



READ WRITES

For You and About You

May 2012

Where Were You in '92?

Bowling for Readers - READ/OC's 1st "FUNd-Raiser"



READ/OC tutors and learners, OC Public Libraries Staff and their families joined together for READ/OC's first fundraiser – or more accurately – "FUN Raiser"— enjoying a friendly evening of bowling competition in 1993.

Since then, Friends of READ/OC has organized a variety of activities, events, and fundraisers that have also raised FUN and promoted lifelong learning, and generated a greater awareness of the importance of literacy and the needs of adult learners in Orange County.

Today, tutors, learners and Friends of READ/OC continue to promote literacy needs of adults in Orange County and the importance of lifelong learning.

Literacy is a skill you can lose if you don't use, so READ for yourself, read to someone you love, read to another adult who needs help. Consider becoming a volunteer tutor with READ/OC to encourage and help another adult with reading and writing. Contact READ/OC today to learn more about how to become a tutor and about other volunteer opportunities. Contact READ/OC at 714-566-3070 or by email at readoc@occr.ocgov.com.

Become a Friend of READ/OC to help support literacy efforts of READ/OC, the volunteer tutors, families. READ and raise some learning fun!

Note: To learn more about how you can join Friends of READ/OC as they plan to celebrate 20 years of literacy efforts with READ/OC, go to www.friendsROC.org.





Proud Moments



The monthly report winner for April is:

Beth Malone

Congratulations Beth!

Monthly Reports are due by the 5th of every month. Get yours in on time for a chance to be next month's winner and receive a \$10 gift card to Starbucks.

If you have missed sending in your Monthly Reports, it is not too late to catch up! Remember, the hours you report each month are the only record READ has of your learner's hours!

monthly report forms online, submit them by email to readoc@occr.ocgov.com or mail them to READ/OC, 1501 E. St. Andrew Pl., Santa Ana, CA 92705

Of course you can still access



Our tutors and learners have had many successes this past month! Here are just a few of their achievements in April, taken from monthly reports:

- Tina's learner went to her doctor's appointment without a translator for the first time. She is also starting to answer her own phone.
- Cathy's learner has developed the confidence to start working on his writing and spelling skills.
- Darelene's learner passed his GED tests!
- Jill's learner has learned how to log on and search Facebook and plans next to send messages to friends and family.
- Rosemary's learner got a PIN from the librarian and logged onto a library computer accessing internet for the first time.
- June's learner completed and submitted her application for volunteer work at the Aliso Viejo Library.
- Leslie's learner is now able to recognize misspelled words and correct them.
- Beth's learner now automatically reads what she just completed writing.
- Riette's learner was able to have a casual conversation in English with her employer.
- Matt's learner completed some of the documentation required to establish resident status.
- Daniel's learner expects to complete her GED by the end of this month.
- Katie's learner achieved her goal of reading a newspaper article.

Please remember to submit your monthly reports. We want to let everyone know about your accomplishments!





You know the saying "It takes a village...," and that applies to Friends of READ/OC. It takes a community of civic minded individuals, of companies who focus on the community they serve, of civic organizations that are community service oriented and it takes partners in the press to help organizations like Friends of READ/OC (FROC) continue to provide support for READ/OC and the life changing services the program provides.

Here are just a few ways you can help FROC and READ/OC.

- Volunteer to tutor an adult, teach them to learn to read better
- Volunteer with FROC, we have projects that can be completed in a couple of hours or you can become a committee member and volunteer each month on current projects and needs
- Donate books. New and "like new" books are needed to help our adult learners build their home library.
- Tell a friend and family member about us and share this newsletter.

Friends of READ/OC (FROC) is a non-profit volunteer organization. Your support is appreciated. You can donate by visiting us at www.friendsroc.org.

For more information about FROC, call the READ/OC office at 714-566-3070.



If you are reading this line, call the READ/OC office to claim your "Reader of the Month" prize!

Are You Coming to the Picnic?



Mark your calendar and watch for your invitation to arrive soon!



Next time you are online – "LIKE" READ Orange County and Friends of READ Orange County, Soutern California Library Litearcy Network (SCLLN) and California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) on Facebook.

While you are there, check out literacy news and events on the Facebook pages for Southern California Library Literacy Network (SCLLN).

And then share us with a friend - encourage them to volunteer and help change a life through literacy.

Volunteers Needed

Call READ/OC at 714-566-3070 to find out how you can help!

Ms. Paige Turner (Fun advice for tutors and learners)



Dear Paige,

I just received a call from READ/OC telling me it is time for a reassessment. What does this mean? Will I be able to keep learning with my tutor in READ/OC?

Uneasy Learner

Dear Uneasy,

Getting a call for a reassessment is great news! This means you have been working with your tutor a while and READ/OC wants to give you and your tutor some feedback on how you are doing.

I realize it may feel like a test, but it's not.....It is **not** a test! A reassessment helps you, your tutor and READ/OC affirm your learning efforts. It provides some information so READ/OC can provide the best support and resources available to you and your tutor. It allows READ/OC to celebrate the progress you and your tutor are making, and can be helpful with the next steps toward your goal!

So <u>no</u> worries! Keep up the great teamwork with your tutor. Keep your eye on your goals, and get ready to celebrate the progress you and your tutor are making toward your learning goal.

Paige Turner



Do you have a green card? ✓
Do you want to apply for U.S. citizenship? ✓
Learn more about the citizenship process at a free workshop!







Thursday, June 14, 2012 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

La Habra Library 221 E. La Habra Blvd. La Habra, CA 90631

The program will be conducted in English. Bilingual immigration officers will be available to answer general questions in Spanish. The session includes:

- Review of the naturalization process
- Discussion of eligibility requirements
- Mock naturalization interview
- Question and answer period
- · FREE DVD with the newest educational materials

USCIS wishes to thank the La Habra Library for its generous support. For more information, visit our website at www.uscis.gov/citizenship or call customer service at 1-800-375-5283.



May is for Moms and Remembering.

This month read to a mom and
thank her for reading to you!

Remember - No one is "too old" to be read to.
Read with or to someone you love!

READ TO ME

Read to me riddles
and read to me rhymes,
read to me stories
of magical times.

Read to me tales
about castles and kings
read to me stories
of fabulous things.

Read to me pirates, and read to me knights, read to me dragons and dragon-back flights.

Read to me spaceships and cowboys and then when you are finished – please read them again!

By Jane Yolen
From The Three Bears Rhyme Book

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Library Mouse's Important Questions of the Month....

Have you checked out a book, eBook, or audio book lately?

READ/OC tutors and learners, do you and your family members **all** have your own OCPL library card? Do you have an "E" library card yet?

Next time you are in the library, ask the library staff for more information.



And... Don't forget to also see what's new on **Book Talk**, the OC Public Libraries' Blog About Books! It has "**A Little Something For Everyone!"** It's written and maintained by a group of OC Public Libraries staff.

Learn how to download library books. Free!

OC Libraries eReader Open Houses

Got one? Bring it! Want one? Try ours first!

Get acquainted with iPad, Sony Reader, nook and Kindle readers and how to "check out" eBooks from the library!

When: Wednesday, May 23, 8:30am - 10:00am Where: Laguna Hills Technology Branch Library

Laguna Hills Community Center 25555 Alicia Pkwy, Laguna Hills

(949) 707-2699

When: Thursday, June 14, 5:30-7:30pm Where: Costa Mesa Donald Dungan Library

1855 Park Ave., Costa Mesa

(949) 646-8845

When: Tuesday, July 10, 6:00pm—8:00pm

Where: Los Alamitos/Rossmoor Library

12700 Montecito Rd. (562) 430-1048



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MAY-JUNE 2012

Mark Your Calendars and Tell A Friend or 2 or 3...

Many adult learners are waiting for help! Volunteer as a Tutor and change a life!

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If you are interested in contributing an article for READ WRITES, contact us at 714-566-3070.

When you have finished reading this newsletter, please share it with someone so they will know about the services and volunteer opportunities of READ/OC.

Click here to go directly to the READ/OC Calendar of Events











The Month of May

Saturday, May 12

Sunday, May 13

Saturday, May 19

Monday, May 28

Tuesday, June 5 Thursday, June 7 Saturday, June 9

Wednesday, June 13

Thursday, June 14

Saturday, June 16

Celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month – Read or Share a story of family journeys and traditions

Family Reading Time, 10 am-12 pm @ Irvine University Park Library

Mother's Day – Read a story or write a poem or letter to your Mom!

Family Reading Time, 10 am-12 pm @ Irvine Heritage Park Library

Family Reading Time, 10 am-12 pm @ El Toro Library

Memorial Day Holiday – Libraries and READ/OC office

Memorial Day Holiday – Libraries and READ/OC office will be Closed

Family Reading Time, 6:30-7:45 pm @ La Palma Library Family Reading Time, 6-8 pm @ El Toro Library

Family Reading Time, 10 am-12 pm @ Irvine University

Park Library

Family Reading Time, 6-8 pm @ Stanton Community

Services Center

US Citizenship–Naturalization information workshop at La Habra Library, 1-3:30pm, presented by USCIS staff Family Reading Time, 6-7:30 @ Mesa Verde Library,

Costa Mesa

READ/OC Annual Family Picnic and Appreciation Celebration @ Irvine Regional Park, 12-3:30 pm.

Invitations will arrive soon in the mail.

Note: There will be no Family Reading Times at El Toro & Irvine Heritage Park Libraries on Saturday, June 16.

Looking Ahead:

The next READ/OC Tutor Training Workshop is scheduled for July.

Orientation for adults interested in becoming a volunteer tutor with READ/OC will be Thursday, July 12 from 1-2pm or 6-7pm.

The Tutor Training Workshop follows on Saturday, July 14 and July 21 from 9am-4pm, with Follow-up and Certification session on Saturday, August 25, 9-11am.

Learners are waiting! Share this with friends and co-workers.

Call READ/OC for more information or to enroll as a volunteer tutor.

READ/OC is the adult literacy services of OC Public Libraries and OC Community Resources