

# OC Read Newsletter



**Literacy Fact:** 88% of Americans who read e-books also read printed books.

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## VOCABULARY

Click on the [purple](#) words to learn more.

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Did you know that August 8th is National Sneak Some Zucchini Onto Your Neighbor's Porch Day?

Dreamed up by the founder of National No Socks Day, National Sneak Some Zucchini Onto Your Neighbor's Porch Day is a lighthearted way to celebrate this bountiful summer vegetable. The tradition is simple. On August 8th, when your neighbor isn't looking, drop off some homegrown zucchini on their doorstep! The key is to do this covertly. Successful celebrants will [meticulously](#) plan their drop-off year after year, so their neighbor never figures out what is going on. You can also [commemorate](#) the day by cooking up some delicious zucchini dishes, like [zucchini bread](#), or [zucchini pasta](#).

That's the scoop on National Sneak Some Zucchini Onto Your Neighbor's Porch Day. What other little-known holidays do you celebrate?



# Biography Corner

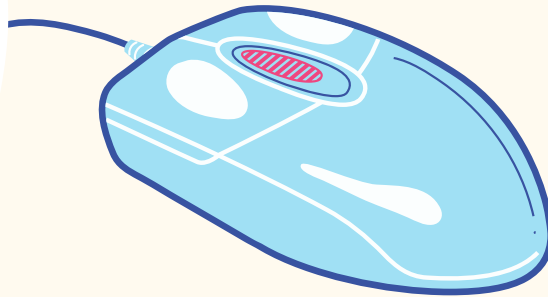
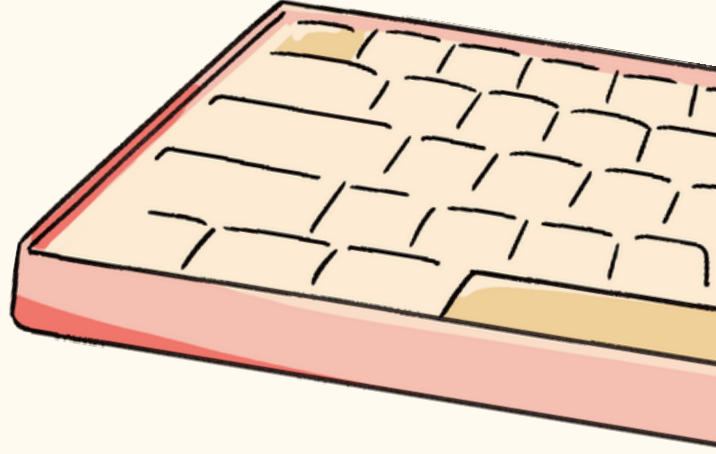


OC Read is starting a Biography Corner. Each month learners and tutors are encouraged to share something about their life outside of the program.

The topic can be anything, from your favorite food to the last thing you were most proud about accomplishing. Share a sentence or a whole paragraph. The choice is yours!

Biographies can be sent to [readoc@occr.ocgov.com](mailto:readoc@occr.ocgov.com).

# Device Advice!



**Available to OC Read Learners and Tutors.**

To reserve a 30-minute appointment, call OC Read at 714.566.3070.

Appointments can be online or in person at the Tustin branch.

Chromebooks and iPads are available for borrowing.

## We can assist with:

- Computer and iPad basics
- Email
- Internet basics
- And much, much more!

## We cannot assist with:

- Repairing broken, locked, or infected devices
- Repairing/Restoring email accounts or email managers
- Filling out forms with personal information





## TUTOR CLASSES

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

### Beyond Boundaries Tutoring

**Monday, August 29 @ 1 PM**

**Virtual Meeting**

**To RSVP, contact OC Read**

Thank you to everyone who responded to our survey. Based on your feedback, BBT meetings will have a set topic, and be hosted once every other month at differing times. You gave us a lot of good ideas for BBT meeting topics, and we will do our best to accommodate all requests over the coming months!

Announcements about BBT dates will be available in the Monthly Newsletter. To receive an event reminder before BBT meetings, please email OC Read so we can send you the program sign-up form.

August's topic of discussion will be online resources for learners. OC Read staff will discuss FreeRice, and the OC Read Resources page. Please bring your own suggestions to share with your fellow tutors!

## Tutoring Tip

Remember that anxiety [inhibits](#) learning. Sometimes high-pressure learning sessions that feel too much like school cause learners to feel anxious. Visit the Learning Community on America Learns for strategies to keep your tutoring sessions fun and engaging or give us a call at OC Read for more ideas!

## Reminders

Monthly reports open on August 20 and close August 31. Log in to your tutor account at [americalearns.net/ocread](http://americalearns.net/ocread) to complete your report.







## LEARNER CLASSES

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

### Learner Leadership Table

**Monday, September 19 @ 6 PM**

**Virtual Event**

**To RSVP, contact OC Read**

Become a Learner Leader in this 1-hour Zoom meeting where you will:

- Get to know your fellow learners
- Share successes
- Discuss challenges
- Shape the direction of OC Read adult programming

Your ideas can [pave the way for](#) future adult learners like you. All learners are encouraged to attend this program whenever possible. For more details, contact the OC Read office.

This program is for adult learners only.

## Writing Prompt

Imagine you are a reporter interviewing someone famous. Who would you want to interview? What questions would you ask?



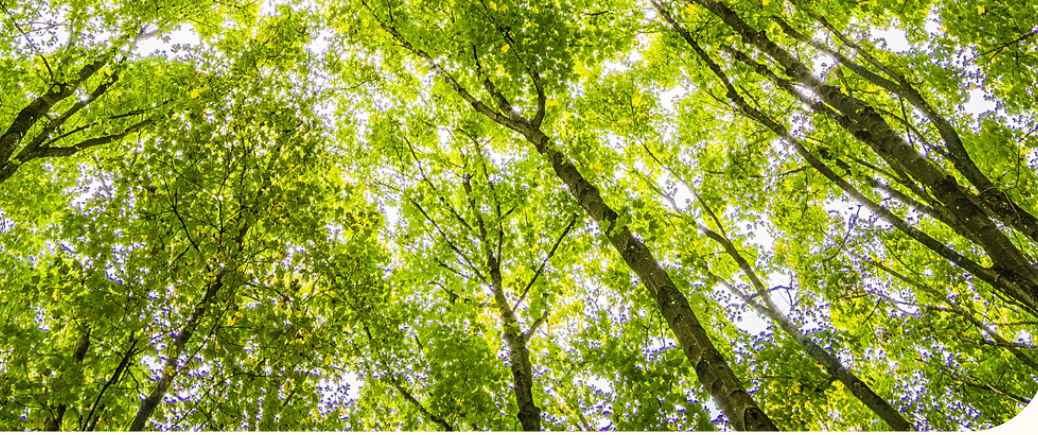
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## LITERACY EVENTS

These events are open to the public.  
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### Back to School

August 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11 @ 4-6 PM  
In-Person Event  
No registration required



Celebrate the start of the school year with fun activities and special surprises! Join us for Back to School events at:

- La Habra Library – August 2
- Garden Grove Main Library – August 3
- Stanton Library – August 4
- El Toro Library – August 9
- Costa Mesa Donald Dungan Library – August 10
- Tustin Library – August 11



Click here to see the flyer!



## Family Literacy Tip

Lunchtime! 

With kids getting ready to head back to school, it's a good time to start thinking about what they will be eating for lunch. (And it doesn't hurt adults to think about what they are eating for lunch, either!)

Encourage kids to eat a [balanced diet](#), one that has a mix of all the food groups. That means eating a variety of foods, like fruits and vegetables, dairy, whole grains, and protein (like meat). Try to make candy and salty snacks a treat they only eat once in a while instead of every day.

A healthy lunch can give students the energy they need for the rest of the day so that they can stay awake, pay attention, and learn better. Talk to kids about making healthy choices every day, whether they are bringing their lunch from home or getting it at school.

Source



# Reading Comprehension

Check next month's Newsletter for the answers!

## Does the Moon Really Shine?

Adapted from Susan LaBella

The moon is a dark place. It does not make its own light. But the night is brighter on full moon nights. During [eclipses](#) (ih-klips-es), the moon [disappears](#) (dis-uh-peers) from the sky and then comes back. So why do we see a bright moon in the night sky?

Here is what really happens. The light from the sun shines on the moon and bounces off. The moonlight that we see is really just sunshine lighting up the moon. The light is [reflected](#) (ri-flekt-ed) from the rocks on the moon and travels about 238,855 miles back to our eyes. That's a long way!

The moon is not the only thing that shines because of the sun. When you see pictures of the Earth taken from space, it looks like the Earth is shining, too. Our planet looks lit up just like the moon. Of course, the Earth does not make its own light, either. Like the moon, it is lit up by sunlight.

1. What does the moon not make?

- a. Any sense
- b. The tides
- c. Its own light

2. What happens during an eclipse?

- a. No one knows
- b. The moon disappears and comes back
- c. The sun and moon switch places

3. Why can we see the moon?

- a. It creates its own light
- b. The sun lights it up
- c. It is close to the Earth

4. How far away is the moon?

- a. About 238,855 miles
- b. The length of 230 football fields
- c. 93 million miles

5. What does the Earth look like from space?

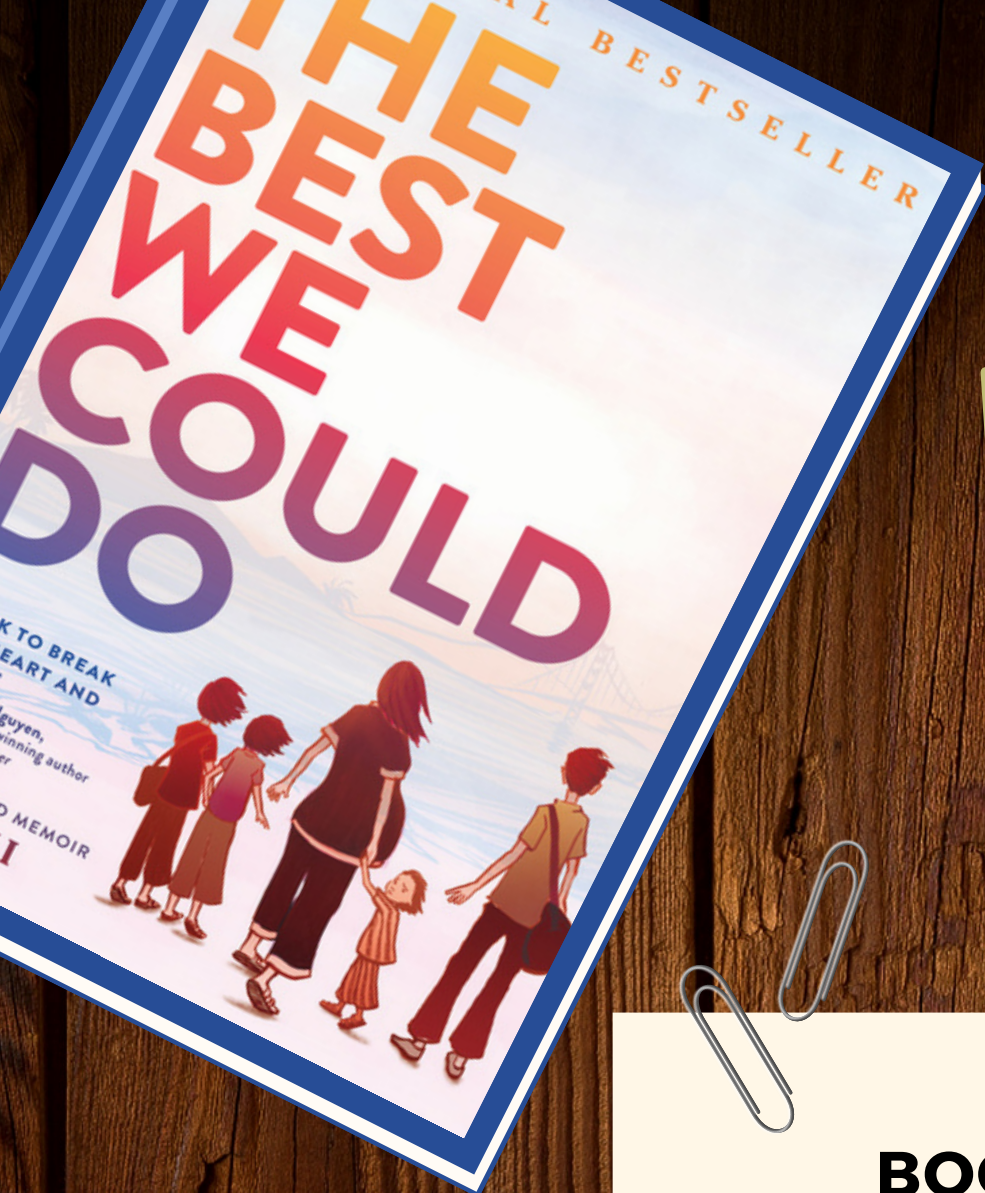
- a. Like an oblong oval
- b. Boring
- c. Like it is shining

6. What is the story mostly about?

- a. What a full moon is
- b. Why the moon looks bright at night
- c. Why the sun is so bright







Title: The Best We Could Do  
Author: Thi Bui

Text Difficulty: 2-3

Lexile Measure: 600

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

## BOOK NOOK

"The [debut](#) graphic novel memoir from Thi Bui is an intimate look at one family's journey from their war-torn home in Vietnam to their new lives in America. Exploring the anguish of immigration and the lasting effects that [displacement](#) has on a child and her family, Bui documents the story of her family's daring escape after the fall of South Vietnam in the 1970s, and the difficulties they faced building new lives for themselves."

--Provided by the publisher.

[Click here to watch an interactive reading with the author!](#)

**This is an ebook. You can find it here:**  
**<https://ocpl.overdrive.com/media/3135209>**

# Word Game

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

marsh  
murder  
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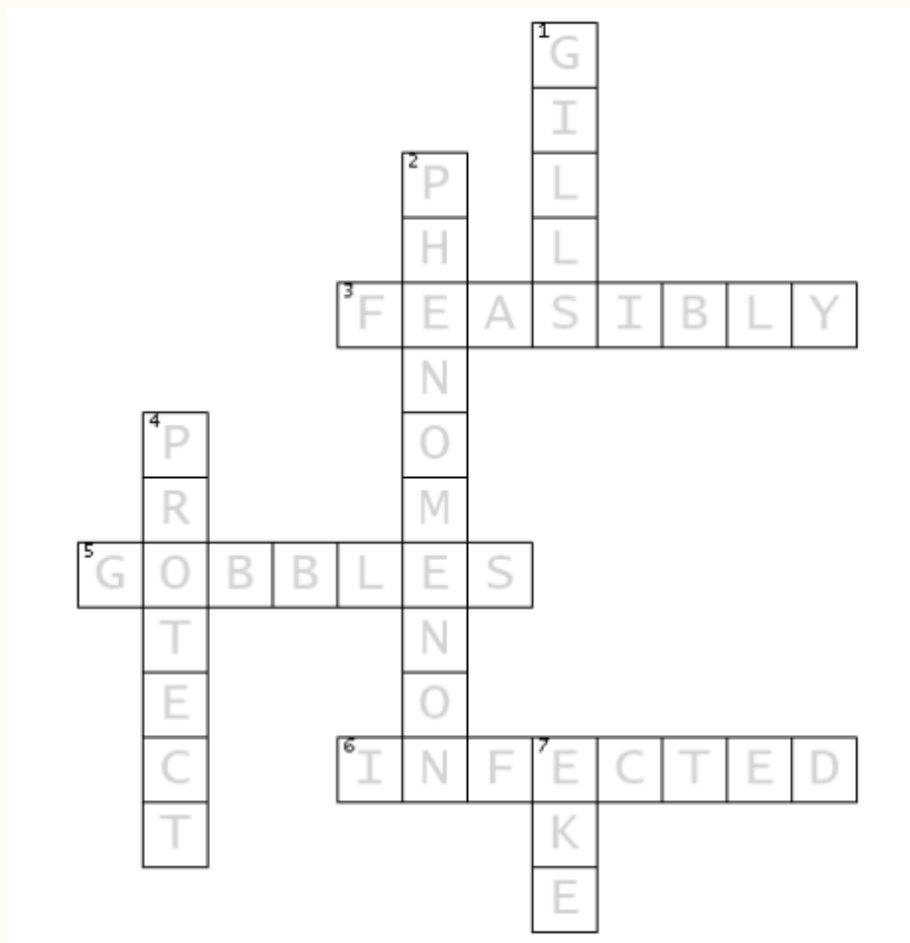
seashells  
swamp  
watercolors

This best-selling book just  
became a movie!

Check next month's  
newsletter for the answer key!

# July Answer Key

## Word Game



Across

- 3. Feasibly
- 5. Gobbles
- 6. Infected

Down

- 1. Gills
- 2. Phenomenon
- 4. Protect
- 7. Eke

## Reading Comprehension

- 1. b. Chew and swallow
- 2. a. When they are annoyed or threatened
- 3. c. Archer fish
- 4. c. Poison
- 5. a. Hurts and causes blindness
- 6. b. Stay safe and find food



# 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.

Click on the flyer for more details about the club at Aliso Viejo, or contact OC Read to find out if there is an English conversation club at a branch near you.



## 2022 Summer Reading Program: Read Beyond the Beaten Path

Sign up for your reading log at [ocpl.beanstack.org](http://ocpl.beanstack.org) or download the free Beanstack app. You can set up one account and add all the readers in your family!

Everyone is encouraged to log 20 or more days of reading to be entered into an opportunity drawing for a gift card courtesy of your branch's Friends of the Libraries.

For more information about the 2022 Summer Reading Program, visit [ocpl.org/summer2022](http://ocpl.org/summer2022).

