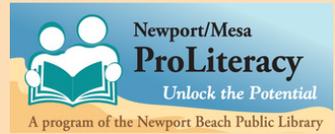


LITERALLY SPEAKING



NOVEMBER 2020

Virtual Happy Hour with Julia Phillips

Bestselling author Julia Phillips joined Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy virtually from New York on October 24th for NMPL's 5th Annual Happy Hour. More than 80 guests joined a Zoom webinar. Although attendees couldn't mingle in person, they made the most of the evening by preparing delicious cocktails and appetizers.



Ms. Phillips was an engaging guest. She talked about her book *Disappearing Earth* which was shortlisted for last year's National Book Award. She shared

of her personal experiences while researching life on the Kamchatka peninsula and told us how she developed the multi-dimensional characters.

Question and answer time allowed Julia's intelligence and thoughtful nature to shine. Guests submitted online questions. Julia spent 10 years researching and writing *Disappearing Earth*. It

was obvious that she poured her heart into this book.

Toward the end of the evening, Julia was presented with a gorgeous handmade quilt

made by a generous volunteer who wished to remain anonymous. Julia was moved to tears by this special gift. Thank you to everyone who attended Happy



Hour! Your generous donations raised much-needed funds for NMPL. Make sure to mark your calendars for our next Happy Hour on



February 20th.

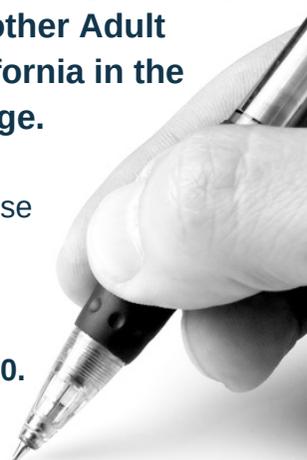
Thank you to our fabulous Events Committee for putting this unique and fun event together.



SCLLN (Southern California Library Literacy Network) invites you to join other Adult Learners from Southern California in the 2020 Writer to Writer Challenge.

Here is how it works: Write a letter to an author whose writing has changed the way you think about life. Your letter is just a friendly note to a favorite author, living or dead. It can be short or long, but it must be no more than 500 words. **Letters due by 12/31/2020.**

Contact the Literacy Office for more details.



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Learners' Corner

QUESTION: WHY DID YOU WANT TO BECOME A U.S. CITIZEN?

We live here and my son was born here, so he is a citizen. As his Mom, I want to be a citizen, too. We will live in America until the day we die. I want to be involved in our community, as a resident, not a visitor. I want to vote to choose leaders of America. Most of all, I love this country so much. I love the point of this country, freedom, big nature and many opportunities. I want to give back the library's support for me.

By NMPL Learner, Il Jeong Choi



**Central Library
is Open and
News For You is
Back on the Shelves**

The library is open with limited capacity and social distancing.

Paper copies of News for You are now available in the Literacy Office.

However, *due to the safety regulations, we are still not able to offer space for face:face tutoring at this time.*

We will continue to keep you updated.



Congratulations to Nicole, our latest graduate!

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