

OC Read Newsletter

Hello September

Literacy Fact: The world's first traveling library was launched in 1857. It was a horse-drawn wagon with books mounted on bookshelves.

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VOCABULARY

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As the summer [bustle](#) comes to an end and the hopeful [anticipation](#) of sweater weather is in the air...it's the perfect time to break open a new book.

September 6th marks National Read-a-Book Day, and OC Public Libraries' (OCPL) newly designed Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) makes it effortless to select the perfect title. Patrons can go directly to the [catalog](#) and visually scroll through colorful, attractive book covers in four categories: New Adult Materials, New Children & Teen Materials, New Audiovisual Materials, and *New York Times* Adult Best Seller Lists. Interested in a title? Just click on the image and read the book summary or place a hold on it with your library card. The Menu Bar also provides options to explore "Featured Books" and titles that are "Coming Soon."

With so many new stories and authors at your fingertips, you can look forward to embracing the shorter days and cooler evenings of fall with a cozy blanket and a stack of good books.

Biography Corner: Everyone has a Story



"Hometown" by Emily

My hometown is a sprawling farm town in Connecticut. Moving to California has been a big, but exciting, change!

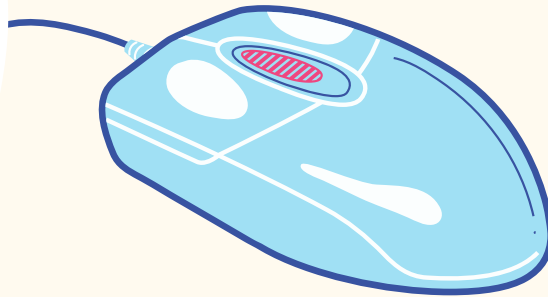
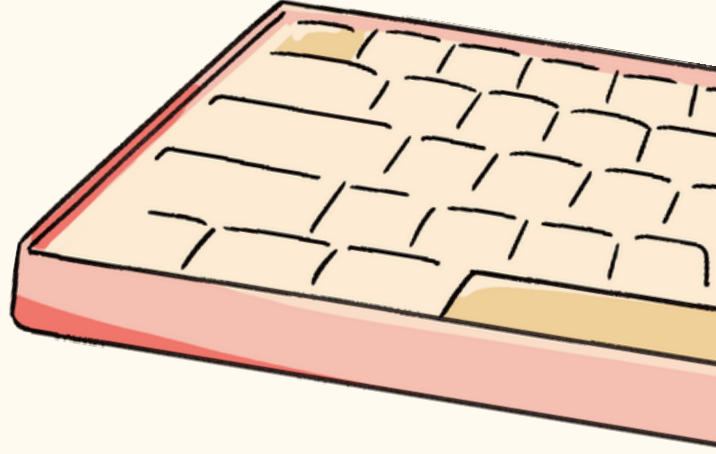
"The Best Job" by Shawna

My first job was selling cookies at a mall. My best friend started working there at the same time. We were both excited about making our own money and bringing home leftover cookies to share with our families. After working there for a year, I started selling paint at a Sears store in the same mall. I liked the extra money I could earn by selling the highest quality paint. Of all the jobs I have had, becoming a librarian has been my favorite job. I have enjoyed helping people find books and information. Now, as a Literacy Coordinator, I get to see people doing great things to help each other and reach their goals. I love my job!



Want to be included in the biography corner? Send your biography to readoc@occr.ocgov.com. Share a sentence or a whole paragraph. The choice is yours! All biographies will eventually be featured and are accepted on a rolling basis.

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

Tuesday, October 25 @ 11 AM

Virtual Meeting

To RSVP, contact OC Read

October's topic of discussion will be – How to Use the Easy Voter Guide. Copies of the guide will be available for OC Read participants on a first-come, first-served basis. Please come prepared to discuss other paper/physical resources with your fellow tutors!



Tutoring Tip

We were inspired by Maevonne, a current tutor, this month! If you and your learner meet on Zoom or video call, consider letting your pet have a few minutes of screen time during your lesson.

As Maevonne noted, "The amusement and break [my pet's] visit gives us helps both our motivation and focus during our meetings."

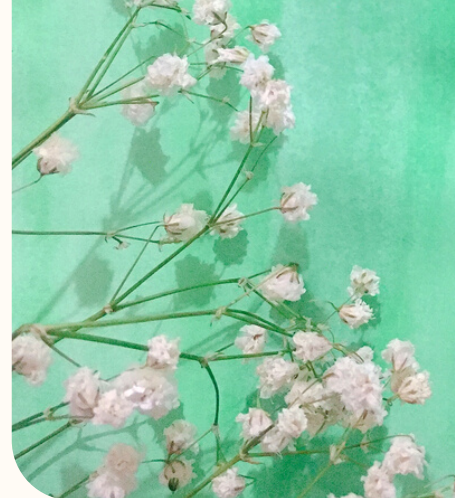
Take Maevonne's suggestion a step further and build off of your pet's visit. Use the topic of pets to introduce new vocabulary, or use the subject as an LEA writing exercise.

Reminder

All tutors are asked to complete 4 hours of training during the calendar year. Hours can be earned by attending a BBT meeting! OC Read staff will also send along more opportunities, as they arise.

ALL OC READ PARTICIPANTS

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



Creative Communication Skills

Saturday, September 3, 10, 17, & 24 @ 10:30 AM

In-Person Event at Tustin Library (345 E. Main Street, Tustin, CA 92780)

To RSVP, contact OC Read

Improve your writing skills through group sharing and creative exercises! These classes are presenter-led and are for all skill levels. It is okay to come to many or few classes. We encourage you to come with your tutor.



Coming Soon: Hungry Ghosts

Saturday, October 29 @ 2 PM

In-Person Event at Irvine Katie Wheeler Library (13109 Old Myford Rd., Irvine, CA 92602)

No RSVP required

Join storyteller Barbara Wong at the Irvine Katie Wheeler Library for an afternoon of ghost stories from around the world. This program is intended for adults and their teenage, or older, family members.





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 and pave the way for future adult learners like you. For more details, contact the OC Read office.

This program is for adult learners only.



Writing Prompt

Which season do you like best – winter, spring, summer, or fall? What do you like about it?



Reminder

OC Public Libraries has Quiet Rooms and Study Rooms. To see a listing and reservation instructions, [click on this link](#) and scroll down to "Does OCPL have Quiet Rooms and Study Rooms?"

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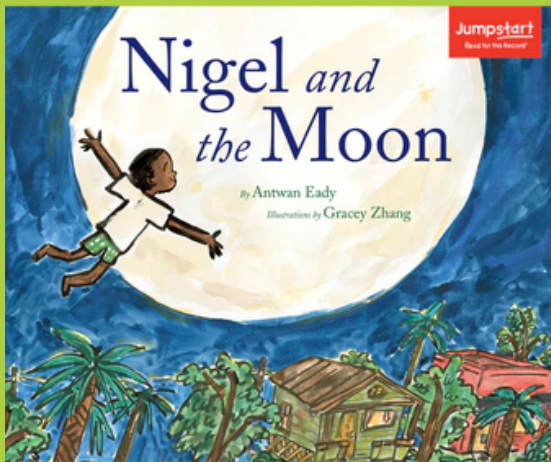
LITERACY EVENTS

These events are open to the public.
To register for an event, follow the "To RSVP" instructions below each description.

Coming Soon: Read for the Record

Coming Soon in October
In-Person Event throughout OC Public Libraries
Look for Details in our October Newsletter

Join OCPL and Jumpstart for an in-person Storytime! OCPL will be featuring the 2022 Read for the Record selected title, *Nigel and the Moon*, written by Antwan Eady, illustrated by Gracey Zhang, and published by HarperCollins.



Jumpstart
Children first.™

Family Literacy Tip

Let's Get Descriptive!



Whether you are talking or writing, descriptive words make what you are saying more interesting! [Adjectives](#) (a-jik-tivs) tell you what *kind of thing* something is. If you are talking about a dog, for example, you can add words that create a picture in your mind, like a *soft, friendly, brown* dog.

Encourage kids to use their five senses – seeing, hearing, smelling, touching, and tasting – when they describe things. The more adjectives they use, the better people can picture what they are talking about.

You can even go on an adjective hunt. Find a picture in a book, from a magazine, or on the internet. Ask kids to make a list of everything in the picture. Next, have them come up with one or more words to describe each of those things. See who can come up with the longest list of adjectives!

[Source](#)



Reading Comprehension

Check next month's Newsletter for the answers!

Stormy Weather

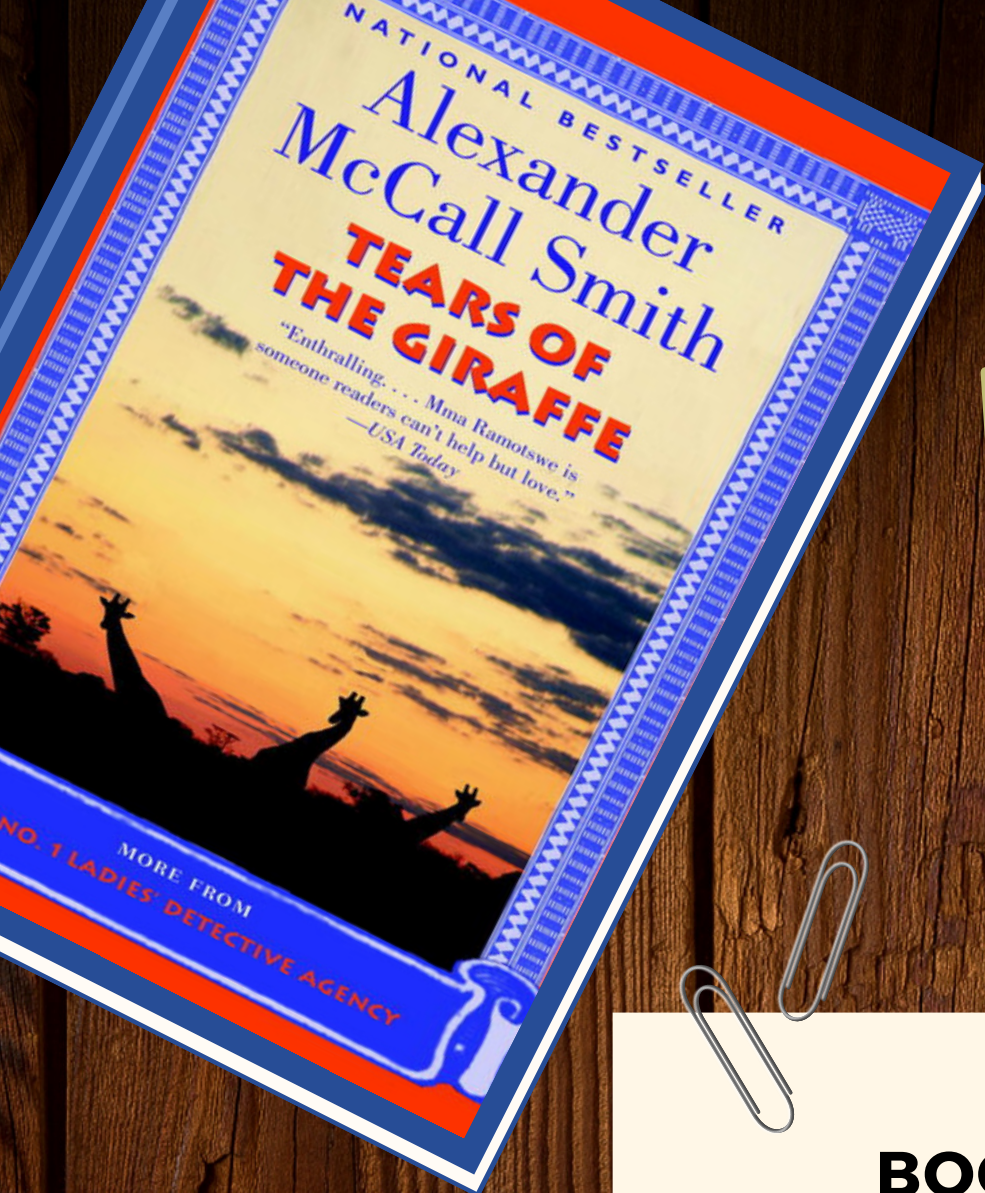
There are a lot of types of [severe](#) (suh-veer) weather that can happen (we just don't see much of it in Southern California!). Bad storms happen in low-pressure weather systems, when water [vapor](#) (vey-per) in the air comes together to form drops, which then form into clouds. From these clouds, we get rain, sleet, hail, or snow, also called [precipitation](#) (pri-sip-i-tey-shuhn).

Thunderstorms are one of the most common types of stormy weather. They happen when a [cold front](#), or a mass of air that is cooler and denser, meets an area of warm, wet air and pushes it up. This charges the air with [electricity](#) (ee-lek-tris-l-tee). Electricity can be either positively or negatively charged – check out [this video](#) for a short explanation. When the charges in the clouds separate, it makes lightning jump between the clouds and the ground. It also causes a loud bang called a thunderclap.

Thunderstorms can cause flash flooding, mudslides, strong winds that damage things, and even fires from lightning strikes. Groups like the Red Cross and FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency) help people recover from bad storms.

1. What kind of weather systems cause storms?
 - a. High-pressure
 - b. Mixed-pressure
 - c. Low-pressure
2. What is *precipitation*?
 - a. Rain, sleet, hail, or snow
 - b. Falling off a steep hill
 - c. Something that happens before it rains
3. What is a cold front?
 - a. When you walk into the wind
 - b. When cooler air meets warm, wet air
 - c. When negative electricity gets separated
4. What causes lightning?
 - a. Wet air meeting dry air
 - b. Electrical charges in the clouds separate
 - c. Thunderclaps
5. Which is not caused by a thunderstorm?
 - a. Earthquakes
 - b. Flash flooding
 - c. Fires
6. What does FEMA stand for?
 - a. Flooding, Electricity, and Mudslide Agency
 - b. Federal Engineers, Makers, and Artists
 - c. Federal Emergency Management Agency





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Author: Alexander McCall Smith
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[*Click here for Lexile measure chart](#)

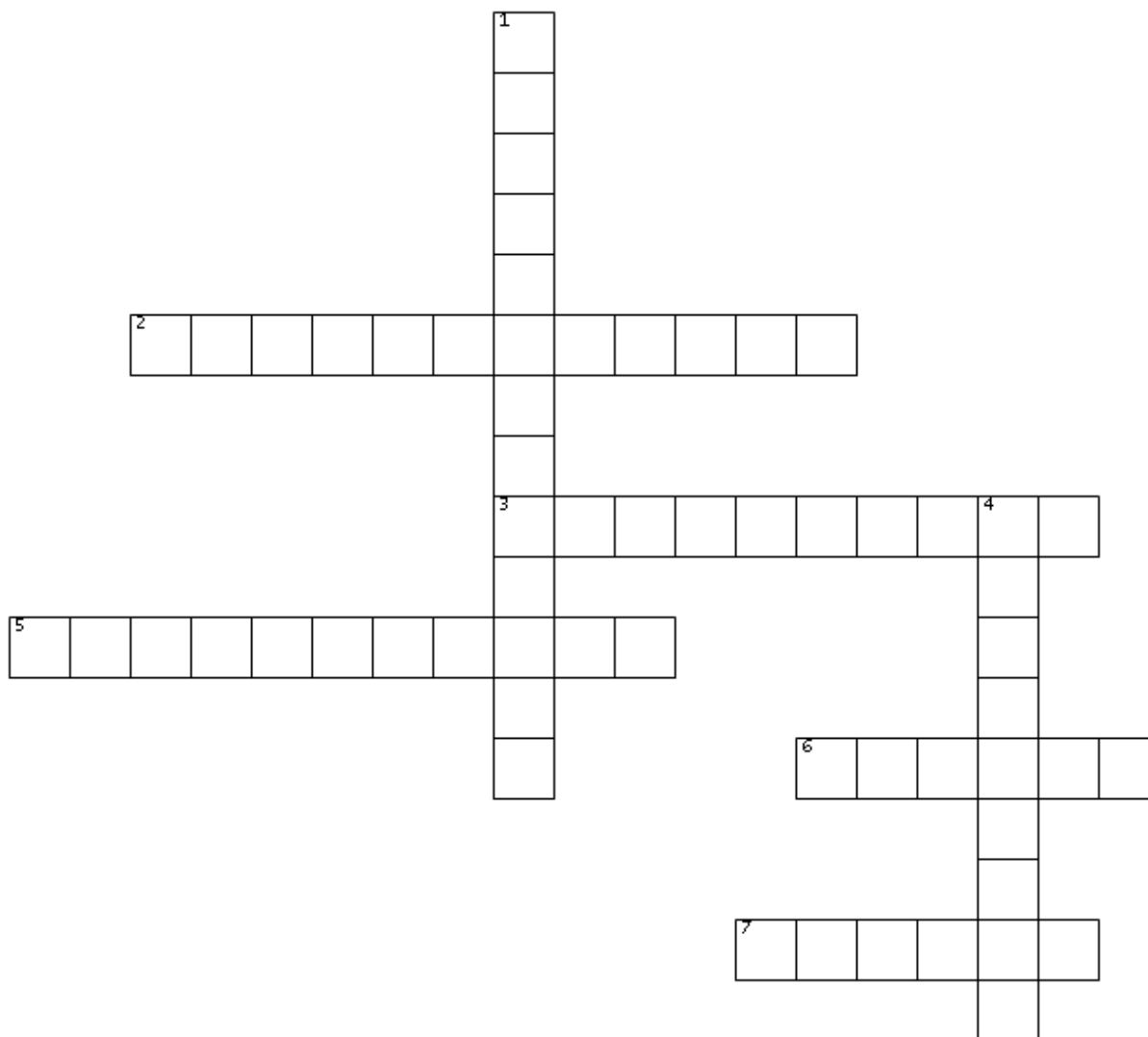
BOOK NOOK

Precious Ramotswe is the eminently sensible and cunning proprietor of the only ladies' detective agency in Botswana. In *Tears of the Giraffe* she tracks a wayward wife, uncovers an unscrupulous maid, and searches for an American man who disappeared into the plains many years ago. In the midst of resolving uncertainties, pondering her impending marriage to a good, kind man, Mr. J. L. B. Matekoni, and the promotion of her talented secretary (a graduate of the Botswana Secretarial College, with a mark of 97 per cent), she also finds her family suddenly and unexpectedly increased by two.

This is an ebook. You can find it here:
<https://ocpl.overdrive.com/media/43423>

Click here to borrow the audiobook! If you tend to guess at words, or just want to flex your vocabulary skills, try listening along while you read.

Word Game



ACROSS

- 2. unprincipled or without scruples
- 3. words that describe something
- 5. an electric charge or current
- 6. harsh or extreme
- 7. move about with a lot of energy

DOWN

- 1. snow, sleet, rain, or hail
- 4. very or highly

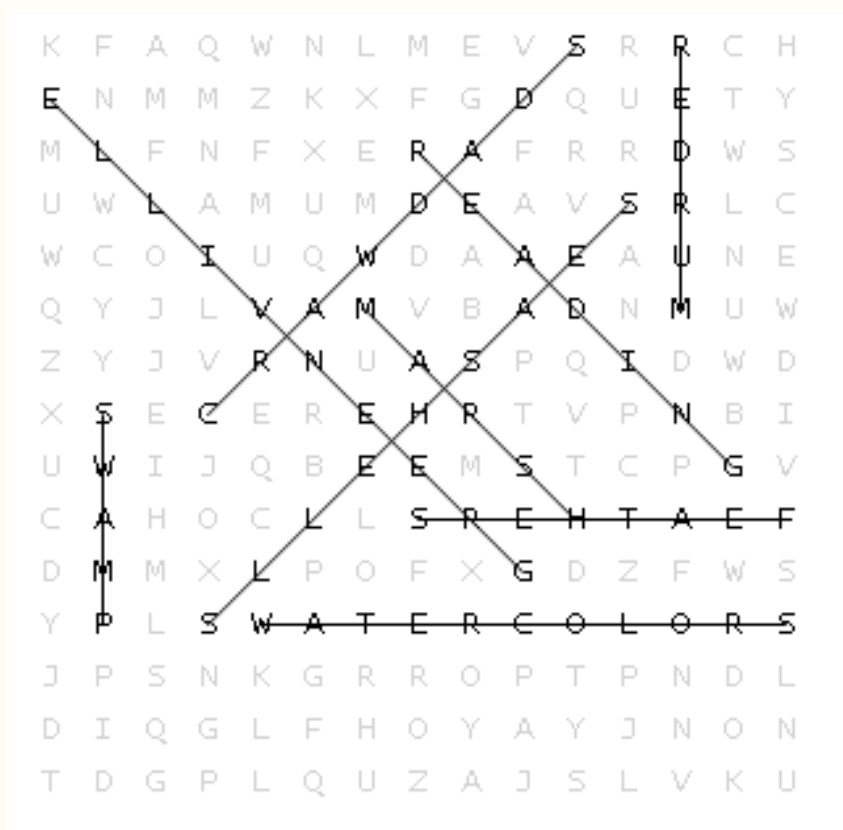
Hint: All of these words can be found in this month's newsletter.

Check next month's newsletter for the answer key!

August Answer Key

Word Game

Did you guess it? The book-turned-movie was *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. [Find a copy of the book here.](#)



Word Bank

crawdads
feathers
Greenville
marsh
murder
reading
seashells
swamp
watercolors

Reading Comprehension: Does the Moon Really Shine?

1. c. Its own light
2. b. The moon disappears and comes back
3. b. The sun lights it up
4. a. About 238,855 miles
5. c. Like it is shining
6. b. Why the moon looks bright at night

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.



English Conversation Clubs

Join one of OCPL's many ESL conversation clubs. These clubs are a fun way to meet new people, learn new words, and share your skills. 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.

In Reflection: Back to School Events

Over 1,200 patrons visited OC Read's Back to School events at the La Habra, Garden Grove Main, Stanton, El Toro, Costa Mesa Donald Dungan, and Tustin Libraries for fun family nights featuring backpack giveaways! Attendees of all ages enjoyed a school-themed storytime and created a friendly-monster bookmark craft. Families participated in a library scavenger hunt, ending with an opportunity drawing for a Raising Cane's gift basket. Book characters Penelope Rex and Esteban the Green Crayon stole the show as they interacted with children. OC Police, Fire, Sheriff, and K9 Units put on safety programs promoting school readiness. Other special guests included PBS SoCal and representatives from Supervisor Doug Chaffee's office. Over 475 backpacks with literacy-based materials were given away. Thank you to all the OCPL staff, committee members, and volunteers who came together to serve our local community and make these events a huge success!

