

— This Month in — OC READ

OCTOBER 2022



Literacy Fact:
Agatha Christie had [dysgraphia](#), so she dictated her novels. This made them more conversational and therefore more popular with her readers!



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LET THE BAKING BEGIN



When the oven is humming a tune, the kitchen is toasty warm, and the [savory](#) aromas of cinnamon and pumpkin [waft](#) through the house—you can be sure October has arrived. National Homemade Cookie Day [ushers](#) in the month of October with the anticipation of finding the ideal cookie recipe and baking it to perfection.

Who doesn't like an oozing chocolate chip cookie warm and soft from the oven or a crunchy snickerdoodle with a chewy center? A homemade cookie is a gift in itself—a recipe passed from one generation to another, stirred with love, and baked with care. Did you know, a cookie baked in October can freeze through the holiday season and taste as fresh as when it was first baked?

During the festive season, slide a variety of cookies onto pretty plates and spread joy around the neighborhood with a homemade gift that warms the heart.





BIOGRAPHY CORNER



Deanna's Story



In fourth grade, my teacher assigned us to write a fiction story that would be entered in a writing contest. Having recently read *Through the Looking Glass* by Lewis Carroll, I put pencil to paper and wrote *The Adventures of Deanna Through the Chalkboard*. My imagination took my readers into a land of dancing erasers, scribbled doodles, and backward alphabet letters. A few weeks later I received an invitation to an awards ceremony— my story had won a ribbon!

As with many young girls, I was obsessed with horses and devoured every book I could find about them, one of my favorites being the *Misty Horse* series written by Marguerite Henry. As I stood on the stage facing the audience with a pounding heart and crimson cheeks, who should walk up to present my award? Marguerite Henry herself! To this day, I still have the autographed copy of *Stormy, Misty's Foal* sitting on my bookshelf and the memory of her sweet smile and encouraging words to “keep writing.”

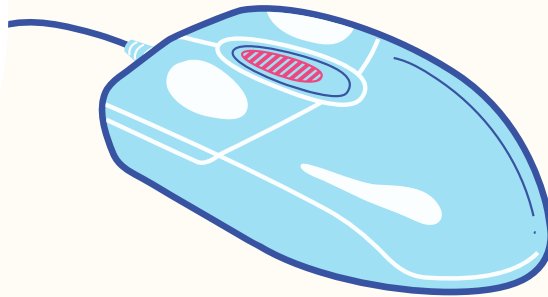
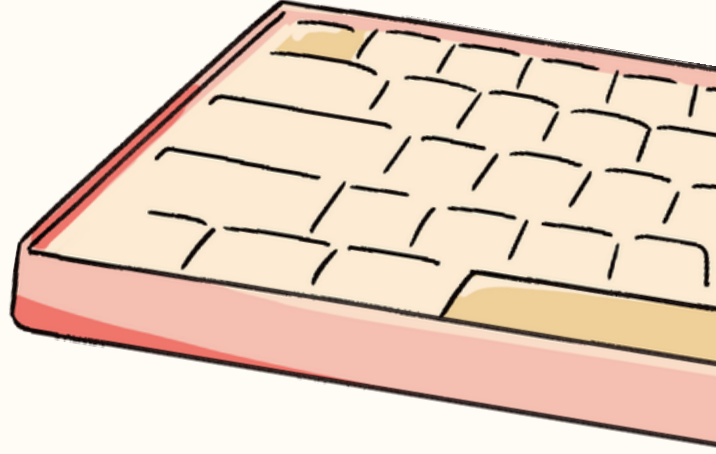
EVERYONE HAS A STORY

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

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

Beyond Boundaries Tutoring (BBT)

Tuesday, October 25 @ 1 PM
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!

We will also be having another guest appearance by Brianne Ellsworth, who will be demonstrating some writing exercises to use in your next tutoring session. If you missed Brianne's visit last time, be sure to pop in for our October meeting!

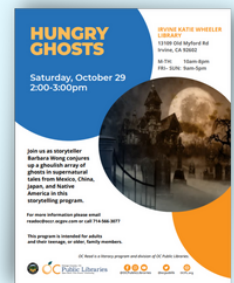
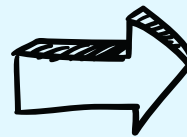
Hungry Ghosts

Saturday, October 29 @ 2 PM
In-Person Event at Katie Wheeler Library
13109 Old Myford Rd., Irvine, CA 92602
No RSVP required

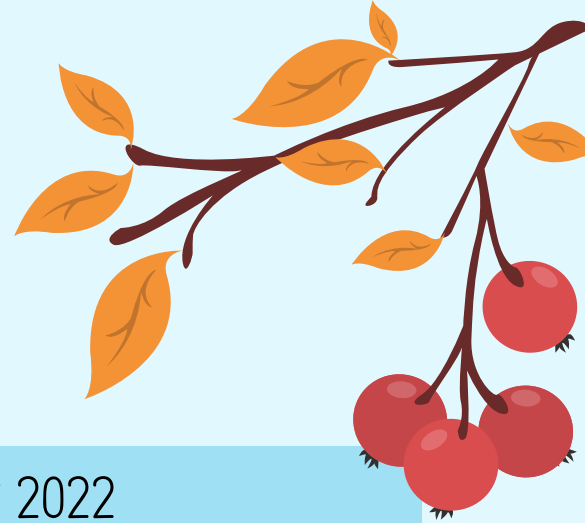
Join us as storyteller Barbara Wong conjures up a ghoulish array of ghosts in supernatural tales from Mexico, China, Japan, and Native America in this storytelling program. This program is recommended for adults and their teenage, or older, family members.

**This is a blended event. Tutors and learners are encouraged to attend together.*

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see the flyer!



Tutoring Tip



Freerice.com

FreeRice.com is a great place to practice vocabulary, but it also has many other games which may fit your learner's goals!

If you go to the website, click on the hamburger menu (≡) in the upper left corner, and then click on Categories, you can see their whole list of games.

We highly recommend their English Proverbs, English Spelling, and Root Words games!

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Other Vocabulary- Building Resources

- ✓ [Vocabulary.com](#)
- ✓ [Newsela](#)
- ✓ [OC Read OverDrive Collection](#)

Reminder

If you sign up for the BBT interest list, you'll receive reminders when a BBT meeting is coming up.



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Learner Leadership Table

Date to be determined - next meeting is in November.
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.

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



Welcome Fall



Fall Family Literacy Day

Saturday, October 22 @ 10:30 AM

In-Person Event at Westminster Library

8180 13th St., Westminster, CA 92683

No RSVP required

Join us for our first ever Fall Family Literacy Day! Stop by to take photos with Pout Pout Fish, grab a new book, and experience a mobile tidepool presented by Traveling Tidepools.

Click the picture to see the flyer!



Read for the Record

Thursday, October 27 (waiting on official flyer and day/date/time)

In-Person Event throughout OC Public Libraries

No RSVP required

Join OC Public Libraries and Jumpstart for an in-person Storytime! The 2022 Read for the Record featured title, *Nigel and the Moon* written by Antwan Eady, illustrated by Gracey Zhang, and published by HarperCollins.

Click the picture to see the flyer!



Día De Los Muertos Face Painting Tutorial

See the flyers for specific dates and locations

In-Person Events at three OC Public Libraries branches

To RSVP, contact OC Read

Hosted by Orange County based artist, Maria "Chuy" Sandoval. Participants will learn how to paint their face in the Calavera design for Día De Los Muertos. All supplies will be provided. Space is limited.



Click the picture to see all three flyers!



Family Literacy Tip



NonFiction Fun!

Think a child is too young to like reading [nonfiction](#) (books about facts and true things)? Guess again! Nonfiction is great for building kids' understanding of the world around them and for introducing new vocabulary.

Pick books on topics that your child is interested in. Do they like dinosaurs? Space? Animals? Find books with great pictures that catch their attention and make them want to find out more.

You don't always have to read the book in order, either. Look at the Table of Contents at the beginning of the book or the [index](#) at the end. Then flip to the section that interests them the most. Make connections to what they already know, and keep track of what they still want to learn.

This helps them learn about the way books are organized, inspires curiosity, and encourages them to read and find out more. Check out the box to the right for some great nonfiction series to look into!

[Source](#)

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NonFiction Series

- ✓ National Geographic Kids
- ✓ Fly Guy Presents
- ✓ Magic Treehouse Fact Trackers
- ✓ Who Was?
- ✓ Who Would Win?

Finding NonFiction in the Library

Look for books that have
a number (like 599.53)
instead of an author on
the side.





READING COMPREHENSION

MAKING MUMMIES

A long time ago, [pharaohs](#) (fair-ohs), or rulers like a king, ruled in Egypt. When they died, they were buried in huge [pyramids](#) (peer-uh-mids). Their bodies were carefully prepared. This was called [mummification](#) (mum-ih-fih-cay-shun), and it took 70 days to complete!

The lungs, stomach, liver, and guts were all taken out. They were wrapped and [preserved](#) (pri-zurv-d) in jars so that they would not fall apart. Most people today think that our brains are very important, but the people who made mummies did not agree. They threw the brains away. They thought the heart was most important and left it inside the body.

Then, they stuffed the body with sawdust and fabric and covered the body with salt. The salt pulled all the [moisture](#) (moys-cher) out. When the body was dry, they wrapped it in layers of cloth and put it in a fancy coffin called a [sarcophagus](#) (sar-kof-uh-guhs). The sarcophagus went into the pyramid along with all the things they thought the pharaoh would need to have in the afterlife.

QUESTIONS

1. What is a pharaoh?
 - a. A kind of cereal
 - b. A ghost
 - c. A ruler like a king
2. How long did it take to make a mummy?
 - a. 70 days
 - b. 70 years
 - c. 7 weeks
3. Which parts of the body did they take out and preserve?
 - a. Brains and heart
 - b. Just the heart
 - c. Lungs, stomach, liver, and guts
4. What did salt do to the body?
 - a. It pulled the moisture out
 - b. It turned the body to sawdust
 - c. It attracted wild dogs to clean the body
5. What is a sarcophagus?
 - a. An illness
 - b. A coffin
 - c. A large pyramid
6. What did they put in the pyramid with the pharaoh?
 - a. Stories about the pharaoh's life
 - b. What they thought he needed in the afterlife
 - c. Beetles to clean the pyramid



- **Title:** The 86th Village
- **Author:** Sena Desai Gopal
- **Page Count:** 261


- "Gopal's story pulsates with warmth and humanity: Love redeems and hope floats even while everything else might drown."
- —Sumi Hahn, The Mermaid from Jeju



BOOK NOOK

Throughout Southern India, 86 villages are set to completely [submerge](#) due to a government-sanctioned dam across the Krishna River. One such village, Nilgi, has so far avoided the illegal iron-ore mining and floods that have [ravaged](#) the district for decades, believing itself to be [indestructible](#) and [incorruptible](#) despite warnings of impending doom. One night, Reshma, a young orphan girl, appears alone in the village. Her presence, and the mystery of her origins, sets off a chain of events threatening the protests, the family, and Nilgi itself. Soon, secrets and corruption flood the village along with the waters.

This is an ebook. You can find it here:
<https://ocpl.overdrive.com/media/8732020>


Click here to read a note
from the author and
explore her website!

Word Game

HINT: THIS CLASSIC GHOST STORY HAS BEEN ADAPTED INTO MANY MOVIES AND IS THE PERFECT STORY FOR OCTOBER!

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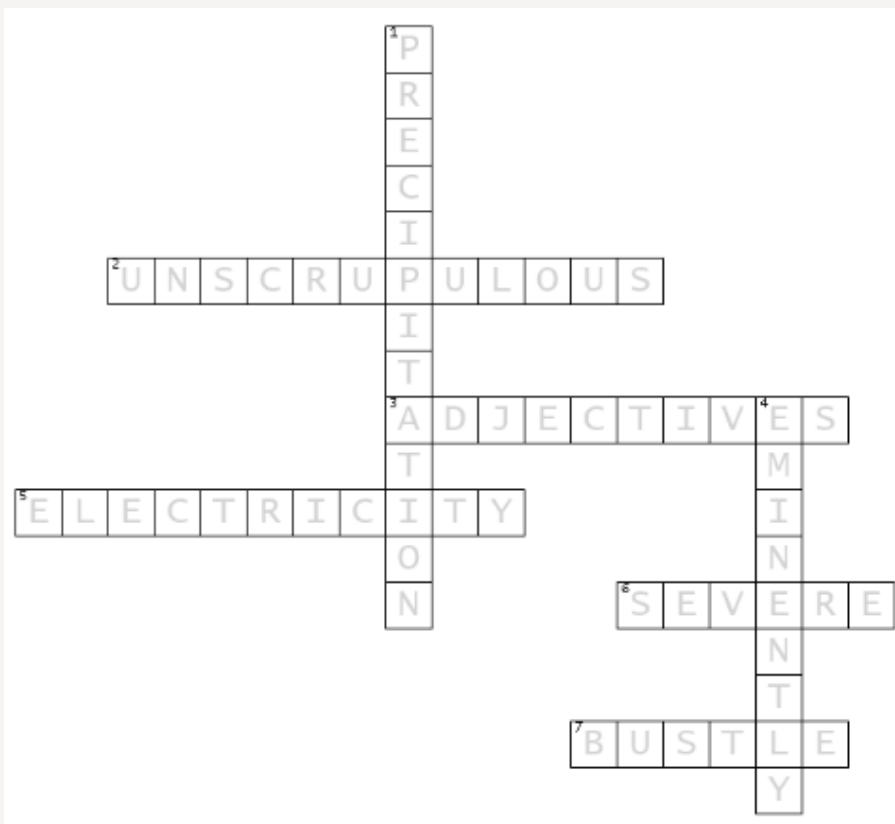
WORD BANK

harvest
horseman
schoolmaster

haunting
jack-o-lantern
suitors

headless
legend
superstitious

Last Month's Answer Key



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

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Stormy Weather

1. c. Low-pressure
2. a. Rain, sleet, hail, or snow
3. b. When cooler air meets warm, wet air
4. b. Electrical charges in the clouds separate
5. a. Earthquakes
6. c. Federal Emergency Management Agency

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 OC Public Libraries' 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.

Cover to Cover



Join the In-N-Out Cover to Cover Club! From October 1 to November 12, kids who read five books will earn a free hamburger or cheeseburger.

Program Details:

- Children between the ages of 4 and 12 can participate. Parents may read to children who are unable to read themselves.
- Children will receive a reading log to keep track of books they have completed.
- After completing five books, children will receive an Achievement Award, which is valid for one free hamburger or cheeseburger at any In-N-Out location.
- Children can read up to 15 books, for a total of three Achievement Awards during the program duration.
- One Achievement Award per child per visit. No awards issued on the day of sign-up.
- Achievement Awards should be claimed at the same library where you registered.

Contact your library for more details!