

OC READ NEWSLETTER



Literacy Fact: The Literacy Center finds that low literacy perpetuates across generations. "The greatest single indicator of a child's academic success is the educational level of his/her mother. If a parent can't read, the child starts school at a disadvantage."

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VOCABULARY

Click on the purple words to learn more.

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Did you know that Ellis Island officially opened as an immigration station on January 1, 1892?

This monumental event allowed over 12 million people to immigrate to the United States between 1892 and 1954. The above photo is believed to be of the first immigrant processed that day, Annie Moore, a seventeen-year-old girl from Ireland. Along with her brothers, the three steerage passengers were greeted with clanging bells, foghorns and cheers as they descended the gangplank and walked onto Ellis Island! [Source: History.com](https://www.history.com)

January represents new beginnings. As we enter into the new year, what are your resolutions and goals for 2022?



LEARNER SUCCESSES

Congratulations to
Teresa Serna and
Radhika Kulkarni
for entering the
Writer to Writer
Competition!

Shamsiya reached her goal of
completing a book!

We are so proud of all of you!

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) **Monday, January 10 at 11 AM** **Virtual Event**

BBT meetings are your space to share, collaborate, and learn from your fellow tutors. All tutors are welcome, regardless of if you are meeting, matched, or waitlisted.

Remember, BBT meetings count towards your 2-hour tutor training commitment. We [encourage](#) all tutors to join in! 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

Readers' Club Tuesdays at 6 PM Virtual Event

Discuss our book of the month or share something you read during the week.

A copy of the book will be provided. February's book is *The Cell Phone Lot* by Greta Gorsuch.

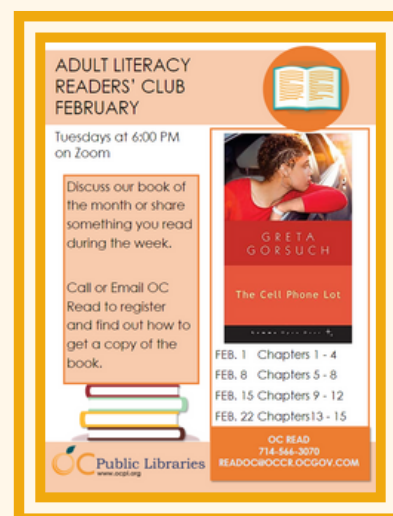
Description: After putting herself through cosmetology school, Jessica Vasquez lands her dream job. It all falls apart when she's fired for a crime she did not [commit](#). Now, she takes on a new job as an Uber driver and learns who she can truly trust.

Total pages: 78

The Readers' Club will meet:

- February 1 - Chapters 1-4
- February 8 - Chapters 5-8
- February 15 - Chapters 9-12
- February 22 - Chapters 13-15

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LITERACY EVENTS

Taste Buds

Tuesday, January 11

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.



[Click picture for full view.](#)

BOOK NOOK



Title: Tiny House, Big Fix

Author: Gail Anderson-Dargatz

Text Difficulty: 1-2

Lexile Measure: 510

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

Description: Sadie works as a framer, building houses. She lost her own home in a recent divorce and now lives with her two daughters in a rented [bungalow](#). When her landlady says she needs to move out, Sadie discovers there's a housing crisis in her community. Desperate to keep her daughters with her in their home community, Sadie is forced to rethink her dream of living in a full-sized house. With the help of her friends and daughters, she builds a tiny house. In the process she finds living with less has its rewards and that living in a small space brings her family closer together.

This is an ebook. You can find it here:

<https://ocpl.overdrive.com/media/4547565?cid=1084450>

WRITING PROMPT

January Prompt



If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?

Send in a 5 sentence paragraph by
January 20 for a chance to be
featured in next month's newsletter!

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



FAMILY LITERACY



Take time to read with your child!

Studies have shown that being involved in a child's literacy practices (like reading and looking at books) is more important than the parents' level of education, how much money they make, or their social class.*

Some even say that reading one picture book with your child every day can introduce them to over 1 million different words by the time they reach kindergarten. That's a lot of words!

This helps them succeed in school, have better vocabularies, and be more interested in reading for pleasure.



*Take time to curl up with a good book
and read with your family!*

*Source: National Literacy Trust <https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED496346.pdf>

TUTORING TIP

Square Peg in a Round Hole

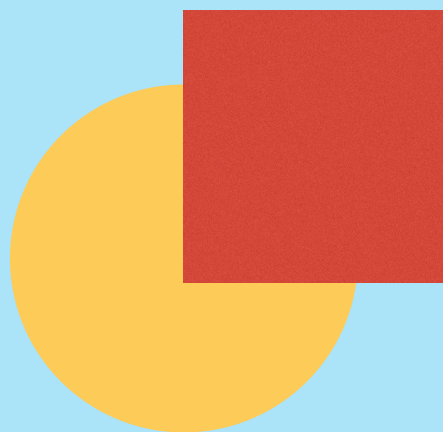
How do we define our Adult Literacy Learners?

Have you ever seen a child attempt to put a brightly painted square peg into a circle-shaped hole? Experiencing frustration propels the child to repeatedly seek out a suitable matching shape. Once found, the child experiences success.

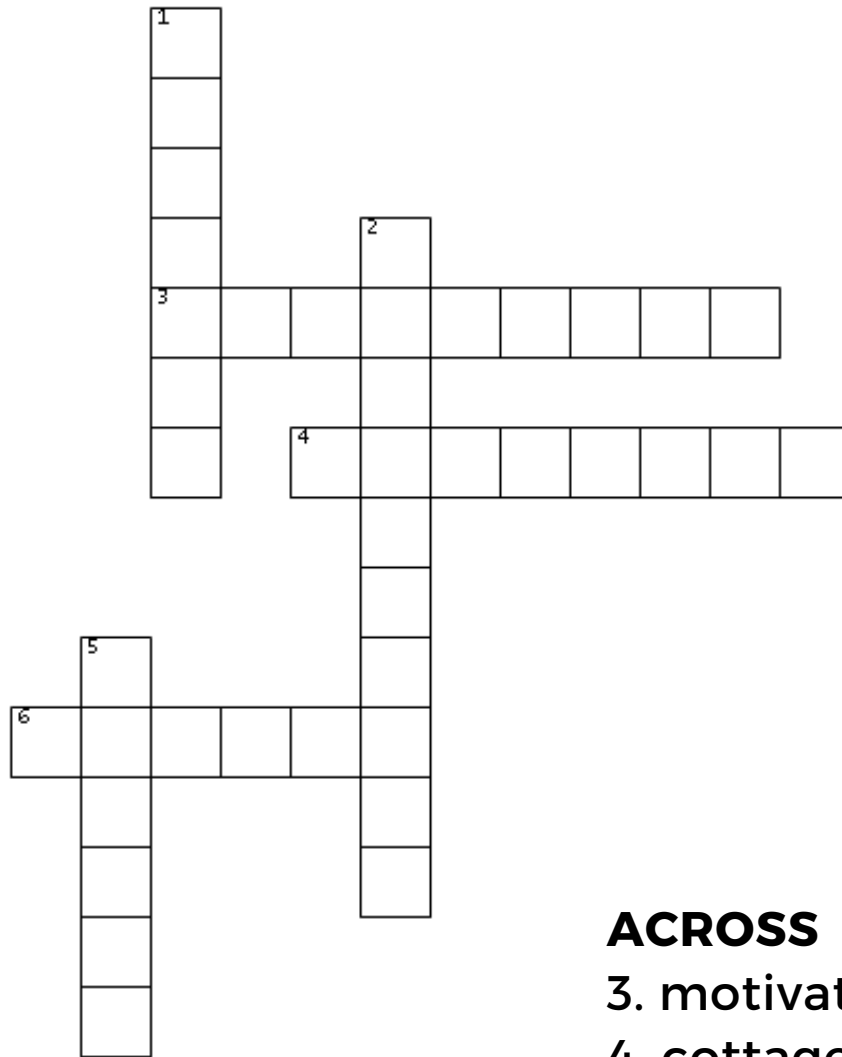
Many of our Adult Literacy Learners can relate to the Square Peg. Pressured to conform into a Round Hole education system, Square Pegs can splinter, break, and are often thrown aside because they just don't fit in. Unfortunately, most learners didn't have the opportunity to seek out a better school fit.

Thankfully, Square Pegs are intelligent, courageous, resilient, creative, resourceful, and incredibly adaptable—which is evident in their valuable life experiences.

While there isn't a one-size-fits-all definition for our learners, we can all agree they want to improve their reading and writing. Effective tutors provide the patience, understanding, and enthusiasm to create a safe space where learners feel respected and can find a snug fit in a Square Hole. [Source: Tutor 8](#)



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3. motivate

4. cottage

6. execute or perform

DOWN

1. sets in motion

2. impressive or large

5. communal

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?

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

America
dream
star

boats
freedom
today

country
home
traveling

Hint: This song was used in a 1980 movie called *The Jazz Singer*. It's also commonly played on the 4th of July!

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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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EARN YOUR ACCREDITED HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA THROUGH OC PUBLIC LIBRARIES

careeronline™ HIGH SCHOOL

- Graduate faster with transfer credits from previous high schools/GED.
- Earn a career certificate with your diploma.
- Take courses 100% online.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

- An adult aged 18 or over
- A resident of Orange County
- Have a library account in good standing

To learn more about this program, please visit:
ocpl.org/page/career-online-high-school

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CHOOSE YOUR OWN CAREER PATH:

- General Career Preparation
- Office Management
- Child Care and Education (CDA)*
- 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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OC PUBLIC LIBRARIES PRESENTS *POETRY OUT LOUD 2022*

OC Public Libraries is proud to be partnering with ArtsOC to participate in Poetry Out Loud, a national arts education program that encourages the study of great poetry by offering free educational materials and a dynamic recitation competition for high school students.



- **Eligible Participants:** High school students in grades 9-12
- **Submission Dates:** December 15, 2021 - January 17, 2022
- **Live workshop for teens with Marcus Omari:** Saturday, January 8, 2022 @ 12 PM (Advance registration required! To register, please email: ocplteenprograms@occr.ocgov.com.)
Teens, master your public speaking skills, learn about literary history and contemporary life. This workshop will help you prepare for this performed poetry competition!
- **OC Public Libraries' winner notified:** January 24, 2022
- **OC Poetry Out Loud Live Finals:** February 11, 2022 (location TBD)



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT POETRY OUT LOUD, PLEASE
VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

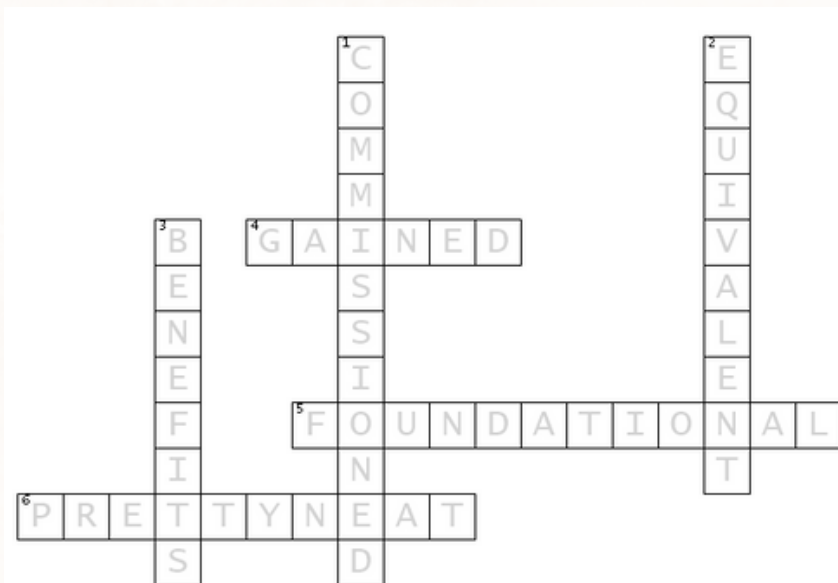
[OCPL.ORG/POETRYOUTLOUD](https://ocpl.org/poetryoutloud)



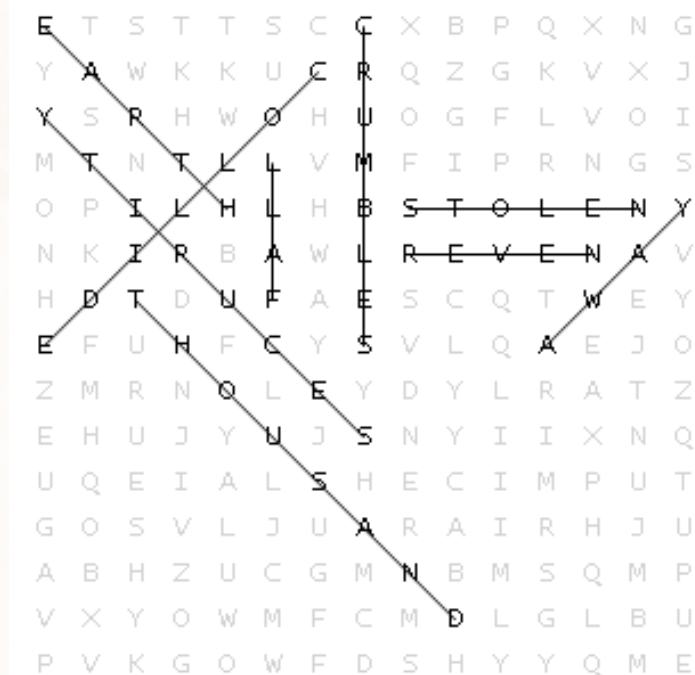
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1. commissioned
2. equivalent
3. benefits

- 4. gained
- 5. foundational
- 6. prettyneat



The song was "Skyfall" by Adele. You can listen to it on YouTube by going to this link: <https://youtu.be/DeumyOzKqgI>



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