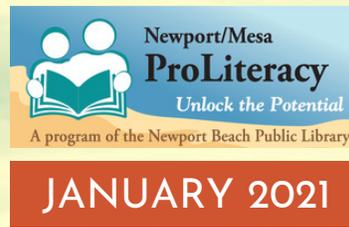


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*"THANKS FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE THIS YEAR TO KEEP THE PROGRAM ACTIVE."*

*"Keep up the Tutor Connections. They help us reduce isolation and always give loads of great ideas to try"*

### Here's what we heard...

"NMPL has done an admirable job of continuing its mission during the Coronavirus crisis. Many tutors are connecting with their learners remotely; and the staff continues to provide outstanding support."

*"Fantastic work during this COVID time! So happy to see the continued positive impact you are making every single day."*

*"I can attend literacy program via zoom. It is so great because teachers are so great."*

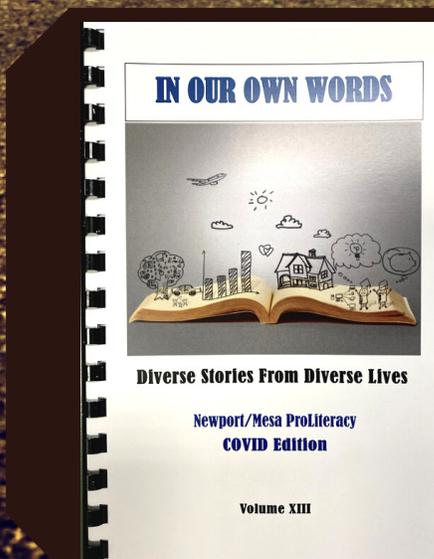
*"Just the existence of it made my life fulfilled during the crisis."*

*"I always know I can count on you if I need help."*

"Many who are silent like me actually are so grateful for being with you."

## In 2021, we plan to continue efforts to further these areas:

*Programming/Classes, Marketing and Communication, Improving Materials and Resources*



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