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Happy Hour with Steven Rowley

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Bestselling author Steven Rowley joined Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy on October 26th for NMPL's 4th Annual Happy Hour. Over 120 guests mingled in the Bamboo Courtyard under the beautiful evening sky.



Mr. Rowley spent time chatting with fans of his work. He signed copies of his best-seller, *Lily & the Octopus* and new book, *The Editor*. Guests also joined in lively conversations over wine and cheese before making their way to the Friends Room for the Author Talk and question/answer time.



Steven spoke about his journey to become an author that started in his childhood and later life experiences. Steven's passion and humor were apparent during his speech, especially when he read an excerpt from his book. His study and portrayal of Jackie Onassis was of great interest and entertainment to the audience.

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Question and answer time really allowed Steven's wit, intelligence and creativity to shine. It was obvious that he poured himself into these books, and that he truly enjoys telling the stories he writes!

Steven definitely made new fans who are eager to dive into the worlds he's researched, observed and created. He was kind enough to stay and sign more books and chat with charmed guests.

Thanks to everyone who attended the 2019 Happy Hour! Your generosity in purchasing event tickets, books and raffle tickets raised much-needed funds for NMPL. Be sure to attend our spring Gift of Literacy luncheon as well as all of our future events to support adult literacy in our community.

Thank you to our Events Committee for putting together such a lovely event, and special thanks to generous donations from Helene Chaban, Carolyn Cosgrove and Jan Oates.



Above: Steven Rowley signs books.



HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, December 7th at 10am

ProLiteracy Learners, Tutors, Volunteers & Board members are invited to our Annual Holiday Party.

Partners and children are welcome to attend.

There will be games & holiday crafts for the kids!

This year, we will be treated to the "world premier" of a new play about Literacy by UC-Irvine performers. Many of our learners, tutors and volunteers were interviewed for this production. Please support them and the efforts of these creative students.

A Full House for Tutor Training



New tutors from October 2019 training.

If you're familiar with the NMPL, you know we can always use more tutors! We were thrilled to see a room full of smiling faces ready to help their community.

NMPL coordinator Cherall Weiss and volunteer extraordinaire Ray Johnston led two sessions of training at the Newport Beach Central Library.

We can't wait to match them with learners and see where this meaningful journey takes them!

Fieldtrip to "I am an American" Exhibit at Muzeo

Written by volunteer guide and teacher, Helene Chaban.

"14 of us, mostly learners, recently attended a very memorable and moving exhibit at Muzeo Museum. Our docent, Della Rose, led us through the exhibit for about an hour describing the sad circumstances and the conditions that prevailed up and down the West Coast following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Much of the exhibit included photos that were most taken by "inmates". One of the



highlights was the actual full-size barrack room each family had. The realizations were intense, and we all learned a lot. Della did an outstanding job. She made everything real and full of emotion. It was an enjoyable and enlightening morning for all."

NMPL periodically organizes these field trips. Please keep an eye out for future opportunities.



Southern California Library Literacy Network Writer to Writer

The Southern California Library Literacy Network invites our adult learners to join others around Southern California in the 2019 Writer to Writer Challenge. It is a chance for learners to:

- share thoughts with others in writing
- relate what is read in a book to life
- become a writer!

Letters are due 12/20. Contact Newport/Mesa ProLiteracy to participate or for more details.

Tutors - *The Notebook* is a quarterly publication specifically for working with adult learners, and it has some great ideas for tutoring. Come by the office to check it out.



Upcoming Events

**Holiday Party
December 7**

**New Learner
Orientation
January 7**

**Tutor Training
January 8 & 15**

**Gift of Literacy
Luncheon
May 1**

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November/December Class Dates and Events

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

November 4, 18, 25	Mondays, 10:30 a.m.	Morning Book Club
November 5, 12, 19	Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.	Life Skills: Idioms*
November 12, 19	Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m.	Public Speaking and Daily Conversation*
<i>November 12</i>	<i>Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Advisory Board Meeting</i>
November 19	Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.	Evening Book Club
November 6, 20	Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.	Grammar & Vocabulary*
November 6, 13, 20	Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.	Strengthening Your Writing & Speaking Skills
November 7, 14, 21	Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.	Discussion: Idioms in Everyday Life*
November 7, 14, 21	Thursdays, 1:00 p.m.	American Sitcoms*
December 2, 9, 16	Mondays, 10:30 a.m.	Morning Book Club
December 3, 10, 17	Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.	Life Skills: Idioms*
December 3, 10, 17	Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m.	Public Speaking & Daily Conversation*
December 3, 10, 17	Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.	Evening Book Club
December 4, 11	Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.	Grammar & Vocabulary*
December 4	Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.	Strengthening Your Writing & Speaking Skills*
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