

OC READ NEWSLETTER



Literacy Fact: The GED® test was created in 1942 as U.S. military veterans returned home after service in World War II, since many of them left high school [prior](#) to graduation.

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VOCABULARY

Click on the purple words to learn more.

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Let's start November off with an animal fun fact! Pictured above is a hedgehog. Did you know there are seventeen [species](#) of hedgehogs? These little [critters](#) can be found throughout parts of Europe, Asia, Africa, and New Zealand. They can live in a wide range of [habitats](#). [Domesticated](#) hedgehogs can even make good pets.

November also marks the end of Daylight Saving Time. Don't forget to turn your clock back on November 7!

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

- Sungeun and Holly are making progress working through the Challenger series!
- Tim E. and Tim R. have been working on penmanship, and their efforts show!
- Shamsiya and Beverly found time to go to a resume-building program!
- Noriko and Jean are working on an ingenious writing practice [strategy](#). They've created a weekly short diary!

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) **November 22 at 11 am** **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 at BBT meetings, 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

Next meeting will be in December

Date to be announced

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

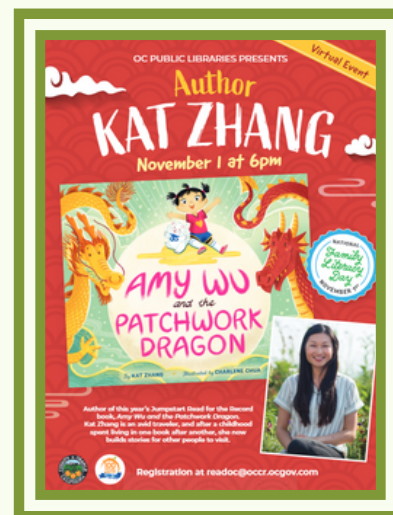
To register for an event, follow the "To RSVP" instructions below.

LITERACY EVENTS

Author Kat Zhang for National Family Literacy Day November 1 at 6 PM Virtual Event

Author of this year's Jumpstart Read for the Record book, *Amy Wu and the Patchwork Dragon*, Kat Zhang is an avid traveler, and after a childhood spent living in one book after another, she now builds stories for other people to visit.

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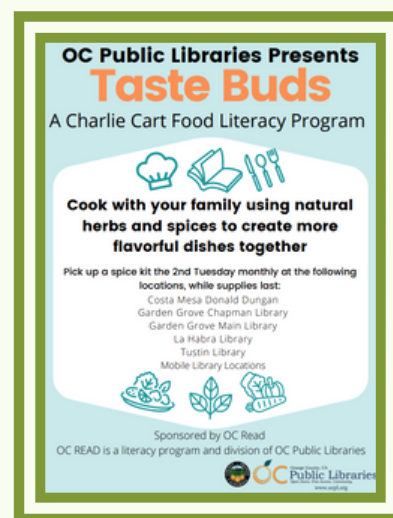
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Taste Buds Tuesday, November 9 Kit Pick Up

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.

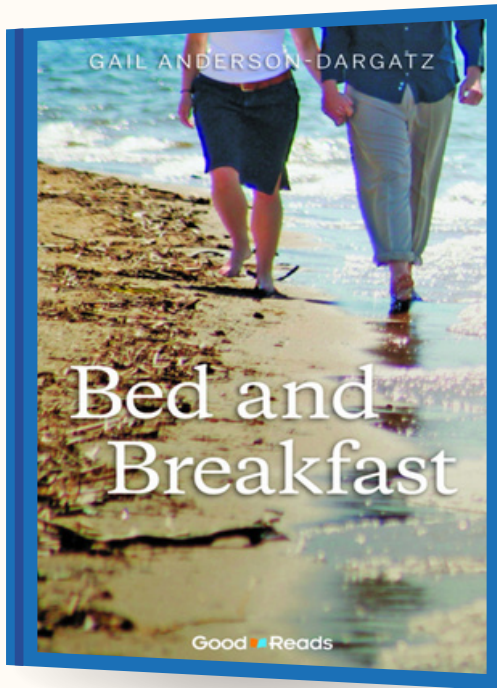
- Cost Mesa Donald Dungan
- Garden Grove Chapman
- Garden Grove Main
- La Habra
- Tustin
- Mobile Library Locations

No RSVP is needed.



Click picture for full view.

BOOK NOOK



Title: Bed and Breakfast

Author: Gail Anderson-Dargatz

Text Difficulty: 1-2

Lexile Measure: 470

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

Description: Annie runs a bed and breakfast. She has lived alone since her husband died five years ago. Now, she wishes for someone to love. One morning Brent, a guest, walks into her life. Her heart skips a beat. Handsome, charming, well dressed - will Brent turn out to be the man of her dreams?

This is an ebook. You can find it here:

<https://ocpl.overdrive.com/media/1393538?cid=1084450>

WRITING PROMPT



Let's try something new!

Here is a writing prompt for all OC Read participants.

Do you have a pet? This November, try writing something about your pet. It could be a poem about their name, a list of their favorite toys, or even a short story about them!

Send in a picture of your pet and a copy of your writing by **November 20** for a chance to have your work (and your pet) featured in next month's newsletter.

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

TUTORING TIP

Looking for a way to gauge progress? Try a Literacy Log!



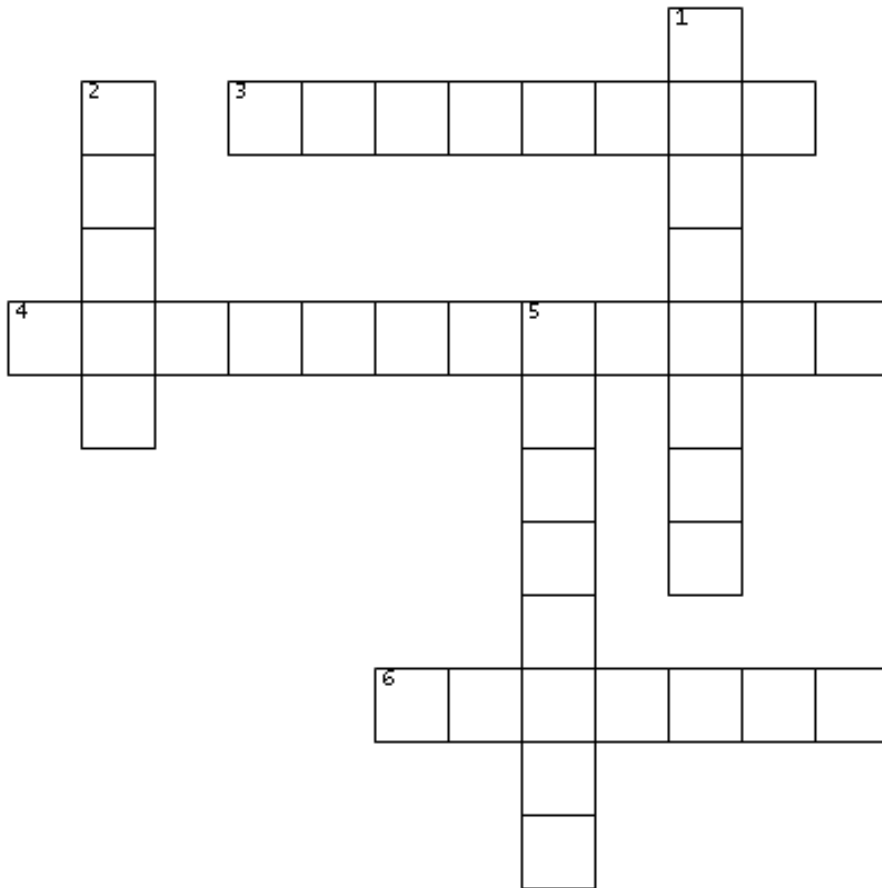
A literacy log is a great way to track how a learner's growing literacy skills are changing their day-to-day life. Since the ultimate goal of Adult literacy instruction is to increase the amount of reading and writing that learners do outside of class, a literacy log can serve a dual purpose: as a method for tracking, and a source of motivation.

Creating a log is simple. At the end of a tutoring session, set aside about ten minutes for a learner to reflect on the writing and reading they've done, outside of class, over the past week. Ask them to write these activities down. Repeat this exercise on a regular basis to build your log.

A literacy log allows learners to really see the impact of their growing literacy skills. Together, you can use the log to assess progress, and critically reflect on where you have been and where you are going. What is something the learner is reading now that they avoided before? What types of things are they still avoiding? How can you adapt authentic materials (real-life things learners want/need to read) during your tutoring time to fit with their current interests? How can you use authentic materials to achieve new milestones?

Source: *Creating Authentic Materials and Activities for the Adult Literacy Classroom* by Erik Jacobson, Sophie Degener, and Victoria Purcell-Gates (2013)

Crossword Puzzle



Across

3. A noun for 'the place where a person or thing is usually found'

4. A synonym for this word would be 'tame'. You can use it to describe a house cat or a pet dog

6. Scientists use this word when they're talking about the major scientific group or category that an animal belongs to

Down

1. This word means 'a plan'

2. This adjective means 'to come before', 'earlier', or 'previous'

5. An informal word for any creature

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?

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

along

happiness

sunshine

balloon

hold

truth

clap

roof

without

Hint: This was the most successful song in 2014, but you probably heard it before then in a hit kid's movie that came out in 2013.

OC READ NEWS

Storytime

Check in with your closest branch or ocpl.org for more information about local storytime options.

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.

CAREER ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL

EARN YOUR ACCREDITED HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA THROUGH OC PUBLIC LIBRARIES

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- 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

For questions,
please call or email:
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ocpl.programs@occr.ocgov.com



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.

CHAPTER-A-WEEK BOOK GROUP

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
rebecca.braun@occr.ocgov.com
for virtual meeting login

HERITAGE PARK LIBRARY
14361 YALE AVE
IRVINE, CA 92604
949-936-4040

MON - THURS 10-8
FRI - SUN 9-5



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**Kids who read five books will earn
a free hamburger or cheeseburger.**

October 2 - November 13

Children ages 4 to 12 eligible to participate.
Ask library staff for details.

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OC PUBLIC LIBRARIES PRESENTS

BOOM into StoryTime

⚡ FALL EDITION ⚡

August 10 – November 20



Space is limited. Register today!

Email: ocplstorytimes@occr.ocgov.com

Tuesdays

10:30 AM

Baby Lapsit Storytime

Birth to 2 years old with caregiver

Wednesdays

10:30 AM

Kindergarten Readiness Storytime

Ages 3-5 with caregiver

⚡ 4:00 PM ⚡

A Chapter at a Time Storytime

Beginning reads. Grades K – 3rd

Thursdays

10:30 AM

Bilingual Chinese Storytime

6:00PM

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

Saturdays



11:00 AM

Music & Movement Storytime

Get up and move with your family!



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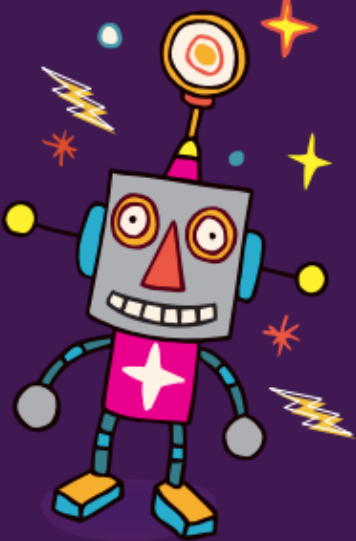


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ZOOM into StoryTime

FALL EDITION

August 10 – November 20



A Chapter at a Time Storytime

NEW! Wednesdays 4:00pm

**A NEW ZOOM PROGRAM FOR
EMERGENT READERS K-3RD GRADE.**

Each week we will read a chapter (or two) from a different book. We'll ask and answer questions, discuss what might happen next and tell you where to find a copy at your library. Then we will demonstrate an activity that relates to the book and share other fun ideas that connect to the book.

Space is limited. Register today!
Email: ocplstorytimes@occr.ocgov.com

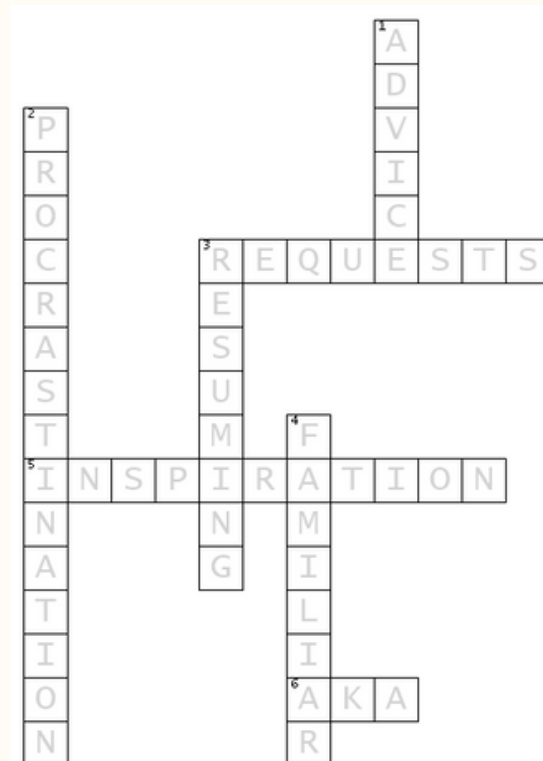
Puzzle Answer Keys

October Crossword - Down

1. advice
2. procrastination
3. resuming
4. familiar

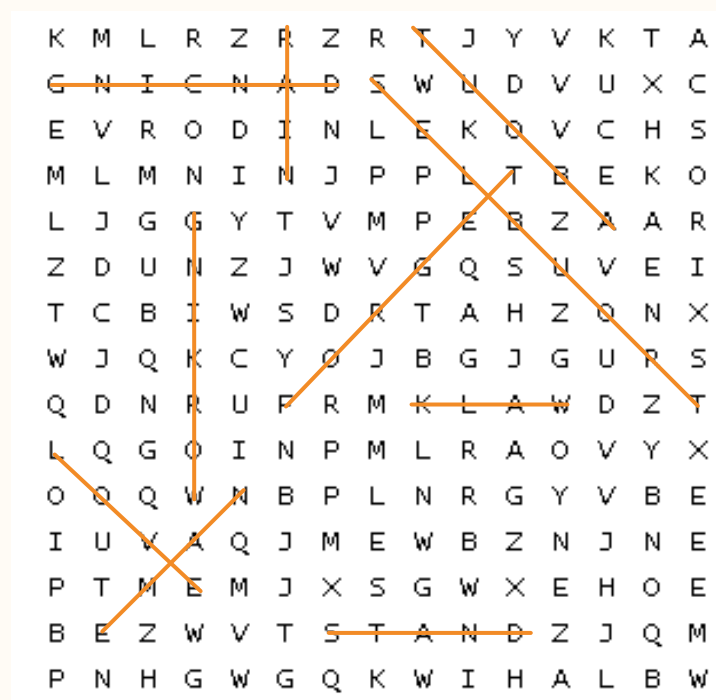
October Crossword - Across

3. requests
5. inspiration
6. AKA



October Word Search - Guess the Song

The song was "Don't You (Forget About Me)" by Simple Minds. You can listen to it on YouTube by going to this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CdgoNKCct7A>



Trivia:

This song was in the end credits of *The Breakfast Club*, a classic 80's teen comedy!

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