

# *This Month in* **OC READ**

JANUARY 2023

## Literacy Fact:

If you read one book a day to a child, they will have been read 1,825 books by their 5th birthday.



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Mon - Thurs 10 AM to 7 PM

Fri - Sat 9 AM to 5 PM

## ANOTHER YEAR FLOATS BY

Don't be surprised if you wake up on New Year's Day to discover that the beautiful, world-renowned Rose Parade will not be floating down Colorado Boulevard. This year's 134th Rose Parade and the 109th Rose Bowl Game—otherwise known as the Tournament of Roses—will both take place on Monday, January 2nd, keeping with the "Never on Sunday" tradition that was established in 1893.

The Rose Parade began in 1890 on New Year's Day, and has continued attracting attention annually with marching bands, [equestrian](#) units, and breathtaking floats covered entirely in [flora](#) and natural materials such as seeds, leaves, bark, and every type of flower. So be sure to extend your celebration—welcoming the Rose Parade as it floats by one day late.





## BIOGRAPHY CORNER

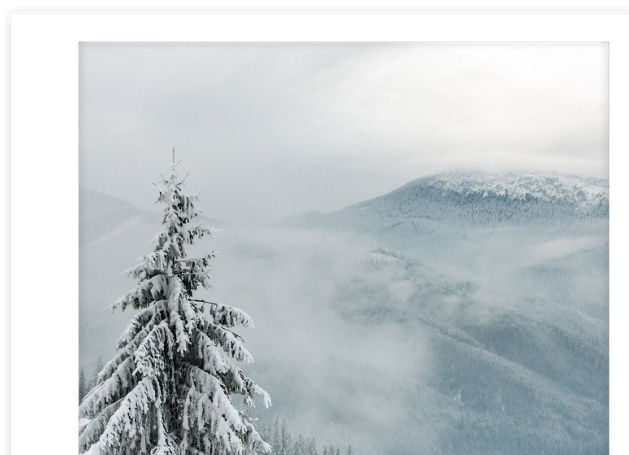


We'll be back  
with the  
biography  
corner next  
month!

### EVERYONE HAS A STORY

Want to be included in the biography corner? Send your biography to [readoc@occr.ocgov.com](mailto: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.





WRITER TO WRITER PARTICIPANTS



# *Congratulations!*



We want to give a special shout out to  
everyone who participated in the  
Writer to Writer challenge from CLLS!

Thank you for all the work that you do!



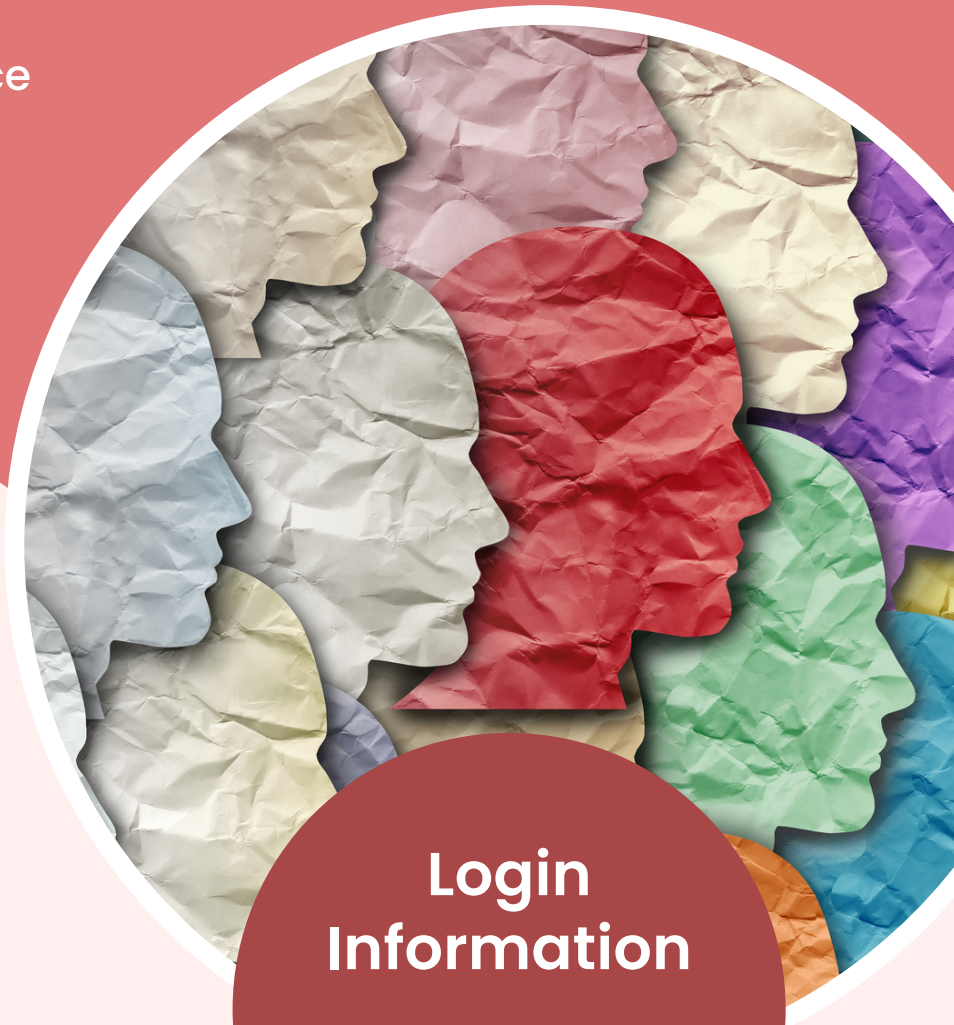
# The Change Agent

An adult education  
magazine for social justice

## What is it?

The Change Agent's mission is to provide a teaching resource that inspires adult educators and learners to make civic participation and [social justice](#) part of their teaching and learning. Each issue of The Change Agent features writings by adult learners for adult learners. Their website includes many additional resources, including audio versions of articles, leveled texts, and extras for each issue.

[changeagent.nelrc.org](http://changeagent.nelrc.org)




## Login Information

Username: CLLS

Password: CLLS

Questions? Call OC Read

 714-566-3070



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)**

### **Special Edition**

**Saturday, January 7 @ 8:30 AM**

**Virtual Meeting**

**To RSVP, contact OC Read**

We're hosting a special BBT meeting in January to talk about the Roles & Goals section of the monthly report. We'll cover how to fill out this section based on guidance from CLLS, and look at a case study to clarify the process of goal setting/reporting/achievement.

Be sure to bring any questions you have about your learner's goals. Staff will be available to help you determine which Roles & Goals goal to set going forward.

## **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

## ADULT New Reader Project

The Adult New Reader Project is a statewide collection of fiction and nonfiction books created in 2022 by Sacramento Public Library with LSTA funding. The Adult New Reader Project collection of 107 high interest, low-level books were written by 74 literacy tutors, staff and learners from 42 CLLS programs across California. The books are [accessible](#) to adult learners of any level. Each book has helpful "Tutor Tips" that provide relevant pre- and post-reading and writing activities for tutors and learners to explore together.

All Adult New Reader books are free to read online. To access these books:

1. Go to [libraryliteracy.org/special-projects/adult-new-reader-project/](https://libraryliteracy.org/special-projects/adult-new-reader-project/)
2. Click on "Adult New Reader Collection List with Description and Links to View and Purchase" under Adult New Reader Resources.
3. Click on the title of the book you want to read. You will be brought to a site called Mixbooks.
4. Ignore the options to purchase the title. Use the little arrows beneath the image of the book to flip through its pages.

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## More Reading Resources

- ✓ [CommonLit](#)
- ✓ [Southwest ABE](#)
- ✓ Call OC Read for a list of available print books written for adult learners.

## Did you know?

CLLS has a [wealth](#) of other resources available, for free, to literacy tutors. We recommend browsing their Tutoring and Tutor Training page:  
[libraryliteracy.org/resources/tutoring-and-tutor-training/](https://libraryliteracy.org/resources/tutoring-and-tutor-training/)

## Certificates

We want to congratulate all of our learners who submitted a Writer to Writer entry! Let us know if your learner wrote a letter so we can send you a Certificate of Accomplishment to share with them. All certificates will be put in the learner's folder at the OC Read office.



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



## Learner Leadership Table

**Saturday January 21 @ 9 AM**

**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.

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- Downloading audiobooks
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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.

## Read With Me – Parent and Child Reading Series

**Saturday, January 14, 21, 28 & February 4 @ 10 AM**

**In-Person Event at Stanton Library**

**7850 Katella Ave., Stanton, CA 90680**

**Call Stanton Library at (714) 898-3302, or OC Read, to register**

Did you know how we read to a child is just as important as how often we read to a child? Join OC Read as they teach and model engaging and effective ways to read together with your children. This 4-week parent and child series includes parent education, child activity, and together time.

Click on the picture to  
see the flyer!





# Family Literacy Tip

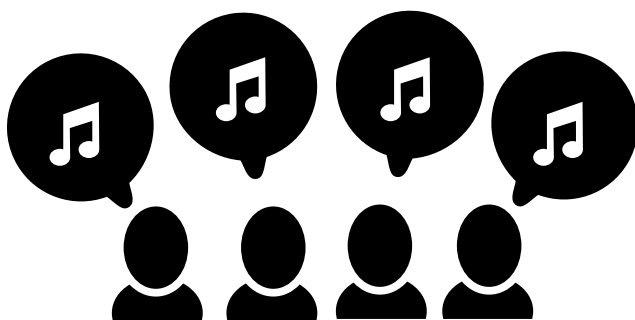


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Silly songs, funny sounds, and nonsense words may cause you to scratch your head and think, "how can this help my child read?" But whatever you do, keep singing!

When we sing with our children, we slow down words and allow them to hear smaller sounds and syllables within larger words. This is the beginning of reading. If the words don't make sense--all the better! The sillier the song, the more likely your child will want to sing it over and over again!

Repetition helps children memorize and creates a foundation for reading. So, enjoy singing silly songs with your children morning, noon, and night!



## OLD MacDonald Had a Farm

This one silly song offers many ways to learn:

- ✓ E-I-E-I-O - Children hear and learn long vowel sounds
- ✓ Moo, Baa, Oink, Neigh - Learning animal sounds is a foundational reading skill
- ✓ Repetition increases memorization

## Did you Know?

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious,  
the incredibly long, nonsense word  
found in Disney's Mary Poppin's  
song, can be broken up into 14  
small syllables!



## READING PRACTICE

Read the article, "Minnesota Town Works Together to Help Injured Farmer" on News For You, then complete the following exercises for a full reading skills workout.

Article: [newsforyouonline.com/minnesota-town-works-together-to-help-injured-farmer](https://newsforyouonline.com/minnesota-town-works-together-to-help-injured-farmer)

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**USE EACH WORD OR PHRASE FROM THE STORY IN A SENTENCE. THEN TALK ABOUT THE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS.**

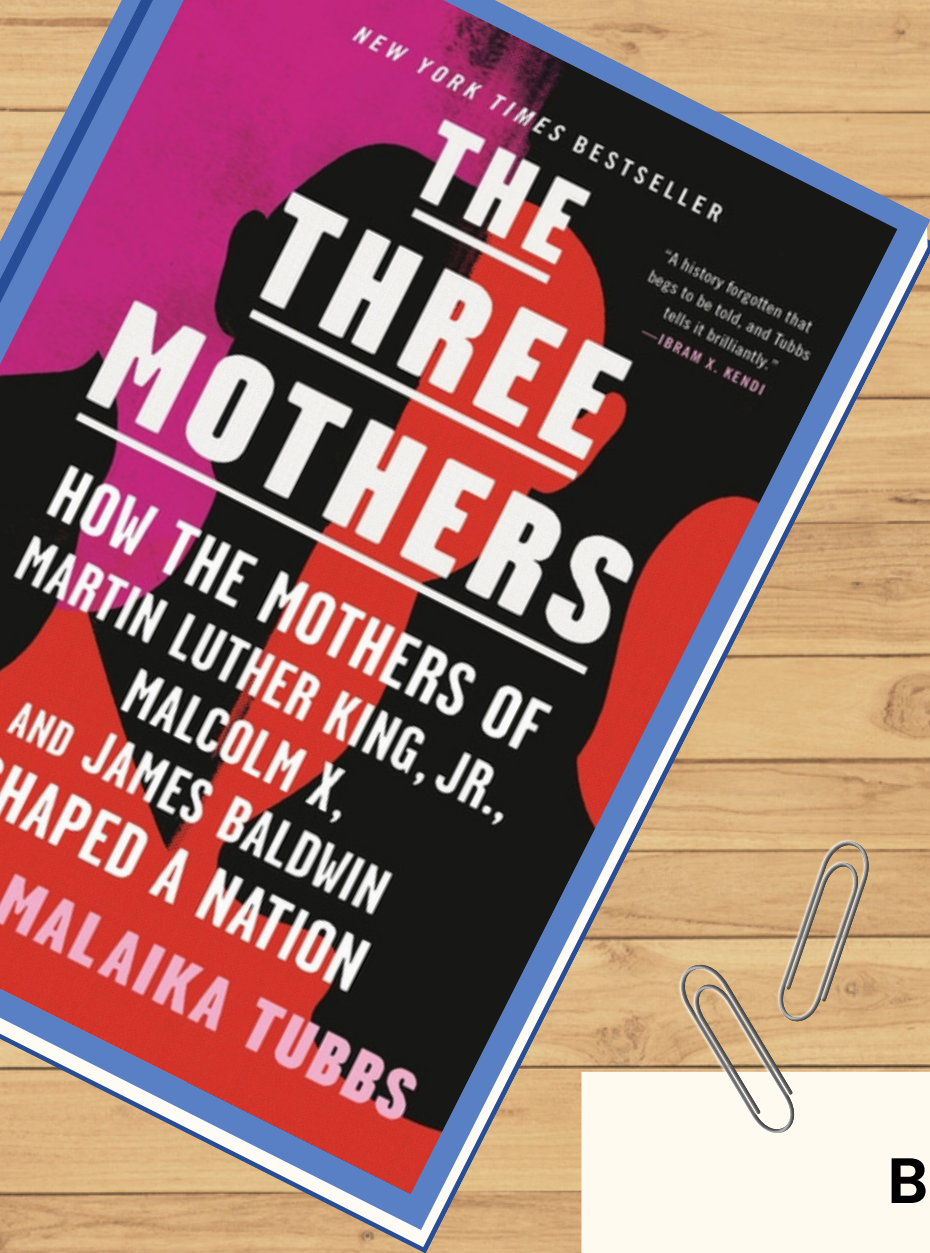
1. ended up \_\_\_\_\_
2. heal \_\_\_\_\_
3. harvest \_\_\_\_\_
4. crops \_\_\_\_\_
5. income \_\_\_\_\_

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Do you think you live in an area where people like to help each other? Why or why not?

Do you live near any farmers?

What types of crops are grown in your area?



- **Title:** The Three Mothers: How the Mothers of Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and James Baldwin Shaped a Nation
- **Author:** Anna Malaika Tubbs
- **Page Count:** 272

- "This dynamic blend of biography and manifesto centers on Louise Little, Alberta King, and Berdis Baldwin . . . Tubbs's book stands against the women's erasure, a monument to their historical importance."
- —The New Yorker



## BOOK NOOK

Berdis Baldwin, Alberta King, and Louise Little were all born at the beginning of the 20th century and forced to contend with the prejudices of Jim Crow as Black women. These three extraordinary women passed their knowledge to their children with the hope of helping them to survive in a society that would deny their humanity from the very beginning. These women used their strength and motherhood to push their children toward greatness, all with a **conviction** that every human being deserves dignity and respect despite the **rampant** discrimination they faced.

These women, their similarities and differences, as individuals and as mothers, represent a piece of history left untold and a celebration of Black motherhood long overdue.

You can find the ebook here:

[ocpl.overdrive.com/media/5460566](https://ocpl.overdrive.com/media/5460566)

Join Anna Malaika Tubbs for a discussion of *The Three Mothers*. Moderated by Traci Parker, Associate Professor of Afro-American Studies at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

(Runtime: 1 hour)

# Word Game

Hint: All of the words in this word search come from Gemma Open Doors book titles. OC Read has multiple copies of many Gemma titles available for use!

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## WORD SEARCH

doodle  
night  
telephone

guide  
queen  
transcriber

islands  
serene  
yankee



# Last Month's Answer Key

## WORD GAME

The name of the game is The Game of Life! Borrow this boardgame by visiting the catalog:  
[catalog.ocpl.org/client/en\\_US/default/search/detailnonmodal/ent:\\$002f\\$002fSD\\_ILS\\$002f0\\$002fSD\\_ILS:1136128/one](https://catalog.ocpl.org/client/en_US/default/search/detailnonmodal/ent:$002f$002fSD_ILS$002f0$002fSD_ILS:1136128/one)

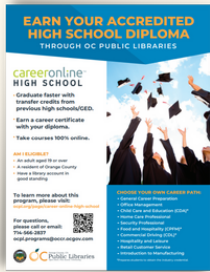


## READING PRACTICE

1. Anna May Wong started acting when she was 14 years old.
2. Wong began acting during the time of silent films.
3. She played a Chinese American doctor in "King of Chinatown."
4. She acted in more than 60 films before her death in 1961.
5. Wong's niece is named Anna after her famous aunt.

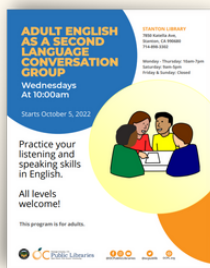
## More Programs from OC Public Libraries

### 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



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.

### Read and Grow: Year Long Reading Challenge



Rise to the challenge of reading and sustainability all year long as you Read & Grow! Cultivate your imagination while you read 100 books, 100 days, or 100 hours. Select your preferred reading challenge and earn badges throughout the year by planting the seed to read.

This reading challenge runs from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.