

— This Month in —

OC READ

MARCH 2023

Literacy Fact:

There is a word for the smell and aroma of a good book. That word is *bibliosmia*. Did you know that *biblio-* is a common word part often found at the start of a word? It comes from the Greek word *biblíon*, which means "book".



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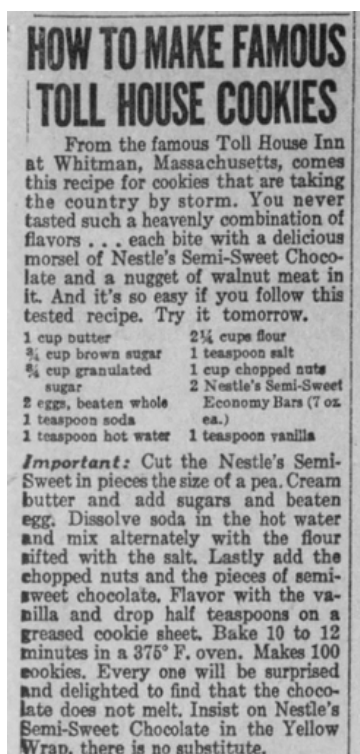
Mon - Thurs 10 AM to 7 PM

Fri - Sat 9 AM to 5 PM

HOW THE COOKIE CRUMBLES

While you may not recall the name Ruth Graves Wakefield, chances are you've tasted her most famous invention—the chocolate chip cookie! Originally called the Toll House Chocolate Crunch Cookie, owner and chef of the famous Toll House Inn located in Whitman, Massachusetts, Ruth chopped up a Nestle chocolate bar with an icepick and dropped them into her cookie dough assuming the chocolate would melt. To her surprise the chocolate chunks retained their shape, and her delicious cookies became world famous.

In 1939 Ruth sold Nestle the rights to reproduce her recipe in exchange for a lifetime of free chocolate. Celebrate National Chocolate Chip Cookie Week, March 5 - 11, 2023, by baking a batch of the classic recipe still printed on the package of Nestle's Toll House Semi-Sweet Morsels.





BIOGRAPHY CORNER

My English Reading, Part 1 by Sungeun

I do not remember when we started to read the “Who Was series”. I read a lot of books with my tutor.

We read about Helen Keller, Anne Frank, Amelia Earhart, Eleanor Roosevelt, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Rosa Parks, Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr., Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, and Thomas Jefferson. Wow!

When I was a high school student I really liked to study about world history. So whenever I had a history test, my friends who could not study enough, gathered around me to hear about the history in test range. So when I read about the life of these great men and women with Holly, I didn’t feel like it was boring. I think my teacher also enjoyed it.

Specially, I learned many things about American history from the reading. Unfortunately, I almost forgot the details of what I read about, however, I can remember two things.

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.

*Sungeun's story continues
in the April edition of the
OC Read newsletter!*

BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

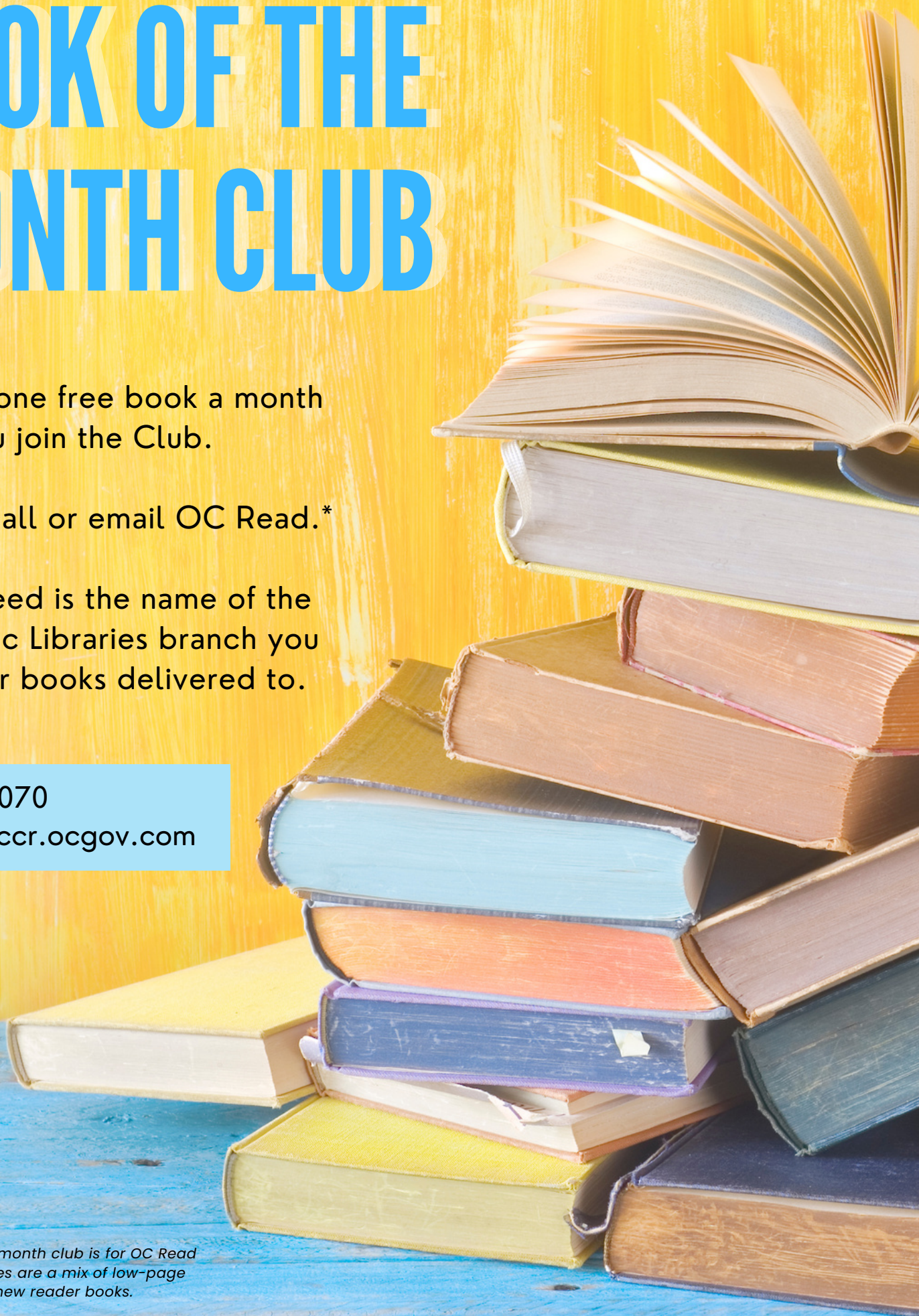
Receive one free book a month
when you join the Club.

To join, call or email OC Read.*

All we need is the name of the
OC Public Libraries branch you
want your books delivered to.

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*The book of the month club is for OC Read
learners only. Titles are a mix of low-page
count and adult new reader books.



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, March 15 @ 5:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

To RSVP, contact OC Read

This month's BBT discussion will cover *News For You*. This is a great resource if your learner is interested in reading the news but finds formal newspapers intimidating.

As always, attending a BBT meeting counts as one hour towards your required Tutor Training Time. Staff will take attendance during the meeting. Please remember to mark one hour of Tutor Training Time on your monthly report.

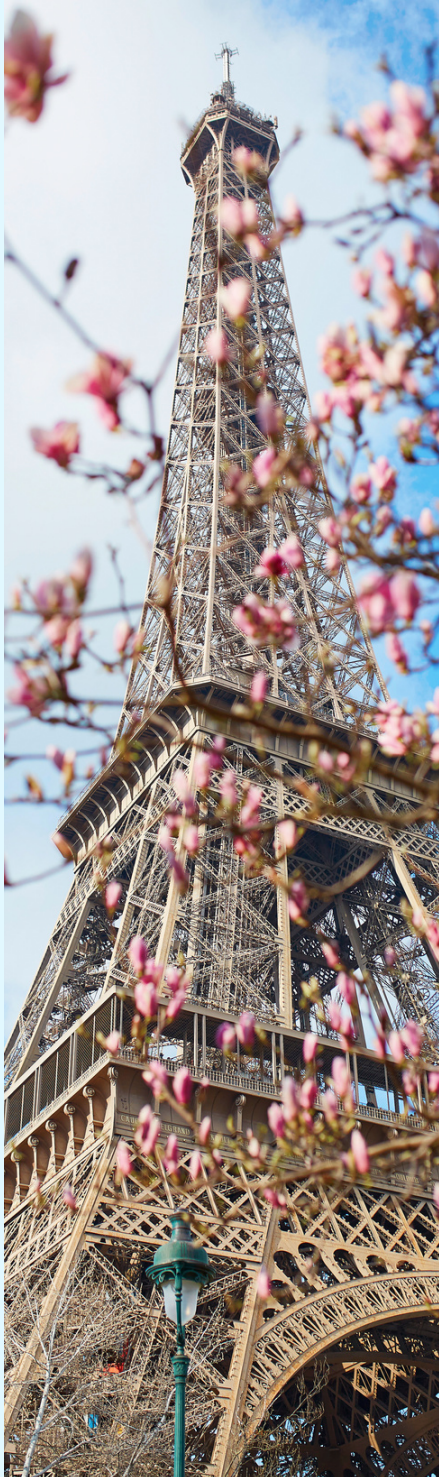
Device Advice

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.



Tutoring Tip

Tutor Ready Reading

Want to expand your tutor toolkit with new reading practice activities? You're in luck!

The San José Public Library's Partners in Reading program and Santa Clara City Library's Read Santa Clara program have created a series of videos that take you through lesson ideas for core literacy skill development:

- Alphabetics
- Phonics
- Decoding words in isolation and in context
- Sight Words
- Fluency
- Vocabulary
- Teaching difficult words
- Selecting words to pre-teach
- Signal words
- Building a word bank
- Comprehension strategies
- KWLN chart
- Titles, headings, graphics, pictures, and summaries
- Making predictions
- Scanning
- Skimming
- Think aloud
- Mind mapping

All of these videos can be found by following the *Tutor Ready Reading* link on the OC Read Resources page. Just look for the heading *Videos*!

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resources

- ✓ [OC Read Resources page](#)
- ✓ [Tutor Ready Reading direct link](#)
- ✓ [Tutor Ready Writing direct link](#)

Déjà vu

Does the tip this month seem familiar? That's because the Tutor Ready Reading and Tutor Ready Writing video collections have always been available!

We also recently emailed about an opportunity to join a webinar where someone would be going over the companion collection of these videos, titled Tutor Ready Writing. If you were unable to register for that meeting, don't worry. These videos are designed to be user-friendly, and you can always find the link to both collections on the OC Read Resources page.

If you watch an hour's worth of videos from either collection, be sure to include that time in your monthly report under Tutor Training Time. Put the title of the videos you watched in the comments section of your report to receive credit.

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

News For You

Friday, March 10 @ 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 *Chickens Can't Fly, but Egg Prices Soar*, answer reading exercise questions, and practice writing one-sentence responses to five vocabulary words.

Link to article: newsforyouonline.com/chickens-can%E2%80%99t-fly-but-egg-prices-soar

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Essentials of Financial Literacy

Coming in April

Monday, April 3, 10, 17 & 24 @ 6 PM

In-Person Event

Tustin Library: 345 E Main Street, Tustin CA 92780

To RSVP, contact OC Read

Join OC Read and the Financial Planning Association of Orange County for an hour of financial literacy basics! **Learners and tutors are welcome to attend together or separately.**

This four-part series will cover everything you need to know to feel more confident managing your money. Workshops will cover the following topics:

- Goals & Budgeting
- Building Credit & Managing Debt
- Saving & Investing
- Homeownership & Protecting Your Assets



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

World Storytelling Day

Monday, March 20 @ 11 AM (La Habra Library) and 4 PM (El Toro Library)
In-Person Event

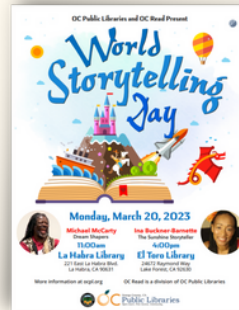
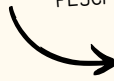
La Habra Library: 221 East La Habra Blvd, La Habra, CA 90631

El Toro Library: 24672 Raymond Way, Lake Forest, CA 92630

No registration required

Bring the whole family to celebrate World Storytelling Day. Captivating Storytellers, Michael McCarty and Ina the Sunshine Storyteller, will keep you spellbound with the oral tradition of passing stories from one generation to the next.

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FLYER!



PBS SoCal Math Counting Workshops

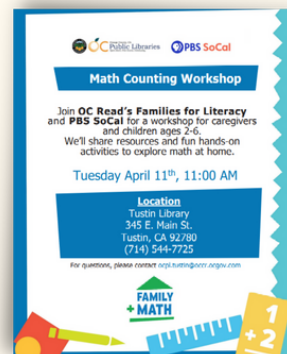
Coming in April

See the flyer for dates, times, and locations

In-Person Event

Join OC Public Libraries and PBS SoCal for a hands-on workshop for caregivers and children ages 2-6. We'll share resources and fun activities to explore math at home.

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A SNAPSHOT: READ WITH ME

Program dates: January-February 2023

READ WITH ME

OC Read's Families for Literacy division recently piloted a new program at the Stanton Library called Read With Me. Read With Me is a 4-week Parent & Child series designed to teach and model engaging ways for families to read together. Read With Me emphasizes that *how you read* with a child is just as important as *how often you read* to a child. Each week featured a different topic including Reading Together, Interactive Reading, Reading Aloud, and Reading and Playing Together.



Attending families participated in parent education, skill-building activities, and reading together during an interactive storytime. At the end of each class, families left with a new picture book to build their home libraries.

Fun Ways to Read

Did you know when children are having fun in a safe environment, their brain develops new connections making it easier to learn?

Try using these fun and engaging reading tips modeled in Read With Me:

- Read using silly voices--soft, loud, whisper, or funny character voices.
- Use prompt questions, such as, "What color is the toad?"
- Read together as a duet or have your child echo you after each line in the story.
- Play fun learning games as a family.

**Read With Me will take place at the
La Habra Library during the month of May.
Register by calling OC Read 714-566-3070**





READING PRACTICE

Read the article, "Washington, D.C., Gets Rid of 'Red Tape'" on News For You, then complete the following exercises for a full reading skills workout.

Article: newsforyouonline.com/washington-d.c.-gets-rid-of-%E2%80%9Cred-tape%E2%80%9D

Password: 0d1d44

THE STORY SAYS THAT "RED TAPE" REFERS TO RULES THAT SLOW THINGS DOWN. WHEN DO YOU HAVE PROBLEMS WITH RED TAPE? TALK ABOUT YOUR ANSWER WITH YOUR TUTOR. USE THE LINES BELOW TO TAKE NOTES.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

If you are from another country, do you think there is more red tape in the U.S. or in your home country?

Would you want to buy the red tape at the Archives gift shop?

Word Game

All of the words in this word search come from The Change Agent article "My Neighbor". You can read the article by following these steps:

1. Go to changeagent.nelrc.org
2. Login with Username: CLLS and Password: CLLS
3. Click on the cover of Issue 57
4. Under *Title*, click on Read + Listen next to "My Neighbor"

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WORD SEARCH

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introvert

extrovert
organic
vegetables

snow
hardly
friendly

Last Month's Answer Key

WORD GAME

The words in this crossword puzzle all came from the CommonLit article, Guion Bluford by Linda Barr:

Across

1. LinaTull
2. Airforce
3. Encourage
4. Guy

Down

5. Astronaut
6. Discovery
7. NASA
8. Gravity
9. Crew

READING PRACTICE

In last month's article, you were asked to write the correct proper noun from the box to complete each sentence.

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

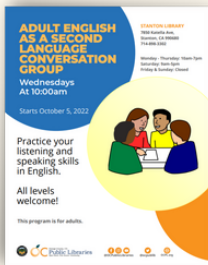
More Programs from OC Public Libraries

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.

Kinderpalooza



Join OC Public Libraries at any Kinderpalooza event and enjoy performances, photo opportunities with storybook characters, early learning activity stations, giveaways, and resources from our many community partners!

See the flyer for more information, including dates, times, and locations.

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