

— This Month in —

OC READ

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Literacy Fact:

According to researchers, regular reading makes you more [empathetic](#). Reading helps you see things from other people's points of view!



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Mon - Thurs 10 AM to 7 PM
Fri - Sat 9 AM to 5 PM

WINTER IS COMING

In Orange County, snow comes to us on holiday cards, winter decorations, and sometimes sugar cookies! The weather is quite different for many parts of our country, including Colorado. People usually think the snowiest month of the year for Colorado is during the winter, but Mother Nature is not so predictable! Colorado usually gets the most snow in March. The residents of Silver Lake, Colorado received a record-breaking snowfall between April 14 and April 15, 1921, with over 6 feet of snow. Within a 24-hour period, they were covered with more snow than any place in the US. By the time the storm had passed, the residents of Silver Lake were left shoveling almost 8 feet of snow!





BIOGRAPHY CORNER

Why I Love Literacy by Melissa



I have wanted to be a writer since 5th grade. I even started trying to write a book back then! Words, books, and stories have always [fascinated](#) me. All that reading made me good at spelling, too.

Then, when I was 29, I had a [surgery](#) that made me forget how to spell! I had to learn how to write all over again. It took a lot of work, but I kept trying. Now, I get to help other people with their reading and writing. I love to see other people reach their literacy goals!

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 are accepted on a rolling basis and will be featured.



Don't forget your copy of

NEWS FOR YOU

Weekly news for
adult learners!

Free copies are
available.

We have:

- Current issues
- Back issues
- Reading/Writing exercises



To request a copy, call
OC Read at 714.566.3070.

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Beyond Boundaries Tutoring (BBT)

Tuesday, December 6 @ 1 PM

Virtual Meeting

To RSVP, contact OC Read

December's topic will be online resources for learners who want to improve their English literacy (reading, writing, speaking, and listening). We'll look at two websites you can use to add a bit of digital literacy to your English literacy meetings! Please come prepared to discuss other ESL-friendly resources with your fellow tutors.

Device Advice

Monday through Saturday during regular business hours

In-person and Virtual Meetings are available

Call OC Read to schedule an appointment

Device Advice is available to all OC Read tutors, regardless of your meeting status! If you have a tech question, call our office and speak to one of our librarians to schedule a Device Advice appointment. We can help you find the answer to most of your basic technology questions. Keep in mind, we can't help you set up or fix a device, but we can help with things like:

- Creating a new email account
- Learning how to use Google Meet
- Downloading audiobooks from Libby and from New Readers Press
- How to bookmark/favorite websites
- How to attach files, pictures, and other documents to correspondence

... and much, much more! If you don't see your question above, that's okay. Call us anyway and ask if it's something we cover.



Tutoring Tip

Fluency Matters

Many people think fluency means the speed at which someone reads. This is an oversimplification! Fluency is the combination of the smoothness, pace, and accuracy with which someone reads. Or, in more scientific terms, fluency = accuracy x rate.

Fluency plays an important role in being a strong reader. Research has proven that inaccurate reading (reading below 95% accuracy) limits comprehension. Comprehension is also limited by inefficient, slow, laborious reading, or reading too fast. A lack of fluency contributes to a lack of motivation to read, fewer words read, a smaller vocabulary, and ultimately, to limited comprehension in a self-perpetuating cycle.

So, how can you help? If your learner struggles to decode words, help them master letter-sound relationships. If they read too quickly, help them slow down by using their finger to track their place and train themselves to not move their eyes off the page or skip ahead. If your learner needs to build their vocabulary, read widely with them, so they can be exposed to new words and internalize their meanings.

Your goal is to get your learner to about 95% accuracy when they read independently. At 95% accuracy, your learner can spend less time figuring out words (how to read them, what they mean), and more time on comprehension!

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Resources

- ✓ [Slow Down! Helping Students Who Read Too Fast](#)
- ✓ [Teach Your Monster to Read Digital Letter-Sound Flashcards](#)

Take a Deeper Dive

Watch this webinar presented by Dr. Jan Hasbrouck, whose research drives our current understanding of reading fluency.

Link: youtu.be/CGzQ97hh3IU

Runtime: 49:17 minutes

This webinar counts for training time on your monthly report! When submitting your next report:

1. Enter 1 hour of Tutor Training Time.
2. Respond to the following question under 'Any Additional Comments or Suggestions': Hasbrouck and Glaser came up with a guideline for judging the quality of fluency instruction. What are the Triple A's?

You must watch the video and answer the question to get the full hour of credit.

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Learner Leadership Table

Saturday, November 12 @ 9 AM
Virtual Event
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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.

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- How to add attachments

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

Recycled Book Crafts

Saturday, December 3 @ 10:30 AM
In-Person Event at Tustin Library
345 E. Main Street, Tustin, CA 92780
No RSVP required

Join us for crafting at the Tustin Library! Participants will have the option of making flowers or handmade cards from recycled books. All materials will be provided. This program is intended for adults and their teenage, or older, family members.



Click on the picture to see the flyer!
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Canvas Painting Program

See the flyers for specific dates and locations
In-Person Events at various OC Public Libraries branches
To RSVP, contact OC Read or one of the hosting branches

Hosted by Orange County based artist, Maria "Chuy" Sandoval. Participants will create a seasonal landscape painting on canvas. All supplies will be provided. Space is limited. This program is intended for participants ages 12 and up.

Click on the picture to see the flyers!



Family Literacy Tip



BOOST LITERACY WITH GRAPHIC NOVELS

Did you know that graphic novels have many of the same [components](#) and require many of the same skills as traditional novels, but with fewer words?

Reluctant readers can get into graphic novels because they are fun to look at and they tell the story in a visual manner. But don't think that just because there are more pictures, you don't practice important literacy skills with these books!

Graphic novels help readers learn about sequencing, nonverbal cues, elements of plot, and [inferences](#). They also help increase readers' vocabulary and improve their reading comprehension.

Check out the green box to the right to see just some of the graphic novels that OCPL has to offer.

[Source](#)

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POPULAR GRAPHIC NOVELS FOR KIDS

- ✓ [Dog Man series](#) by Dav Pilkey
- ✓ [The Baby-Sitters Club Graphix series](#)
- ✓ [New Kid](#) by Jerry Craft
- ✓ [Magic Treehouse the Graphic Novel series](#)

GRAPHIC NOVELS VS. COMICS

Graphic novels often have one main story that lasts the whole book. Comics are usually shorter and tend to come out once or twice a month.



READING COMPREHENSION

MOUNT VESUVIUS

Mount Vesuvius (vuh-soo-vee-uhs) is a volcano near Naples in Italy. It is an active volcano, which means that it still erupts today. In fact, it has erupted at least 21 times since 1631. Back then, it killed approximately (uh-prok-suh-mit-lee) 3,000 people, but today, almost 3 million people live near it!

The most famous eruption (ih-ruh-p-shun) of Mount Vesuvius was in 79 AD. That eruption buried the whole city of Pompeii. A writer named Pliny the Younger described the massive cloud of ash from the volcano. Scientists think that it was 20 miles high! If the cloud were stretched along the ground, that means it would reach all the way from Anaheim to Mission Viejo.


The city of Pompeii was only rediscovered (ree-dih-skuh-verd) in 1748, more than 1600 years later. The city was buried by 12 layers of ash and soil. This kept everything under it in good condition. Archaeologists (ahr-kee-ol-uh-jists), or scientists who study how people lived in the past, learned a lot about Pompeii and the way people lived back then.

QUESTIONS

1. Where is Mount Vesuvius located?
 - a. In Rome
 - b. 21 miles from Hawaii
 - c. Near Naples, Italy
2. What is an active volcano?
 - a. A volcano on the mainland of Europe
 - b. A volcano that still erupts today
 - c. A volcano that does cardio
3. How many times has Mount Vesuvius erupted since 1631?
 - a. At least 21
 - b. 14
 - c. Over 79
4. How tall do scientists think the ash cloud from Vesuvius was?
 - a. As tall as the Empire State Building
 - b. As tall as Supreme Scream at Knott's Berry Farm
 - c. As tall as the distance from Anaheim to Mission Viejo
5. How long did it take before Pompeii was found again?
 - a. 12 decades
 - b. More than 1600 years
 - c. Over 2,000 years
6. What does an archaeologist study?
 - a. How people lived in the past
 - b. The city of Rome
 - c. Volcanoes



- **Title:** Goodbye, Things: The New Japanese Minimalism
- **Author:** Fumio Sasaki
- **Page Count:** 272
- "The best-selling phenomenon from Japan that shows us a minimalist life is a happy life."
- —Publisher



Want to dive deeper into Goodbye, Things? Click here to listen to the author speaking about the book.

(Runtime: 57 minutes)

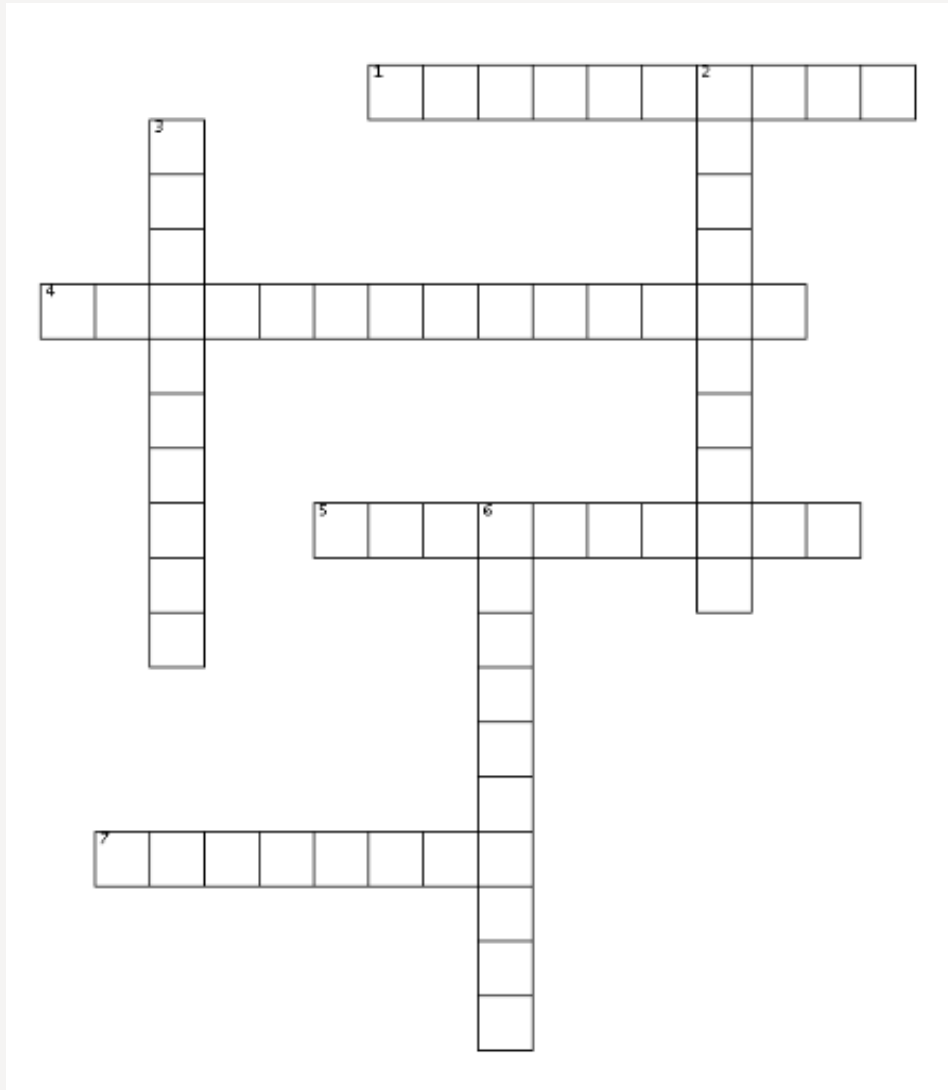
BOOK NOOK

Fumio Sasaki is not an enlightened [minimalism](#) expert or organizing guru like Marie Kondo—he's just a regular guy who was stressed out and constantly comparing himself to others, until one day he decided to change his life by saying goodbye to everything he didn't absolutely need. The effects were remarkable: Sasaki gained true freedom, new focus, and a real sense of gratitude for everything around him. In *Goodbye, Things* Sasaki modestly shares his personal minimalist experience, offering specific tips on the minimizing process and revealing how the new minimalist movement can not only transform your space but truly enrich your life. The benefits of a minimalist life can be realized by anyone, and Sasaki's humble vision of true happiness will open your eyes to minimalism's potential.

This is an ebook. You can find it here:
ocpl.overdrive.com/media/2833406

Word Game

HINT: ALL OF THE WORDS CAN BE FOUND IN THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER!



CLUES

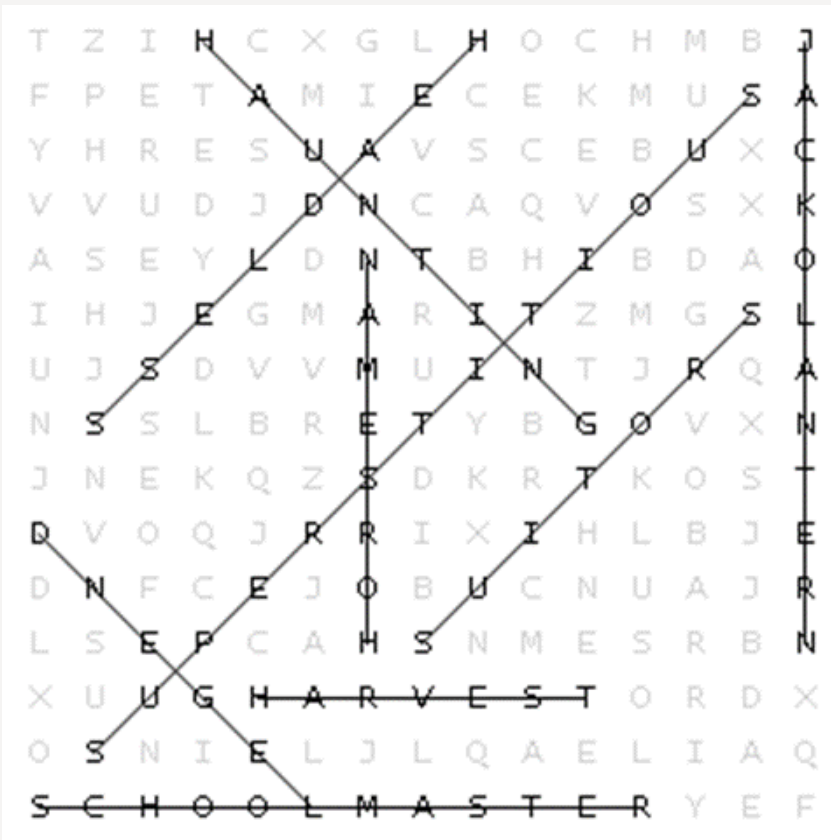
ACROSS

1. the parts, elements, or ingredients of something
4. scientists who study how people lived in the past
5. a lifestyle that reduces or simplifies having physical things
7. a sudden explosion, such as of molten rock

DOWN

2. identifying with the emotions or thoughts of others
3. strongly interested or intrigued by something
6. conclusions formed from evidence (but not usually stated)

Last Month's Answer Key



WORD GAME

Did you guess it? The story was *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* by Washington Irving. You can find the audiobook [here](#).

Word Bank

1. harvest
2. haunting
3. headless
4. horseman
5. jack-o-lantern
6. legend
7. schoolmaster
8. suitors
9. superstitious

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Making Mummies

1. c. A ruler like a king
2. a. 70 days
3. c. Lungs, stomach, liver, and guts
4. a. It pulled the moisture out
5. b. A coffin
6. b. What they thought he needed in the afterlife

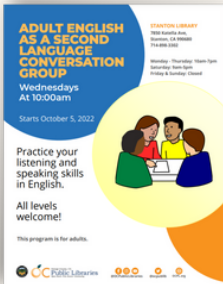
More Programs from OC Public Libraries

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 Stanton, 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!