

OC READ MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

It's never too late to reach your goals.



Literacy Fact: The first three years of schooling are a critical time to learn the basic skills needed to tackle a more advanced [curriculum](#), yet many who enter fourth grade struggle with reading.

Raise your hand if you're a [southpaw](#)! August 13 is International Left Handers Day. Only about 10% of the population is left-handed. That's a pretty neat fact, right?

This August, celebrate the [uniqueness](#) and [distinctions](#) of left-handed individuals. Don't know any lefties? Don't worry, August is [chockfull](#) of other fun days too!

- Aug. 1–7: International Clown Week
- Aug. 8: National Sneak Some Zucchini Onto Your Neighbor's Porch Day
- Aug. 10: National S'mores Day
- Aug 12: Vinyl Record Day
- Aug. 17: International [Geocaching](#) Day
- Aug. 17: World Honeybee Day (There's a honeybee pictured above!)
- Aug. 25: Kiss and Make Up Day

There's also a lot of good programs coming up at the library this month. Keep reading for more information. And remember, if you have questions, OC Read is here to help answer them.

WHAT YOU'LL FIND INSIDE:

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Tip: [Purple](#) words can be clicked on to learn more.

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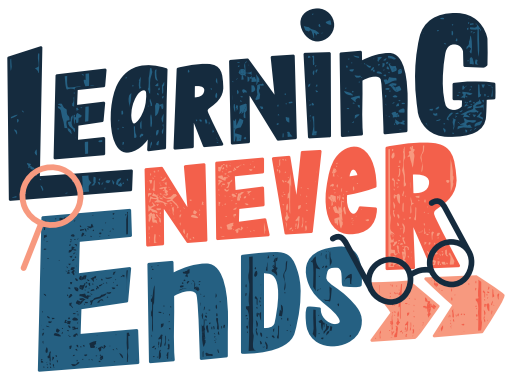
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LEARNER SUCCESSES

Hanieh is working on adverbs and adjectives.

Jeremy is making steady progress and is eager to learn more.

Keep up the great work everyone!



Did you meet a goal this month? Let us know! Any goal, big or small, is worth celebrating. Call or email OC Read to submit an achievement for the monthly newsletter.

Reassessments 2021

OC Read Learners, please be on the lookout for emails or phone calls from OC Read staff over the next couple of weeks. We are starting to do reassessments!



All reassessments will be done on Zoom. If you get a voicemail or an email from us, please give us a call back so we can schedule a time to meet.

Remember, the assessment is not a test. It's just a tool we use to make sure OC Read is doing all it can to help you reach your goals. If you have questions, comments, or concerns, please contact us.

TUTORING TIP

OCPL's guide for becoming a U.S. Citizen

Library staff have put together a page for Orange County residents who are working towards becoming U.S. citizens. On this page you'll find links and other resources, [including](#):

- Applying for Citizenship
- Where to File
- Filing Fee Information
- Preparing for the Test and Interview
- and More!



If you or someone you know is thinking about studying for the citizenship test, share this page. There's also helpful information on here for anyone in the ESL community who is looking to improve their English skills.

Link: <https://www.ocpl.org/citizenshipinfo>

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Career Online High School

Interested in earning your High School diploma? You could do it in as little as six months with Career Online High School.

Contact Maria Ruiz for more information.

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OCPL NEWS

GET READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WITH OC PUBLIC LIBRARIES!

**BOOK
GIVEAWAYS!**

CRAFT KITS!

**MEET YOUR FAVORITE BOOK CHARACTERS!
4PM-6PM AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**



TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

GARDEN GROVE MAIN LIBRARY
11200 STANFORD AVE.



TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

LA HABRA LIBRARY
221 E. LA HABRA BLVD.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

COSTA MESA DONALD DUNGAN LIBRARY
1855 PARK AVE.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

STANTON LIBRARY
7850 KATELLA AVE.



THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO LIBRARY
31495 EL CAMINO REAL



THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

TUSTIN LIBRARY
345 E. MAIN ST.

KICK-OFF EVENT ON AUGUST 4

'TRANSITIONING BACK INTO THE CLASSROOM' WITH EDUCATOR LINDA YARON WESTON



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VIRTUAL KICK-OFF EVENT AUGUST 4 @ 6PM



'TRANSITIONING BACK INTO THE CLASSROOM' WITH EDUCATOR LINDA YARON WESTON

This interactive presentation will explore mindfulness and well-being tools to help students, teachers, and families adjust to going back to school. It will also include tips from her book *Mindfulness for Young Adults: Tools to Thrive in School and Life*.

**To register or for more information:
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OC PUBLIC LIBRARIES PRESENTS



AUTHOR
MAGGIE
SHIPSTEAD

AUGUST 11
@ 6:30 PM
VIRTUAL
EVENT

MAGGIE SHIPSTEAD is the New York Times best-selling author of the novels *Astonish Me* and *Seating Arrangements*, which won the Dylan Thomas Prize and the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for First Fiction. She is a graduate of Harvard and the Iowa Writers' Workshop, a former Wallace Stegner Fellow at Stanford, and the recipient of a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts.

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MICHELLE ZAUNER

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AUTHOR
MICHELLE
ZAUNER

Best known as singer and guitarist of indie pop band *Japanese Breakfast*. Her first book *Crying in H Mart*, out now, was an instant New York Times Bestseller and is being adapted into a feature film.

SEPTEMBER 1 @ 6:30 P.M.
VIRTUAL EVENT

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ESL CONVERSATION GROUP

Practice your English listening and speaking skills at
Katie Wheeler's ESL Zoom Conversation Group!
For ages 18+.

**To join, email ocpl.katiewheeler@occr.ocgov.com
or call 714-669-8753**

