

OC READ MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

It's never too late to reach your goals.



Literacy Fact: 2019-2020 ProLiteracy data shows 11,777 learners in literacy programs like OC Read reported getting a job, or better job, as a result of increasing their literacy skills!

Did you know there are multiple [theories](#) about where June gets its name from? One theory is that it was named after the Roman goddess, Juno (that's one of her temples in the picture above). Another theory is that its name comes from the Latin word *juvenis*, which means “youth / young man / young woman”.

Well, we certainly have some programs for the young and [young-at-heart](#) coming up this month. There are also plenty of activities for adults too! Read on for more details.

And don't forget, OC Read staff are here to answer questions and provide support for both learners and tutors. (We even offer Zoom help!)

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

OC READ CONTACT INFORMATION

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OC Read is a literacy program and division of OC Public Libraries

LEARNER SUCCESSES

- Maryam wrote a short essay!
- Noriko's reading speed increased!
- Sungeon is [making strides](#) with reading, writing, and comprehension skills!
- Radhika is [branching out](#) and trying new literature genres!
- Camilo has made [tremendous](#) progress in vocabulary building!

**Keep up the great work
everyone!**



UPCOMING CLASSES

To register for a class, click on the [accompanying](#) RSVP link and fill out the Zoom Access Waiver Form.

ADULT LITERACY SERVICES CLASSES

Job Preparation Workshops

June 10 & 24, and July 8 at 5:30 PM

Join us for a series of workshops aimed at helping you prepare to take the next step in your career.

Workshops will cover:

- June 10 - Job Searching
- June 24 - Resume Reboot
- July 8 - Interview Skills

RSVP: bit.ly/32Minzs



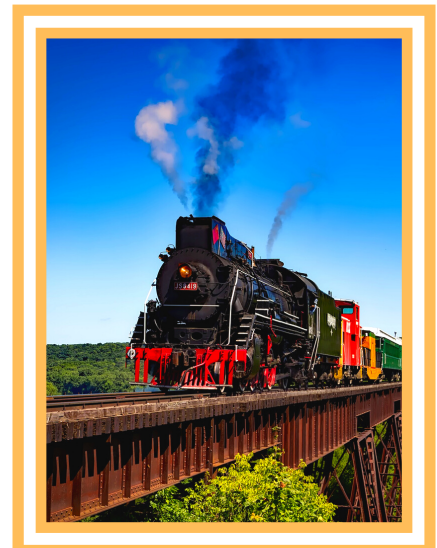
FAMILY LITERACY CLASSES

STEAM Ahead

Tuesdays June 15 - July 27 at 6 PM

Celebrate science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) with your family at these Summer Events.

- June 15 - Brettso The Great's Magical Balloon Story and Puppet Show
- June 22 - Best Bubble Learning
- June 29 - All About Animals
- July 6 - Magnetic Magic
- July 13 - Energy Burst
- July 20 - Chazz Ross's Jungle Drum-Circle



RSVP for adults: bit.ly/3ex0s4W

RSVP for kids: bit.ly/32Hmb4O

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TUTORING TIP, PART 1

Citizenship Toolkit - Everything you need in one [tidy](#) box

Did you know that every library in OCPL has a Civics and Citizenship Toolkit?

This little red box contains a bunch of educational materials from booklets to flashcards, all designed to help you learn more about the U.S. and prepare for the [naturalization](#) process.

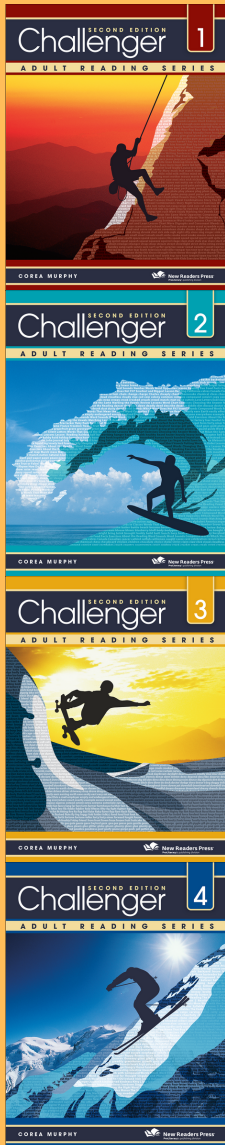
Since every library has a kit, tutors and learners can both borrow kits at the same time. We can help you place a hold, or you can try it on your own by visiting this link bit.ly/3okJTOv, clicking on 'Place Hold', and following the on-screen prompts to sign-in to your library account. And yes, the kit is renewable!

If you prefer online-only materials, the OC Read Resources page has a few [hand-picked](#) links under Citizenship & Civic Education. Find them on: readoc.org/tutor/resources. You might also want to consider taking a [peek](#) at USA Learns, an online Citizenship test-prep course created by the Sacramento County Office of Education: usalearns.org/usa-learns-citizenship



We have additional links with more info about USA Learns, geared towards tutors, teachers, and literacy coordinators. Let us know if you are interested and we'll forward them along to you!

TUTORING TIP, PART 2



Did you know? OC Read has levels 1 through 8 of the *Challenger* series available for you to borrow! This series uses phonics, controlled vocabulary, and sequential skill development to help you build your reading, comprehension, and writing skills.

Books 1–4 focus on:

- learning to read
- developing basic decoding skills
- building your vocabulary
- developing writing skills

To request a copy (or copies!), contact OC Read. We can send whichever levels you need to your nearest OCPL branch library!

All we ask is that you use [scratch paper](#) when working with the *Challenger* books so the pages stay blank and ready for the next person who needs them.

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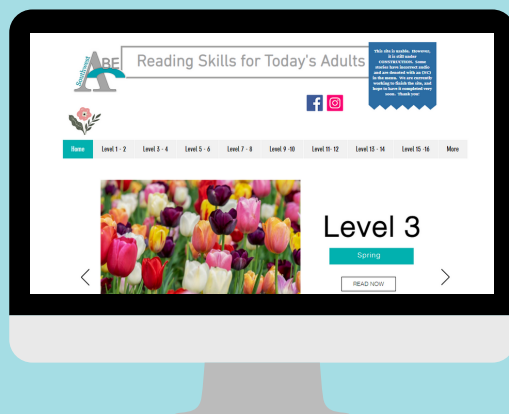
Career Online High School

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.

✉ maria.ruiz@occr.ocgov.com
☎ 714-566-2837



Online Worksheets from Reading Skills for Today's Adults



Looking for more materials to [boost](#) your vocabulary and practice reading comprehension?

Check out Reading Skills for Today's Adults. Each story comes with pre-reading questions, vocabulary lists, and post-reading writing activities!

Here is the link: readingskills4today.com. If you need help getting started, send us an email or give us a call!

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OC Public Libraries NEWS

Grab & Go and Curbside services continue! Request your favorite books and pick them up at your local library. Details at:

www.ocpl.org/curbsidefaq



TUESDAY

10:30 AM BABY LAPSIT STORYTIME:

Birth to 2 years old with caregiver

5:00 PM FAMILY STORYTIME:

Fun-filled storytime for the whole family

WEDNESDAY

10:30 AM KINDERGARTEN READINESS STORYTIME:

Ages 3-5 with a caregiver



THURSDAY

10:30 AM BILINGUAL CHINESE STORYTIME

5:00 PM BILINGUAL SPANISH STORYTIME

Stories, songs, and Fun in both languages

No knowledge of the language is needed as storytime will be conducted in both languages

SATURDAY

11:00 AM FAMILY STORYTIME - MUSIC & MOVEMENT:

Get up and move with your family!

Attending virtual storytime just got easier. Sign your kids up by emailing:

ocplstorytimes@occr.ocgov.com

SPACE IS LIMITED. REGISTER TODAY!
Email: ocplstorytimes@occr.ocgov.com



OC Public Libraries NEWS

Books to Action Events in June

Join us for a variety of activities which relate to this year's themes of [Sustainability](#) and [Equity](#).



- June 5 @ 2 PM - Racial Equity Challenge Reflection Meeting
- June 8 @ 11 AM or June 15 @ 10:30 AM - Book to Action: Discussions of *So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo
- June 19 @ 11 AM - Meet Co-Founder of Vegan by El Zamorano restaurant

Registration is required for all programs. Click on ocpl.org/booktoaction to go to the Book to Action main page. Then look for the 'Calendar of Events' to see event details and registration links.

OC Public Libraries Summer Reading Challenge - June 12 - July 31

Reading is fun for all ages! Track your reading for 50 days, complete library challenges from home, and earn virtual badges!

Preregistration opens June 1, and any reader who logs at least 20 days of reading will be entered to win a gift card, [courtesy](#) of the OCPL Foundation and the Friends of the Library.

Visit ocpl.org/summer2021 for more details.



Registration will be available through ocpl.beanstack.org. Point your smartphone's camera at this [QR code](#) to visit the website.



OC Public Libraries NEWS

OC Public Libraries presents

Alka Joshi

Virtual Meet-the-Author Event




Alka Joshi was born in India and raised in the U.S. At age 62, Joshi published her debut novel, *The Henna Artist*, which immediately became a *New York Times* bestseller, a Reese Witherspoon Book-club pick, was Longlisted for the Center for Fiction First Novel Prize and is being developed into an episodic series by Miramax TV. The sequel, *The Secret Keeper of Jaipur*, premieres June 2021, and will be followed by the third book in the trilogy in 2022.

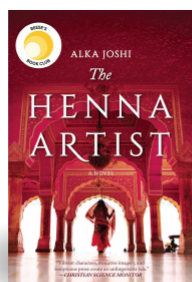
thehennaartist.com and alkajoshi.com

To register for this virtual event, email: Beatriz.Preciado@occr.ocgov.com

Zoom Virtual Event

in conversation with author and Senior Editor of Special Projects for the *Southern California News Group*, **Samantha Dunn**

June 24th, 2021
6:30pm



Summer Reading Program Author Event

To register, email:

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READING COLORS YOUR WORLD

OC PUBLIC LIBRARIES

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Virtual Performers

Join us on Zoom for a summer of learning and fun!

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| Saturday June 12 at 2pm Happy Birds 7 feathered friends perform and educate | Wednesday June 30 at 2pm Michael D. McCarty Storytelling with an international flair | Wednesday July 21 at 2pm Crazy About Chemistry Science is not boring! |
| Wednesday June 16 at 2pm Michael Rayner Hilarious juggling and stunts | Wednesday July 7 at 2pm Pacific Animal Productions Tales and Trails! | Wednesday July 28 at 2pm Environmental Nature Center Nature connections to literature |
| Wednesday June 23 at 2pm Wild Wonders A live session with animal ambassadors | Saturday July 10 at 2pm Mad Science Fire and Ice | Saturday July 31 at 2pm Zany Zoe Wrap up the summer with a high energy magic show! |
| | Wednesday July 14 at 2pm Arty Loon Comedy, magic, and fun | |

Register by emailing:
Erik.Oviedo@occr.ocgov.com

Summer Reading Challenge Virtual Performers

To register, email:

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OC Public Libraries NEWS

BOOK TO ACTION: MEET CO-FOUNDERS OF VEGAN BY EL ZAMORANO!

SATURDAY | JUNE 19, 2021
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM



Join us as the co-founders of local vegan restaurant, Vegan by El Zamorano, discuss their inspiring journey to a vegan diet, its many benefits, and the opening of the first vegan taqueria in Orange County!

To register email:
stanley.wang@occr.ocgov.com

Book to Action Event
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Book to Action is a program of the California Library Association, supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

LUNCH AT THE LIBRARY



GRAB & GO MEALS

JUNE 1-JULY 29

FREE SUMMER MEALS AT YOUR LIBRARY!

Free healthy meals for children and teens 18 and under.
No registration is required.

Meals distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.
Service is set up as a drive-thru style for pickup;
however, walk-ups are accepted.

**TUESDAYS &
THURSDAYS**

**10:00AM-
12:00PM**

TUSTIN LIBRARY
345 E. MAIN STREET
(714) 544-7725



Free meals at the library for
children and teens 18 and
under. First-come-First-Serve.
Drive-Thru.

No registration required.

- Tustin: June 1 - July 29
10 AM - Noon
Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Garden Grove Main and
Garden Grove Chapman:
June 15 - July 23
11 AM - Noon
Tuesdays through Fridays

OC Public Libraries NEWS

OC PUBLIC LIBRARIES PRESENTS STEAM WORKSHOPS

ENJOY STEAM WORKSHOPS FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN DURING WHICH PBS SoCal WILL DEMONSTRATE HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES INSPIRED BY PBS KIDS CONTENT.



THURSDAY, MAY 27TH @ 5:30PM

NATURE CAT: OUTDOOR EXPLORATION
EXPLORACIÓN AL AIRE LIBRE



THURSDAY, JUNE 24TH @ 5:30PM

READY JET GO!: SPACE EXPLORATION
EXPLORACIÓN DE ESPACIO



THURSDAY, JULY 22ND @ 5:30PM

SPLASH AND BUBBLES: BIOLUMINESCENCE
BIOLUMINISCENCIA

SPACE IS LIMITED For children ages 2-8
Para jóvenes de edades 2-8

REGISTER TODAY!

Email: ocplstorytimes@occr.ocgov.com



VISIT YOUR LOCAL OC PUBLIC LIBRARIES BRANCH TO RECEIVE A STEAM KIT.

Kits will be available while supplies last and distributed on first-come, first-serve basis.

STEAM Event for kids ages 2 - 8

Limited space!

Kits available at your local OCPL branch while supplies last. First-come-first-serve.

To register, email:

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EATING RAINBOW

KINDERGARTEN READINESS NUTRITION PROGRAM

JOIN THE ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR A NUTRITION SERIES PROMOTING HEALTHY EATING FOR KINDERGARTENERS (AGES 4-6)

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| LESSON 1: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16 - EATING THE ALPHABET |
| LESSON 2: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23 - ZUCCHINI ME |
| LESSON 3: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30 - TOMATO TALES |
| LESSON 4: WEDNESDAY, JULY 7 - SHARING LUNCH |
| LESSON 5: WEDNESDAY, JULY 14 - LET'S CELEBRATE PIZZA DAY |

EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 1PM

PARENTS/CAREGIVERS AND CHILDREN CAN PARTICIPATE IN A STORYTIME ACTIVITY AND RECEIVE THE RECIPE OF THE WEEK

ACTIVITY BAGS AVAILABLE AT OC PUBLIC LIBRARIES LOCATIONS (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)

REGISTER BY EMAILING:
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Kindergarten Readiness Program

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