

# OC Read Newsletter



**Literacy Fact:** If you read 20 minutes a day, then you will have read 1,800,000 words per year!

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## VOCABULARY

Click on the purple words to learn more.

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*Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
How I wonder what you are...*

Keep your eyes toward the skies this April and you may spy a shower of shooting stars! April brings the annual Lyrid Meteor showers, predicted to be active from April 16 to April 25. The peak rate of [meteors](#) should happen around the 22nd of the month.

While you may glimpse flashes of shooting light across the entire sky, the [focal](#) point will radiate from the bright star Vega within the constellation Lyra. This [lyre](#)-shaped constellation can be found within the cluster of Hercules.

Southern Californians are most likely to observe this firework-like show in the hour just before dawn, when the [radiant](#) point is highest in the sky. So set your alarm clock for 4:00 am, grab a blanket, lay back in a lawn chair and enjoy nature's very own [celestial](#) theater!



## Learner Successes



Somirah aced her practice tests!

Nazifa is conquering the  
OC Read collection of Grass Roots  
Press books!

Shamsiya is working her way through  
the *Magic Tree House* series!

Teresa read the entire Readers'  
Group book, *The Cell Phone Lot*!

Lucas is more than halfway through  
reading *The Shadows We Hide*!

Miller is studying hard for his next  
licensing exam!

**Nice work, everyone!**



## TUTOR CLASSES

These classes are open to all OC Read tutors.  
To register for a class, follow the "To RSVP" instructions below each description.

### New Tutor Training

A new cycle begins on  
**Monday, April 18 @ 5:30 PM**  
**Virtual Event**  
To RSVP, contact OC Read



Refresh your tutor training at our April session.  
New Tutor Training has three parts:

- **April 18 @ 5:30 PM** - Orientation
  - Rediscover OC Read's mission and general tutoring guidelines
- **April 25 @ 5:30 PM** - Training Day 1
  - Explore The Simple View of Reading theory and goal setting
- **April 28 @ 5:30** - Training Day 2
  - Discuss lesson planning, and the importance of authentic materials

All tutors are welcome.

## Tutoring Tip

Does your learner want to use the newspaper to practice their reading skills? Then you might be interested in NewsBank.

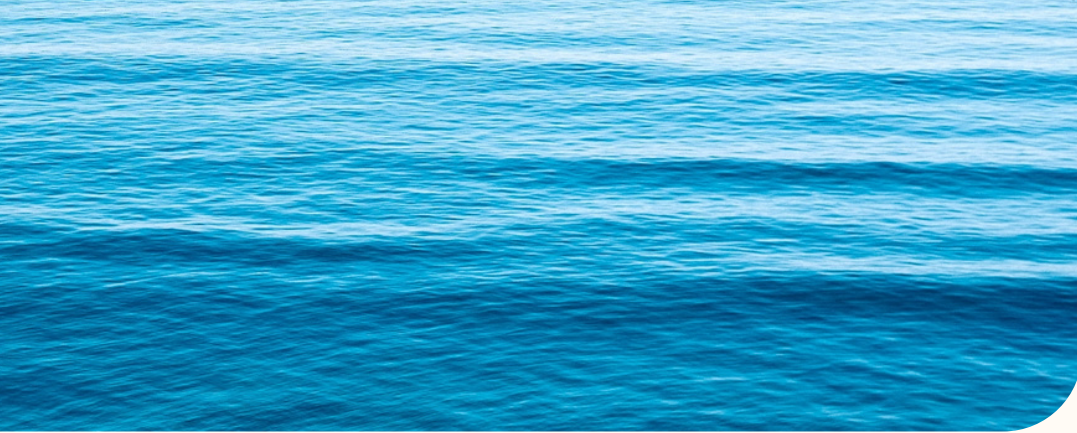
OC Public Libraries offers free access to the *Orange County Register* and the *Irvine World News* through NewsBank. With your library card, you can explore decades-worth of articles, including current issues.

To get started:

1. Go to the eLibrary at [ocpl.org/elibrary](http://ocpl.org/elibrary)
2. Click on *OC Register* under Magazines, Newspapers, & Current Events.
3. Enter your library card number
4. Click on *Orange County Register* (or any other option on the main page)

Click on the *Orange County Register* link that has *image* listed in the Format column. You'll be able to see the paper, the way it looks when it's printed.





## Reminders

### Reports

Monthly reports open on April 20 and close April 30. Log in to your tutor portal at [americalearns.net/ocread](http://americalearns.net/ocread) to complete your report.

### Training Hours

If you attend a BBT meeting or if you attend a CLLS-hosted event, remember to add your time to the Training Hours section of your report! To keep your skills fresh, all tutors must attend at least four hours of training each calendar year.

## Beyond Boundaries Tutoring (BBT)

**Next meeting in May**

**Virtual Event**

**To RSVP, contact OC Read**

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.

Send in your suggestions for May's BBT topic! In March, we covered Goal Setting. We can discuss this topic again, or try something new.







## LEARNER CLASSES

These classes are open to all OC Read learners. To register for a class, follow the "To RSVP" instructions below each description.

### News For You

Saturday, April 16 @ 9 AM

Virtual Event

To RSVP, contact OC Read

Join OC Read staff to read and discuss current news. Use News For You or Newsela to find a story you would like to share, or read *Inside the years-long, [international](https://newsela.com/read/effort-to-save-tiny-mexican-fish/id/2001027297/) effort to save one tiny Mexican fish* on Newsela:

<https://newsela.com/read/effort-to-save-tiny-mexican-fish/id/2001027297/>

You will need to create a Newsela account to read this story. After you log in, you will be able to raise or lower the difficulty of the story.

If you would like to read a story on News For You, please contact OC Read for the password.

## Reminders

### Portfolio

Every success should be celebrated! If you like something you wrote or finished reading, ask your tutor to add it to your portfolio.

### Library Events

Sign up for the Author Connection newsletter to see all the exciting events being held at the library. Visit [ocpl.org](http://ocpl.org) and look for Get Newsletters under Popular Links.



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## Learner Leadership Table

Tuesday, April 26 @ 10:30 AM

Virtual Event

To RSVP, contact OC Read

In this 1-hour Zoom meeting, get to know your fellow learners, share successes, discuss challenges, and become a Learner Leader.

Your ideas can help shape the direction of OC Read adult programming, and [pave the way](#) for future adult learners like you.

Think about these questions before coming to our first meeting:

*What are you doing in the program, the library, or in your community?*

*What do you want to do in the program, the library, or the community?*

This program is for adult learners only.

## Writing Prompt

Write an [acrostic](#) poem, where you come up with a word or phrase for each letter in your name, like the example below for Kathy:

**K**ind  
**A**greeable  
**T**errific  
**H**appy  
**Y**oung at heart

Send in your writing by April 20 for a chance to be featured in next month's newsletter!

Email your work to:  
[readoc@occr.ocgov.com](mailto:readoc@occr.ocgov.com)





## LITERACY EVENTS

These classes are open to the public.

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

### Zoom into Storytime: Cooking Through the Alphabet

Thursday, April 21 @ 10:30 AM

Virtual Event

To RSVP, email [ocplstorytimes@occr.ocgov.com](mailto:ocplstorytimes@occr.ocgov.com)

Join OC Read staff for a *Cooking Through the Alphabet* Demonstration - *B is for Banana Blueberry Baby Food!*

Join us for storytime and stay for a short video on how to make Homemade Banana Blueberry Baby food.



## Family Literacy Tip

### Take 5!

Did you know that talking with a child helps them learn? When children have a back and forth conversation with an adult, they spark the language centers of their brains and improve their communication.

When you talk with a child, try to take at least 5 turns—the child talks, you respond, the child says something else, you reply, and the child talks again. You can add to what they are talking about or bring up new ideas.

This teaches children new words, helps them learn how a conversation works, and builds up their confidence. More back and forth conversations can even help children score better on standardized tests!

Source







## Poetry Speaks

Wednesdays in April @ 6 PM  
Virtual Event  
To RSVP, contact OC Read

Celebrate National Poetry  
Month with these virtual  
events live on Zoom!



**April 6 @ 6 PM**  
A Poetry Reading with the OC Youth Poet Laureate

**April 13 @ 6 PM**  
A Poetry Panel with Local Voices

**April 20 @ 6 PM**  
Poetry Open Mic Night

**April 27 @ 6 PM**  
A Poetry Reading with the OC Poet Laureate

**Check out  
the flyer!**



Click the picture for a  
larger view.

You can always find  
literacy events on  
the OC Read  
events calendar:  
[ocread.org/events](https://ocread.org/events)

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# Reading Comprehension

Check out this reading comprehension page!  
If you want the answers, just contact OC Read.

A butterfly is an insect. They often have brightly colored wings made up of many tiny scales. Sometimes, butterfly wings look [iridescent](#) (ee-ruh-deh-sent) – they change colors depending on the light.

Butterflies start as eggs. When they are born, they are called [caterpillars](#) (ka-ter-pil-ers). Caterpillars eat a lot and spin a case called a [chrysalis](#) (kris-uh-lis). When they come out, they are butterflies. This is called [metamorphosis](#) (met-uh-mor-fuh-sis) – when an animal goes through a big change from one thing into another as it grows up.

Butterflies are found all over. There are many different kinds! They eat flower [nectar](#) (nek-ter) and they help plants grow. You can help butterflies by planting flowers outside.

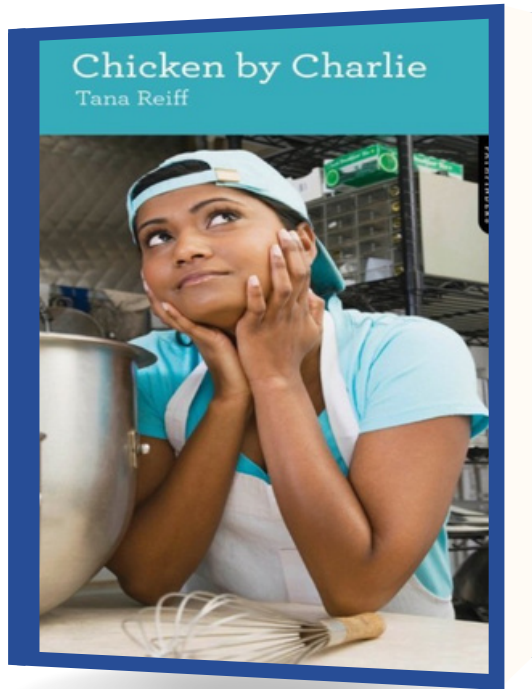


1. What is a butterfly?
  - a. A bird
  - b. An insect
  - c. A spider
2. What is true about butterfly wings?
  - a. They are just like bird wings
  - b. They are all one color
  - c. They are made of many scales
3. The butterfly life cycle is:
  - a. Egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, butterfly
  - b. Egg, insectal, pupal, adult
  - c. Larval, pupal, crystal, adult
4. Metamorphosis is:
  - a. Part of growing up
  - b. A big change from one thing into another
  - c. All of the above
5. Where are butterflies found?
  - a. All over
  - b. Only in the Americas
  - c. In forests
6. What do butterflies eat?
  - a. Dirt
  - b. Nectar
  - c. Other insects



# BOOK NOOK

[Click here  
for  
discussion  
questions](#)

**Title**

Chicken by Charlie

**Author**

Tana Reiff

**Text Difficulty**

2

**Lexile Measure**

510

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

Charlie is a chef for a fancy restaurant. But Charlie is not as happy as the people she cooks for. One day, a customer says, “You are a fine chef. Have you ever thought of starting your own restaurant?” The customer’s kind words give Charlie the confidence to follow her dream. Charlie opens up a restaurant. Soon she is in deep water. Money is short. Staff come and go. Her best worker lets her down. What else can go wrong? Charlie finds out. Will she give up? Or does Charlie find a way to follow her dream?

**This is an ebook. You can find it here:**

**<https://ocpl.overdrive.com/media/1211171?cid=1084450>**



# Word Game

Guess the movie!

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

adventures

cat

danger

dog

farm

friends

fun

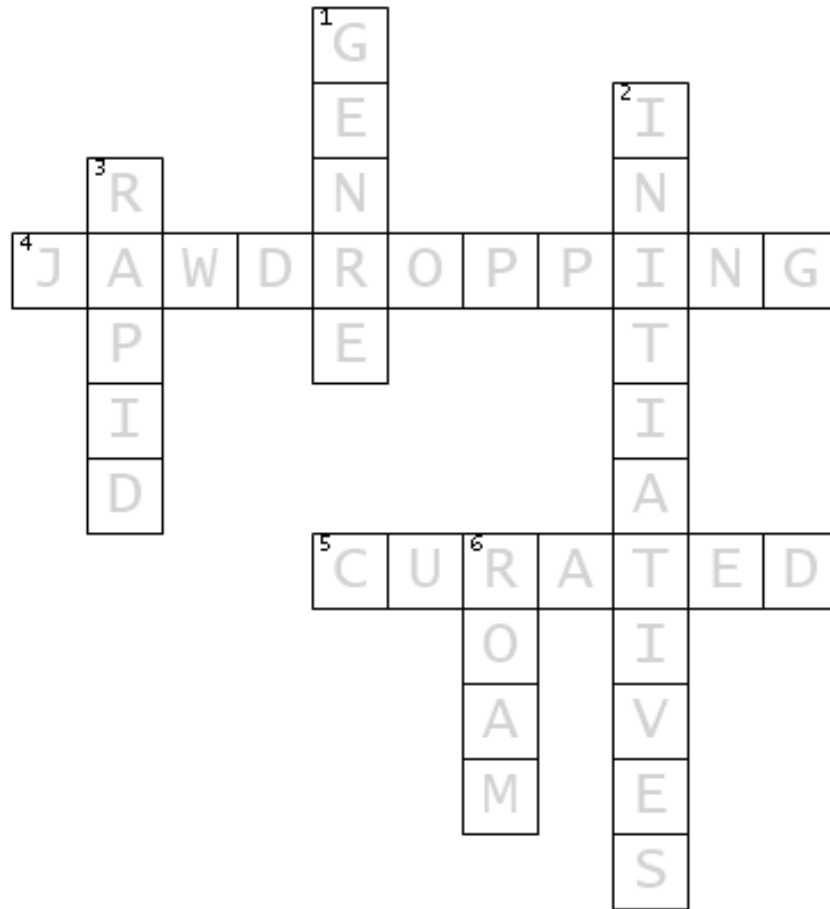
wander

world

Hint: This movie came out in 1989 and was narrated by Dudley Moore.

Check next month's newsletter for the answer key!

# March Puzzle Answer Key



## Across

- 4. Amazing or surprising - **jawdropping**
- 5. Carefully gathered, chosen, and organized - **curated**

## Down

- 1 A style, kind, or category - **genre**
- 2. Plans or programming for a specific purpose - **initiatives**
- 3. Quick or fast - **rapid**
- 5. To wander or walk - **roam**

# Spotlight: More programs from OC Public Libraries

## Career Online High School

Earn your high school diploma by taking classes online during times that are convenient for you. For more information, click on the flyer, or visit [ocpl.org/page/career-online-high-school](http://ocpl.org/page/career-online-high-school)



## English Conversation Clubs

Are you learning English as a second (or third, or fourth) language? Join one of OC Public Libraries' many ESL conversation clubs. These clubs are a fun way to meet new people, learn new words, and share your skills. All levels of English speaking ability are encouraged to attend. The Aliso Viejo branch has just started a new group! Click on the flyer for more details.

Contact OC Read to find out if there is an English conversation club at a branch near you.



## Brainfuse JobNow Free Resume Workshop

This is a free workshop to help you improve your resume! The workshop is on April 21 @ 2 PM and will cover:

- How to create a keyword-rich résumé
- What design elements draw the reader's attention
- Strategies for showcasing your value

Click on the flyer for more details. Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4296757722523613963>

