

— This Month in —

OC READ

FEBRUARY 2023

Literacy Fact:

The American Library Association estimates there are 121,000 libraries in the United States, and at least 165,986 librarians employed across them.



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Mon - Thurs 10 AM to 7 PM

Fri - Sat 9 AM to 5 PM

LOVE YOURSELF; CHANGE YOUR PASSWORD

February 1st marks National Change Your Password Day, and while the thought of remembering one more password may make you groan, research shows it's better to be safe than sorry. In 2013, research found the most popular password used was....drumroll please...123456. Surprised? In 2022, studies revealed the top 3 passwords used were: (1) password, (2) 123456, and (3) 123456789. NordPass, a password management company, revealed that hackers are able to crack these notoriously poor codes within one second.

In a month showered with hearts and love, take a few minutes to love yourself! Changing your passwords protects your assets, guards your personal information, and prevents identify theft. Need helpful tips to change your password? Check out this article on [Creating Good Passwords](#) or contact OC Read to set up a Device Advice appointment.





BIOGRAPHY CORNER

Bio Corner Notes, by Somirah

When I was growing up, there wasn't really any teachers or people in my school teaching me growth mindset. They didn't tell me how failure doesn't mean you'll always fail and it doesn't mean that YOU'RE a failure. It's just a setback to get over. I've always found reading difficult. There wasn't really a space to work at my pace and learning style. Being in a big school in a big community where a lot of children also need help, I was slipping through the cracks. It was their pace or nothing. Because I never found my learning style, I just assumed I could never learn to read.

When I started to research and look into finding an adult reading program, I still wasn't sure if I would be able to accomplish my goal. I Googled "how do adults learn to read." I started reading about other people succeeding from all types of backgrounds, and they all achieved the same goal I wanted. Reading their stories inspired me. After so long carrying that fixed mindset with me, I slowly started to believe I have what it takes to grow.

Calling the OC Read program was me overcoming the mindset of "I cannot do it." Just reading the stories might have inspired me, but when I finally called and spoke with the staff, that's what really gave me confidence because of how knowledgeable, helpful, and kind they were. I started to realize with help, practice, and determination, I can achieve anything I want even if it's hard in the beginning. I'll still probably run into challenges along the way, but if I keep working at it, I'll become more confident and able to achieve any goal I set.

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.



CHANDRA S. STOLIS

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




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)

Wednesday, February 8 @ 12 PM

Virtual Meeting

To RSVP, contact OC Read

SPECIAL EDITION

In case you missed the first one, we're hosting a second special BBT meeting 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.

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

CommonLit

CommonLit's library includes online books and short stories that can be filtered by genre, grade level equivalency/Lexile range, and theme. This is a perfect resource if your learner wants to read broadly but struggles to identify topics to read about!

CommonLit's texts are a mix of fiction and nonfiction titles, that cover topics like geography, history, and science, just to name a few. Click on the *Sample Lessons* links to the right to check out three different free stories you may want to try using with your learner.

Activities are included with each story and range from guiding and assessment questions to discussion prompts.

No account is needed to use CommonLit, though some materials may require you to create a free account in order to access them. If you need help creating an account, give us a call and we'll schedule you for a Device Advice session with one of OC Read's librarians.

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SAMPLE LESSONS

- ✓ *The Jacket* by Gary Soto
- ✓ *Listening to Narwhals* by Linda Zajac
- ✓ *Malala Yousafzai: A normal yet powerful girl* by NPR Staff

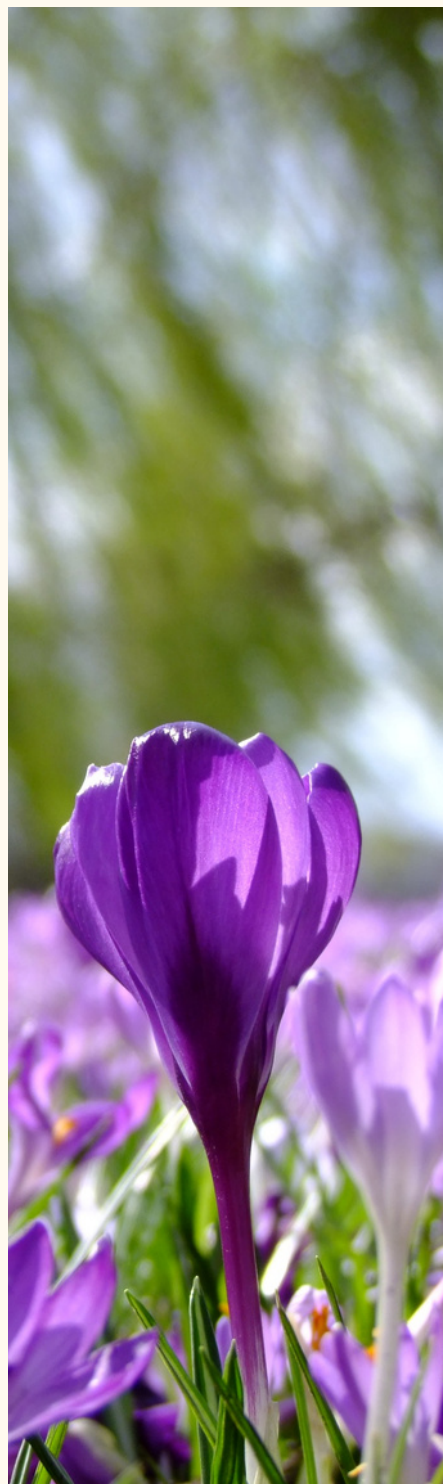
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH Grade Levels?

It can be tempting to assign grade levels to your learner's skills, but this is a big "no" when it comes to adult learning. Grade levels do not apply to adults because we are not in the K-12 school system and real-world materials are not written according to grade-level requirements.

Adult new readers should never be constrained to reading materials that are "level appropriate". Any text can be level appropriate with the right amount of support from a tutor.

One of the biggest hurdles for adult new readers is gaining enough confidence in their own skills to tackle a "real" book. Show your learner that they can read more than they think they can with techniques like echo reading, duet reading, and other support-based activities.

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



News For You

Saturday, February 4 @ 1 PM

Virtual Event

To RSVP, contact OC Read

Join OC Read staff for a 1-hour casual tutoring session where we'll read through the *News For You* article *Coin by Coin, Experts Learn More About Famous Pirate's Escape*, answer reading exercise questions, and practice writing one-sentence responses to five vocabulary words.

Link to article: newsforyouonline.com/coin-by-coin-experts-learn-more-about-famous-pirate%E2%80%99s-escape

Tutors and learners are welcome to attend News For You together or separately.

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Read With Me – Parent and Child Reading Series

Saturday, 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 parent and child program includes parent education, child activity, and together time.

Click on the picture to
see the flyer!



Family Literacy Tip



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Once Upon a Rhyme

Once upon a time, nursery rhymes were recited in every home—exposing babies and toddlers to silly songs and fingerplays—every sentence ending with a similar sound.

Today, educators recognize the importance of rhymes as a valuable tool in developing early literacy skills. Hearing and using rhymes help children learn letter sounds, increase oral language, build vocabulary, and develop foundational reading skills.

Check out a book of nursery rhymes at your local library and enjoy chanting and singing them over and over again!



Rhyming Games to Play



Find the Rhyme:

Can you find something in the room that rhymes with cat?

Let your child look for items such as a hat, bat or mat.



Fill in the Blank:

Twinkle, twinkle, little star.

How I wonder what you ___?

Child guesses the missing word.

Did you Know?

Mary Had a Little Lamb, was written in 1815 in Sterling, Massachusetts when Mary Elizabeth Sawyer's pet lamb followed her to school and hid under her desk. Fellow classmate, John Roulstone, penned the poem after observing her and the lamb.

Credit: [ModernFarmer.com](https://www.modernfarmer.com)



READING PRACTICE

Read the article, "Switzerland Sets New Record for World's Longest Train" on News For You, then complete the following exercises for a full reading skills workout.

Article: newsforyouonline.com/switzerland-sets-new-record-for-world%E2%80%99s-longest-train

Password: 0d1d44

PROPER NOUNS NAME SPECIFIC PEOPLE, PLACES, OR THINGS. THEY USUALLY START WITH A CAPITAL LETTER. WRITE THE CORRECT PROPER NOUN FROM THE BOX TO COMPLETE EACH SENTENCE BELOW.

Rhaetian

Alps

UNESCO

Swiss

Renato Fasciati

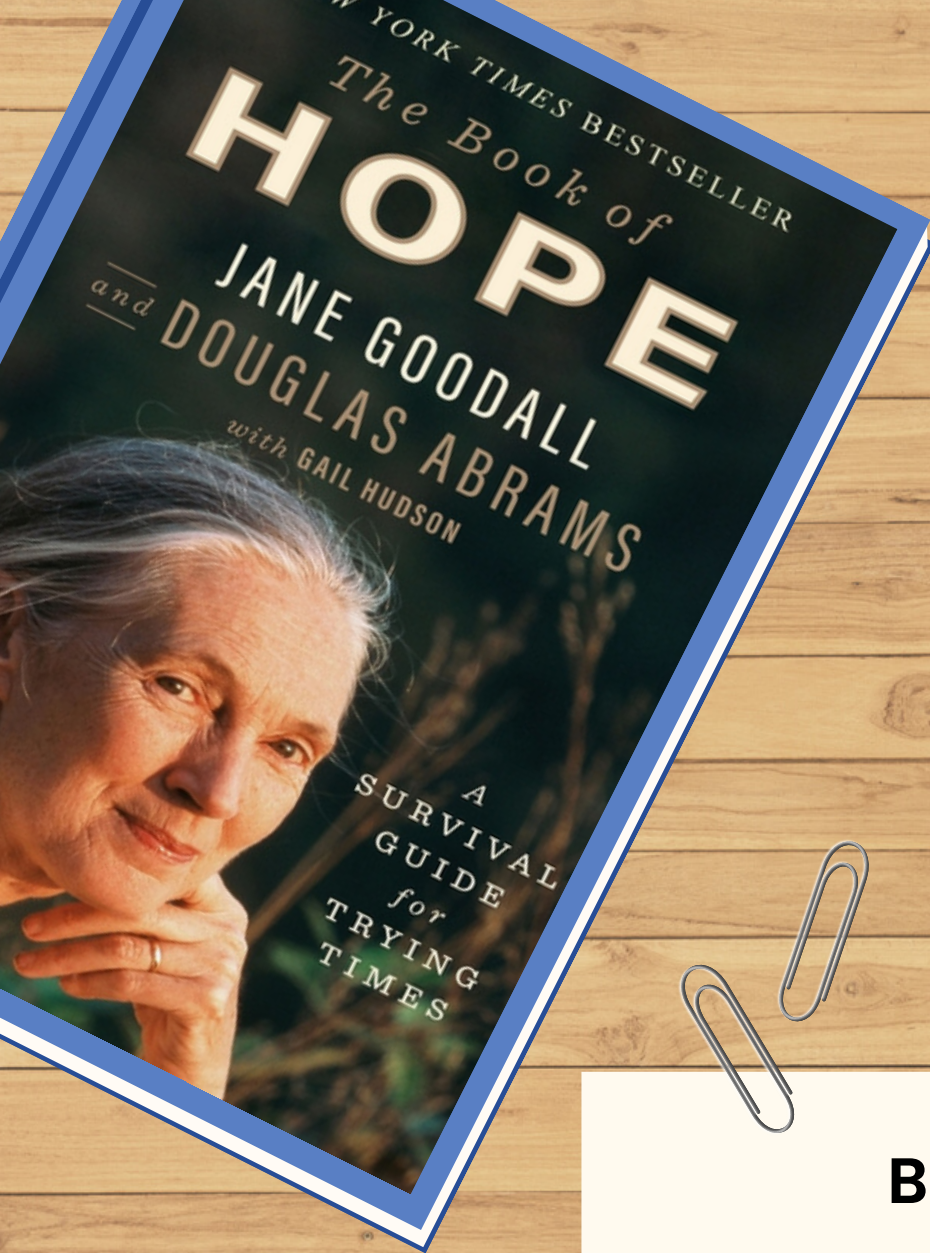
1. In 2008, the route was named a _____ World Heritage site.
2. The tracks go through the _____ .
3. _____ runs the Rhaetian Railway line.
4. He said the record attempt was made to honor 175 years of _____ railways.
5. The _____ train first went on the tracks this fall.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Have you ever been on a train for a long time?

Do you like to travel by train? Why or why not?

Would you want to travel on the world's longest passenger train? Why or why not?



- **Title:** The Book of Hope
- **Author:** Jane Goodall and Douglas Abrams
- **Page Count:** 272
- "Goodall, world-renowned naturalist, humanist, and environmental advocate, is hope incarnate."
- - Booklist Review



BOOK NOOK

In a world that seems so troubled, how do we hold on to hope?

In this urgent book, Jane Goodall, the world's most famous living naturalist, and Douglas Abrams, the internationally bestselling co-author of *The Book of Joy*, explore through intimate and thought-provoking dialogue one of the most sought after and least understood elements of human nature: hope.

The Book of Hope is a rare and intimate look not only at the nature of hope but also into the heart and mind of a woman who revolutionized how we view the world around us and has spent a lifetime fighting for our future.

You can find the ebook here:

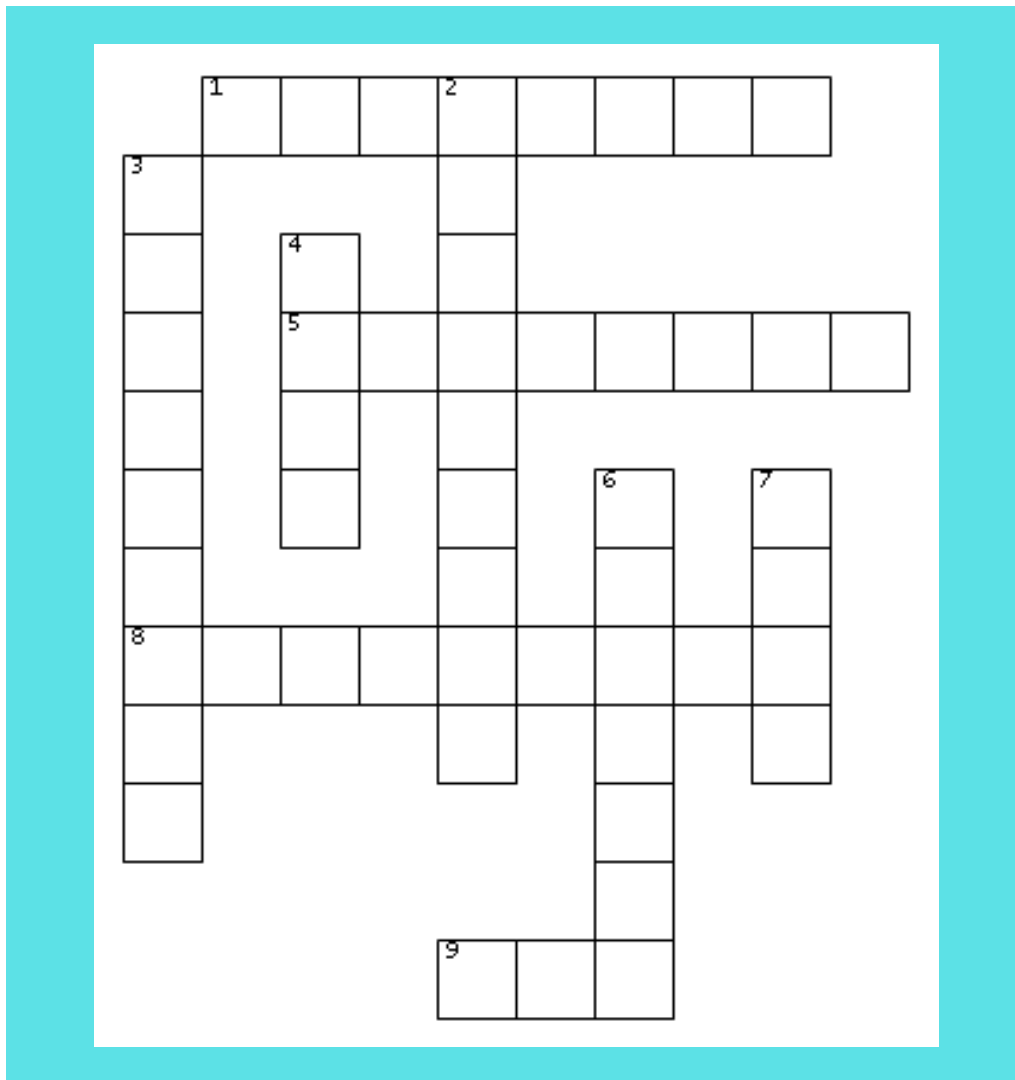
<https://ocpl.overdrive.com/media/5969883>

Watch Naturalist Jane Goodall join L.A. Times Book Club readers to discuss her work and "The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times."

(Runtime: 1 hour 1 minute)

Word Game

Hint: All of the words in this crossword are from the CommonLit story, Guion Bluford by Linda Barr. Read the story at: commonlit.org/en/texts/guion-bluford



CROSSWORD

Across

1. Married to Bluford
5. After college, Bluford joined the _____ to become a pilot
8. This word means to make someone feel hope about doing something
9. Bluford's nickname

Down

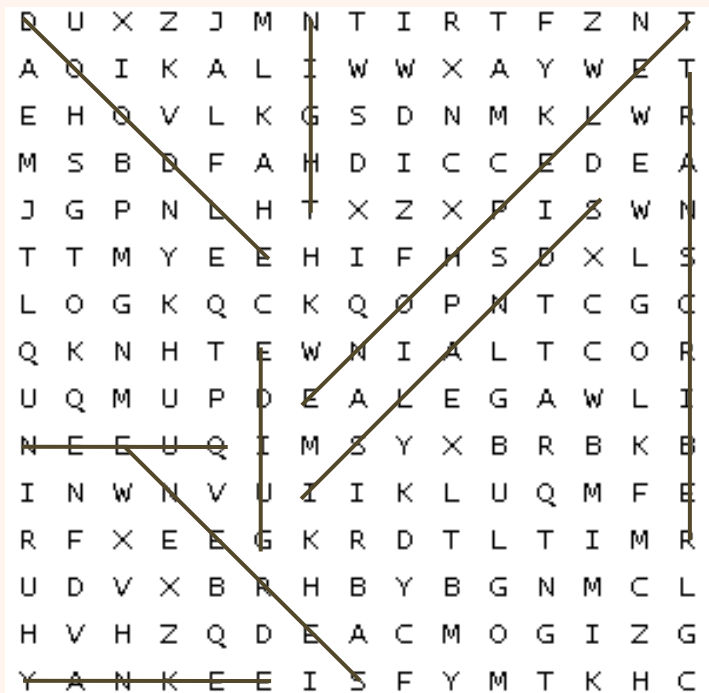
2. The word for Bluford's job
3. Name of the shuttle that Bluford flew on in December 1992
4. Name of the U.S. space program
6. There is no _____ in space, which is why things and people can float
7. This word means a group of people who work on a plane, ship, or spaceship

Last Month's Answer Key

WORD GAME

The words in this word search puzzle all came from the following Gemma Open Doors book titles:

Yankee Doodle
The Night Telephone
A Girls' Guide to the Islands
Queen Serene
The Transcriber



READING PRACTICE

For this article, you were asked to use each word in a phrase. Here are some sample phrases.

1. ended up We ended up ordering pizza.
2. heal Doctors heal the sick.
3. harvest The farmer had a good harvest.
4. crops Crops are grown on farms.
5. income Jane got a new job with good income.

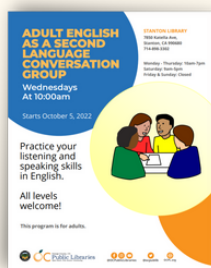
More Programs from OC Public Libraries

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.

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.