



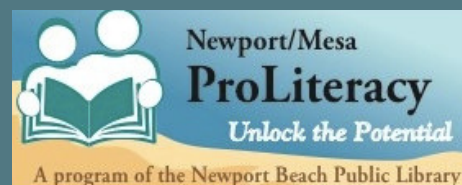
# LITERALLY SPEAKING

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## International Literacy Day

Stay connected!



Every September, Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy hosts an International Literacy Day (ILD) event at the Newport Beach Public Library. It is a day of celebration as tutors, learners and special guests come together to honor all the people in the literacy program. Each year, one learner is recognized as the Rochelle Hoffman Memorial Award winner for their outstanding accomplishments and, through Ms. Hoffman's legacy, that learner is presented with a generous scholarship.

As an added enticement, learners are asked to bring a traditional dish from their home country to share with all in attendance.

Another special part of the day is the presentation of the book, *In Our Own Words*, which is a collection of stories, essays and other writings by learners in the program.

This year, ILD will be held on Thursday, September 12, so be sure to save the date. If you are a tutor who would like to nominate your learner for the Rochelle Hoffman Memorial Award or a learner who wishes to submit your writings for the book, contact us:

(949) 717-3874 or by email at [Literacy@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:Literacy@newportbeachca.gov).

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# President's Message

Eve-Marie Kuntzman

Summer is finally here! Our program had a busy spring - welcoming new tutors, empowering more learners, and adding innovative new classes to serve our community. Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy also hosted its annual Gift of Literacy luncheon, where Lisa See spoke to an audience of over 200 friends and supporters, raising important funds to fuel our work. As we close the books on this fiscal year, there is an overwhelming feeling of gratitude. We are ready to begin our journey into the next season of impact and thankful for all that every one of you has done - and, continues to do - to propel our success forward.

We are also at the conclusion of graduation season; many of you have likely attended ceremonies for your children, family, or loved ones, who have crossed the stage to accept a diploma that symbolizes their accomplishment. Education remains a cornerstone of our society, and the opportunity to cross that stage is something none of us should take for granted. Today, throughout our community, there are adults who lack a high school education. These people are employees, parents, citizens of our community who suffer the stigma and challenges that are characteristic for those who haven't completed this milestone. You can help us correct this, and ensure that everyone in need has access to the opportunity to walk across their own stage, and feel the fulfillment that only a diploma can provide.



Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy, in partnership with Career Online High School, has the answer. Last year, we were able to graduate our very first students, who had themselves completed the program and attained their high school diploma. If you attended a graduation ceremony of your own this season, you can easily imagine the pride that friends and family felt last fall as they watched their loved ones achieve this pivotal milestone. You can be a part of providing this opportunity to others, by contributing to our scholarship fund and by spreading the word. We look forward to hosting another graduation ceremony in the fall, at International Day of Literacy - I hope you will join us as we celebrate the lives we are changing, together, through this incredible collaboration!

Thank you for being such a valuable part of our mission. Together, we are unlocking the potential!



## Hoffman Award Nominations

### DUE

### August 6, 2019

# Roles & Goals

A hallmark of Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy is its learner-centered commitment; helping learners to meet personal goals. In order to measure our success, California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) requires all programs to report on how they are doing. The Roles & Goals form is the vehicle we use to tout the achievements of every learner in the program.

By now, Tutors should have received email requests for the annual Roles & Goals to be submitted to the office by July 26th. These forms will help us paint a picture of all that you and your learners accomplished together during the year. Reaching our goals, large and small, is what makes all of us successful.

Even if you are no longer tutoring, your learner has left, or you have a new learner, it is still important we receive your report for any sessions you had between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019.

**Please return the Roles & Goals form to the literacy office by no later than July 26th.** As always, if you need help in completing the form or if you would like a copy of last year's form, please contact us.



## Save the Date

**HAPPY HOUR**  
October 26, 2019  
6PM

Join us for wine, cheese and fun under the stars with a special guest author.



## In Our Own Words

We encourage all learners to submit their stories, articles, essays, poems and more for the next edition of *In Our Own Words*. The book will be distributed at International Literacy Day in September.

All submissions should be under 500 words and are due in the Literacy Office by

**DUE**  
**July 26, 2019**

## Upcoming Events

**Tutor Training**  
*July 17 & 24*

**Roles & Goals**  
*Due July 26*

**In Our Own Words**  
*July 26*

**Hoffman Nominations**  
*August 6*

**International Literacy Day**  
*September 12*

**Happy Hour**  
*October 26*

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## July/August Class Dates and Events

*All events are located at the Central Library unless otherwise marked with ^, and are subject to change.*

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Mondays, 10:30 a.m.	Morning Book Club
<b>July 8</b>	<b>Monday, 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>New Learner Orientation*</b>
July 9, 16, 23, 30	Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.	Life Skills: Idioms*
July 9, 16, 23, 30	Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m.	Public Speaking and Daily Conversation*
<b>July 9</b>	<b>Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.	Evening Book Club
July 17, 24, 31	Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.	News You Can Use*
July 17, 24, 31	Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m.	Writing Your Story*
<b>July 17, 24</b>	<b>Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Tutor Training*</b>
July 10, 17, 24, 31	Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.	Strengthening Writing and Speaking Skills*
July 11, 18, 25	Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.	Discussion: Idioms in Everyday Life*
July 11, 18, 25	Thursdays, 1:00 p.m.	American Sitcoms*
August 5, 12, 19, 26	Mondays, 10:30 a.m.	Morning Book Club
August 6, 13, 20, 27	Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.	Life Skills: Idioms*
August 6, 13	Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m.	Public Speaking & Daily Conversation*
August 6, 13, 20, 27	Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.	Evening Book Club
August 14, 21, 28	Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.	News You Can Use*
August 14, 21, 28	Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m.	Writing Your Story*
August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.	Discussions: Idioms in Everyday Life*
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\*Pre-Registration required. Please contact the Literacy Office at literacy@newportbeachca.gov or (949) 717-3874 for information.