

OC READ NEWSLETTER



Literacy Fact: The American Library Association defines Digital Literacy as, "the ability to use information and communication technologies to find, evaluate, create, and communicate information, requiring both cognitive and technical skills."

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VOCABULARY

Click on the purple words to learn more.

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Did you know that December hasn't always been the twelfth month of the year? Back in Roman times, the calendar only had ten months, and it began with March. December initially had 30 days, but was shortened to 29 days sometime around 700 BCE (Before Common Era). Then it [gained](#) two days with the Julian calendar in 46 BCE.

That's [pretty neat](#), isn't it?

As a reminder, our office hours are:

- Monday - Thursday from 10 AM to 7 PM
- Friday & Saturday from 9 AM to 5 PM

If you call us after office hours, please leave a message and we'll get back to you as soon as possible.

LEARNER SUCCESSES

- Vince continues to be a motivated learner! Thank you for your hard work, Vince.
- Miller is making steady progress towards obtaining a new certificate. Good luck, Miller!
- Despite having a busy schedule, Luisa was able to achieve her goal with the help of her tutor, Joan. Congratulations to both Luisa and Joan!

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, EVERYONE!

TUTOR CLASSES

To register for a class, follow the "To RSVP" instructions below.

TUTOR ONGOING LEARNING

Beyond Boundaries Tutoring (BBT)

Next meeting will be in January

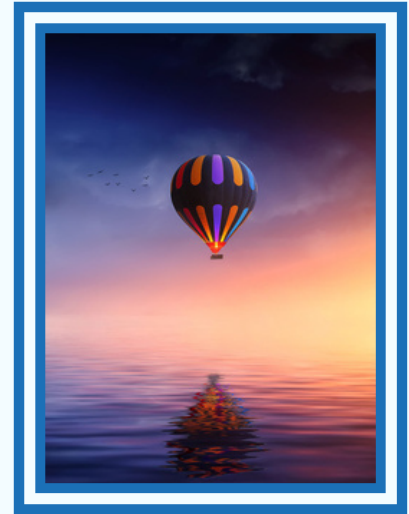
Date and time to be determined

Virtual Event

In its new open floor format, BBT meetings are your space to share, collaborate, and learn from your fellow tutors. OC Read staff are present to fill in the pauses between conversations, but otherwise, the floor is yours! All tutors are welcome, regardless of if you are meeting, matched, or waitlisted.

Remember, BBT meetings count towards your 2-hour tutor training commitment. If you attend, don't forget to add the time to your monthly report. For waitlist and unmatched tutors, OC Read staff will make sure your time is noted. Meetings can run up to 1-hour.

To RSVP, email readoc@occr.ocgov.com



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READING PRACTICE

News for You

Tuesday, December 14 at 11 AM

Virtual Event

OC Read staff and participants will read current news articles to practice our reading skills and strategies. Tutors, please encourage your learners to attend.

This class focuses on building vocabulary, reading fluency, and reading comprehension skills.

To RSVP, email readoc@occr.ocgov.com



WRITING PRACTICE

To be announced

Do you have an idea for a writing practice class?
Call or email OC Read with your idea!

Email ideas to readoc@occr.ocgov.com



LITERACY EVENTS

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LITERACY EVENTS

Winter Painting Workshop Wednesday, December 8 at 6 PM Virtual Event

Join us for a painting workshop hosted by Maria "Chuy" Sandoval. Chuy is an Orange County based artist who has been commissioned to paint canvases, wall murals, and much more!

Painting kits will be available starting in December at these select branch locations:

- Cost Mesa Donald Dungan
- El Toro
- Garden Grove Chapman
- Garden Grove Main
- La Habra
- Stanton
- Tustin

Kits available while supplies last.

To RSVP for the Zoom program, email readoc@occr.ocgov.com



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Taste Buds Tuesday, December 14 Kit Pick Up

Cook with your family using natural herbs and spices to create more flavorful dishes together. Pick up a spice kit the 2nd Tuesday monthly at the following locations, while supplies last.

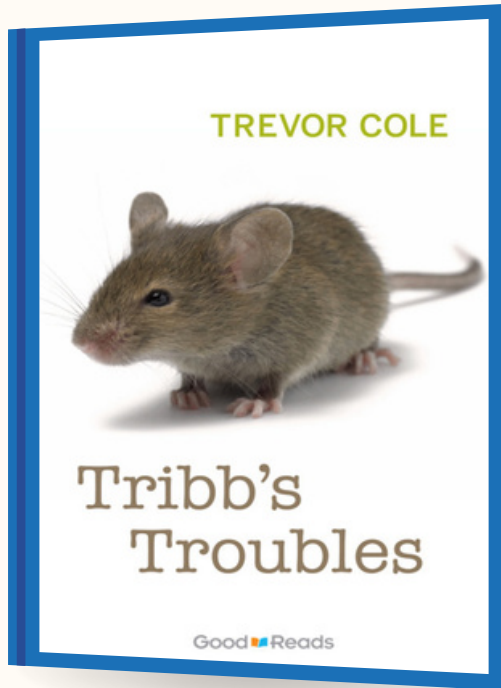
- Cost Mesa Donald Dungan
- Garden Grove Chapman
- Garden Grove Main
- La Habra
- Tustin
- Mobile Library Locations

No RSVP is needed.



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BOOK NOOK



Title: Tribb's Troubles

Author: Trevor Cole

Text Difficulty: 2-3

Lexile Measure: 610

[*Click here for Lexile measure chart](#)

Description: Tribb has always been a thinker, not a doer. But he needs to do something about the mice in his house, and fast. Linda, his wife, hates those mice. If only Tribb could get rid of the nasty little things. Then Linda might be happy again. Maybe even fall in love with him again. Tribb has his troubles, all right. Mouse trouble. Marriage trouble. In the end, though, Tribb solves his problems. Or does he?

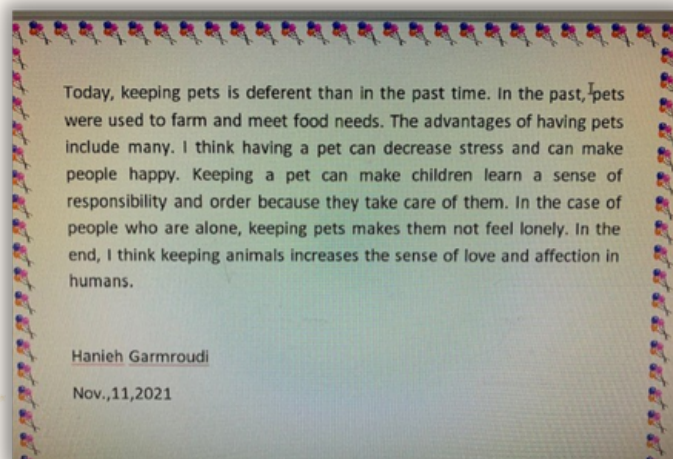
This is an ebook. You can find it here:

<https://ocpl.overdrive.com/media/1012732?cid=1084450>

WRITING PROMPT

Thank you for sending
in your writing!

This month we're
featuring the work of
Hanieh G., who wrote
about the benefits of
having a pet.



December Prompt



What is your favorite
family recipe that you
enjoy eating or making?

Send in your writing and
a picture of your food by
January 20 for a chance
to be featured in next
month's newsletter!

Email your work to:
readoc@occr.ocgov.com

FAMILY LITERACY

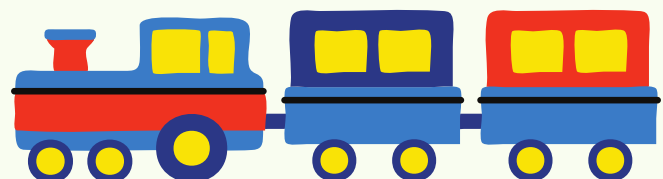
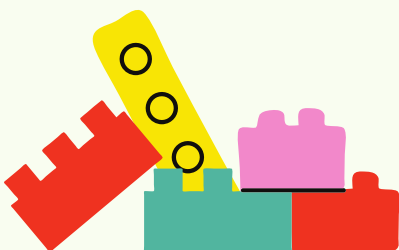


Did you know?
Children learn through play!

According to the National Association for the Education of Young Children, these are just some of the [benefits](#) that play can give children:

- Better literacy
- Improved social skills
- Larger vocabulary
- Problem-solving practice
- Reduced stress
- Healthier lifestyle

*So this holiday season, if you have
children in your life ...
Take time to play together!*



TUTORING TIP

What's the deal with grade levels?

"You keep using that word. I do not think it means what you think it means."
-Inigo Montoya, *The Princess Bride*

When a reader assesses at an **equivalent** "grade level", the reader may assume that they can only read books at that level. *Absolutely not!* Grade levels describe skills mastered at that point in school. For example, at the end of the 3rd grade, a child at "grade level" is typically:

- Reading small-print books with chapters
- Using reading strategies to understand text
- Connecting concepts and ideas across multiple texts
- Asking and answering questions while reading
- Demonstrating literal, inferential, and critical comprehension

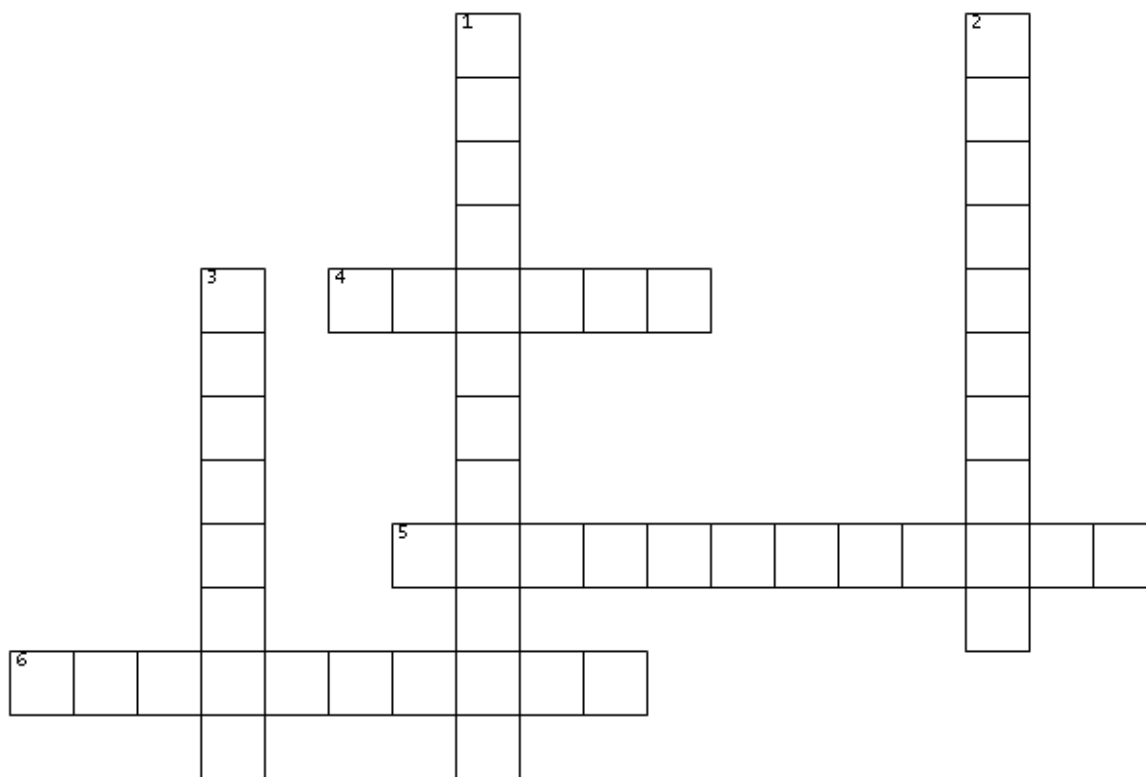
These skills are **foundational** to literacy development. While the reader may be missing some of these skills, they have continued to learn in many other ways. [Source](#)

So when we're talking about "grade levels" we're not referring to knowledge, or intelligence, or a list of books written for children in a certain grade. We're simply referring to a development level of literacy skills.

That said, there are some amazing children's books out there! If your learner wants to read with their child, or enjoys children's/YA books, here's a list you may want to share:
commonsensemedia.org/lists/best-books-for-third-graders



Crossword Puzzle



Across

4. To get something added, to increase or advance.
5. Another word for the basis or groundwork on which something is built. The first things you absolutely need to know at the beginning.
6. Another way of saying "that's awesome!" or "that's cool!"

Down

1. In art, this is the word for when an artist creates a work of art on behalf of someone else. You would say, "Leonardo Da Vinci was _____ to paint the Mona Lisa."
2. This word means "equals to".
3. Something that's good. An advantage.

Hint: All of the words in the crossword puzzle can be found in this newsletter.

The answer key will come with next month's newsletter.

Word Search

Guess the song!

All of these words are from the lyrics to a song.
Do you know the name of this song?

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E T S T T S C C X B P Q X N G
Y A W K K U C R Q Z G K V X J
Y S R H W O H U O G F L V O I
M T N T L L V M F I P R N G S
O P I L H L H B S T O L E N Y
N K I R B A W L R E V E N A V
H D T D U F A E S C Q T W E Y
E F U H F C Y S V L Q A E J O
Z M R N O L E Y D Y L R A T Z
E H U J Y U J S N Y I I X N Q
U Q E I A L S H E C I M P U T
G O S V L J U A R A I R H J U
A B H Z U C G M N B M S Q M P
V X Y O W M F C M D L G L B U
P V K G O W F D S H Y Y Q M E

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away
earth
security

collide
fall
stolen

crumbles
never
thousand

Hint: This song won an Academy Award for Best Original Song, but you probably know it as the theme song from a 2012 movie of the same name.

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Storytime

Check in with your closest OCPL branch, ocpl.org, for more information about local storytimes.

Skillshare



Build your professional skills with Skillshare! Through OCPL, you have 3 free months of Skillshare access. Classes are taught by professionals and cover many different fields.

To find this resource, visit the eLibrary at ocpl.com/elibrary.

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Northstar Digital Literacy



Interested in improving your basic computer skills? Northstar Digital Literacy can help with that. Take the online assessment and study at your own pace. You can access this resource by visiting the eLibrary at ocpl.com/elibrary.

GetSetUp

GetSetUp offers over 500 live classes taught by experts in their field. Classes cover technology, physical health, mental health, social health, and vocational health. Classes are taught in English, Spanish, Hindi, and Mandarin. Access this resource by visiting the eLibrary at ocpl.com/elibrary.



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- Office Management
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- Home Care Professional
- Security Professional
- Food and Hospitality (CPFM)*
- Commercial Driving (CDL)*
- Hospitality and Leisure
- Retail Customer Service

*Prepares students to obtain the industry credential.



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Coursera provides world-class, transformative online learning with over 5,000 courses taught by 200 Industry and University Partners including Duke University, UC Irvine, Google, and Salesforce.



Skillshare is an online learning platform that offers over 35,000 video classes, projects, and workshops. Its mission is to provide high-quality, personalized learning to millions of students worldwide.



GetSetUp is a social learning platform for individuals 50+, taught by peers. The classes are live and consist of digital learning, physical health, mental health, social health, and vocational health.



LinkedIn Learning (formerly Lynda) is a LinkedIn-owned online learning platform that offers over 15,000 courses, with more being added almost weekly. It seeks to help users learn from industry experts and connect with a global network of experience. Focuses on skills need to land jobs that are currently in-demand.



Northstar Digital Literacy focuses on people with no, low, or limited technology skills. It provides assessments of 14 different digital skills such as Basic Computer Skills, Essential Software (Word, Excel, Google Docs), and Daily Life Technology (Social Media, Information Literacy, and Career Searching.)



LearningExpress contains powerful tools and guidance to achieve your career goals. Video courses to learn popular software and computer basics. Assists in exam preparation, including the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST), California Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET), California Real Estate Salesperson exam prep, and the California Police Officer Exam.



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Chapter-a-Week Book Group



Bi-weekly book group for English language learners and adult new readers. Read and discuss a few short chapters per week.

Upcoming books:

The Best We Could Do

by Thi Bui

- October 15, 2021 — Chapters 1-3
- October 29, 2021 — Chapters 4-6
- November 12, 2021 — Chapters 7-10

Inside Out and Back Again

by Thanhha Lai

- December 3, 2021 — Whole book

End of the year discussion

- December 17, 2021 — talk about any book you like

Meet online or in person
Every other Friday
9:00-10:00am



Books are available at the service desk.

Call 949-936-4040 or email
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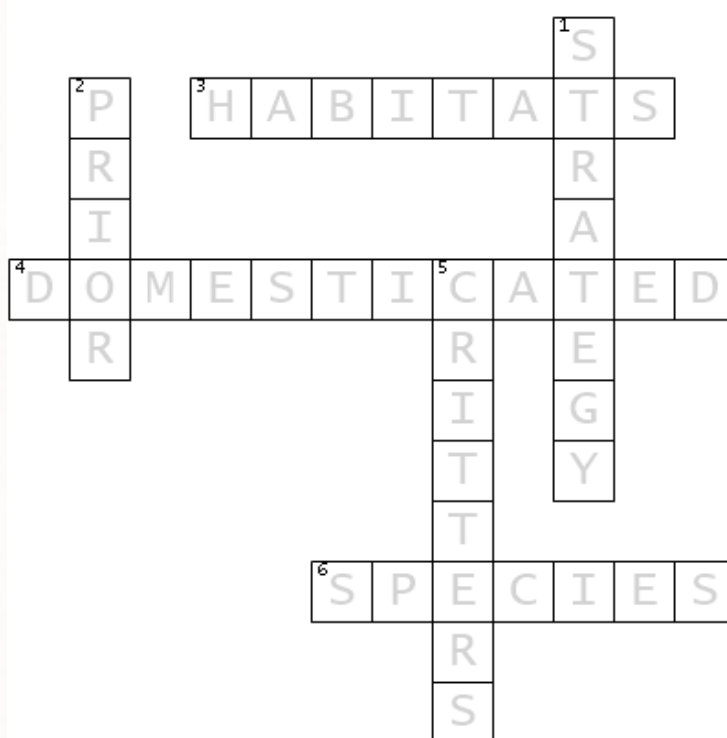
Puzzle Answer Keys

November Crossword - Down

1. strategy
2. prior
5. critters

November Crossword - Across

3. habitats
4. domesticated
6. species



November Word Search - Guess the Song

The song was "Happy" by Pharrell Williams. You can listen to it on YouTube by going to this link: https://youtu.be/ZbZSe6N_BXs



Trivia:

This song was in the hit kid's movie, *Despicable Me 2*, which came out in 2013!

[Click here to find the DVD at an OCPL branch.](#)