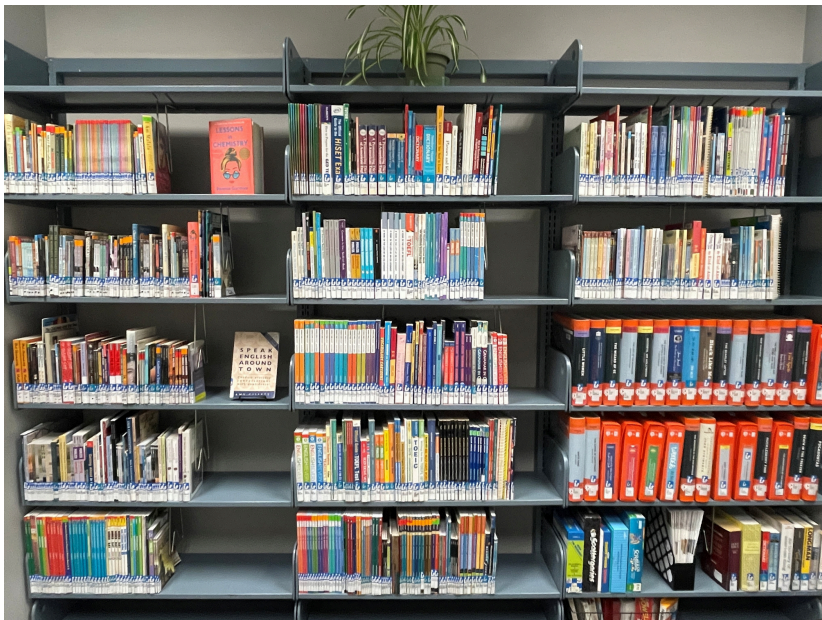
PAL Resource Center

We are excited to share that we have a new Resource Center in the Literacy Office. If you are looking for helpful information, Tutor/Learner outing ideas or even an old copy of News for You, stop by the Literacy Office and check it out. This resource center is located in the black filing cabinet under the Literacy Printer.



New Materials

We have been updating our Literacy Collection with new books, workbooks and more. come see what is new on our shelves. Stop by the Literacy Office and check out some of our new materials.



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Literacy Library Tours

Did you know PAL offers Literacy Library Tours?

Upon request, we offer various group tours of the library while talking about our PAL

Program. This is a great way for small groups to learn more about the Newport Beach Library and feel comfortable using the resources the library provides.



Last month, we held a Literacy Library Tour for a group of ESL students from the South Coast ESL Program (Mariner's Church location in Irvine). This tour group toured the Central Library, where they learned about the services the NBPL provides. At the end of the tour, all students received a Library Card and a goodie bag with information about various library-related programs and upcoming library events.

If you are interested in scheduling a customized tour, please reach out to us.

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JOIN ME FOR
**COFFEE WITH THE
COORDINATOR**

LET'S TALK LITERACY

TUESDAY, MARCH 31
2:00PM-4:00PM



A RELAXED DROP-IN EVENT FOR SUPPORT & COMMUNITY
SHARE RECENT SUCCESSSES, DISCUSS CHALLENGES &
RESOURCES, ASK QUESTIONS AND GET SUPPORT

TUTORS & LEARNERS ARE WELCOME

Whether you are a learner or a volunteer tutor, this is your time and space to connect. Stop by to share your recent successes, discuss challenges, ask questions, and meet new people.

Stop by on Tuesday, March 31, from 2:00pm - 4:00pm and have a cup of coffee!

Christina will be on hand to provide personalized answers, helpful resources, and one-on-one support. You are welcome to drop in and stay for 5 minutes or the full 2 hours – it is up to you! Coffee will be provided!

RSVP in the Literacy Office

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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

SAT
25
APRIL

A fun award
ceremony & lunch
to celebrate our
volunteers.
Spouses welcome!
Friends Room

**11AM
-1PM**

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Volunteers & Tutors

Please SAVE THE DATE for our upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon happening on Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 11am – 1pm in the Friends Room.

We would not have this amazing program without YOU! So please join us for a special luncheon celebration to show you recognition and appreciation for all you do.

Spouses are welcome to attend!

Lunch will be provided!

thank you!

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