

— This Month in —

OC READ

MAY 2023

Literacy Fact:

There are around 130 million published books world wide.



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Mon - Thurs 10 AM to 7 PM

Fri - Sat 9 AM to 5 PM

NEED CREATIVE LEARNING STRATEGIES? PLAY BOARD GAMES!

Looking for an impactful way to teach reading? Playing Scrabble may be your next game to play! A fun game of Scrabble can increase vocabulary development, provide opportunity to explore word meaning, teach common sight words, and improve spelling. Need additional reasons to crack open the game board and pour out the tiles? Playing games can take the stress out of learning, therefore making it easier to remember new information!

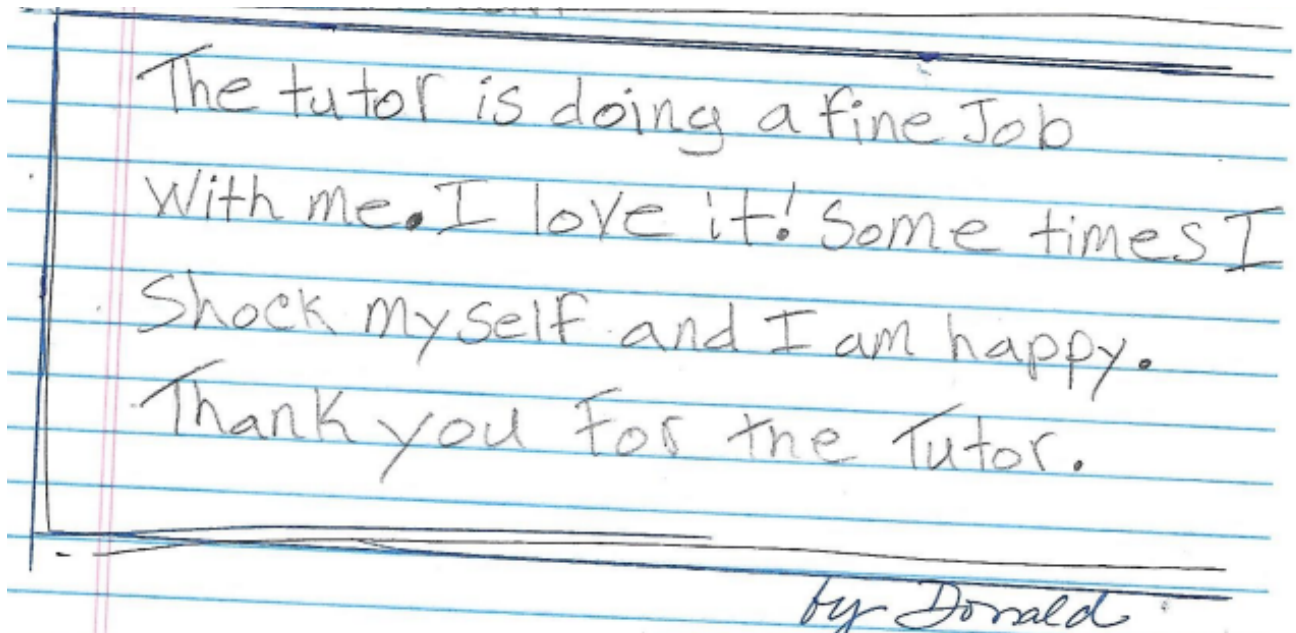
Anytime we engage in a fun activity, sing a catchy tune, or add movement to our learning—we create a multi-sensory environment that is proven to help learners memorize and learn information more readily. As a Global Fortune 200 company discovered when they replaced an 80-hour training with a board game that reinforced their process—the training time was reduced by 50% and employees retained the new information. With over 150 million sets sold worldwide, Scrabble continues to make learning fun, year after year!





BIOGRAPHY CORNER

A Note
by Donald



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.



BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

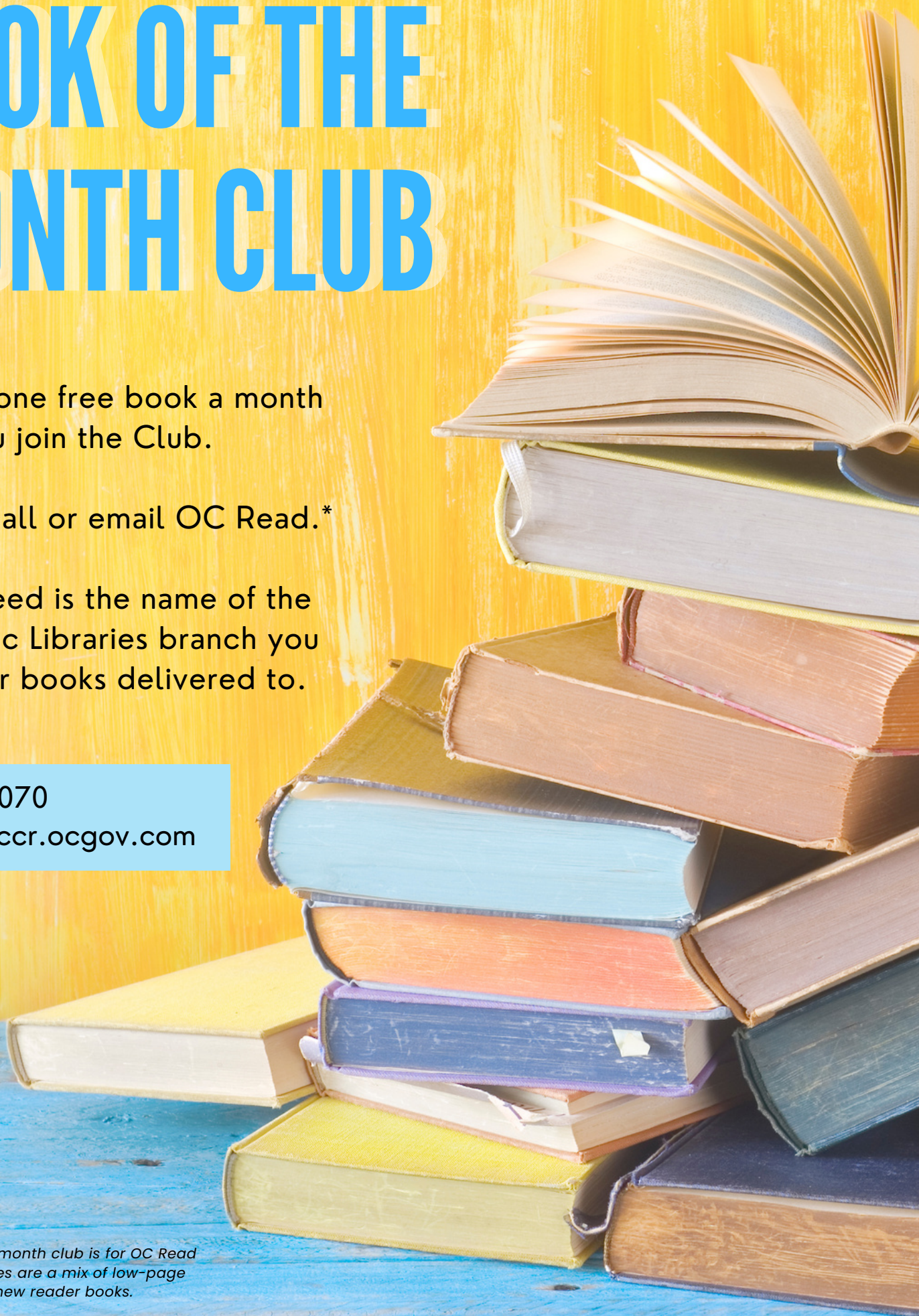
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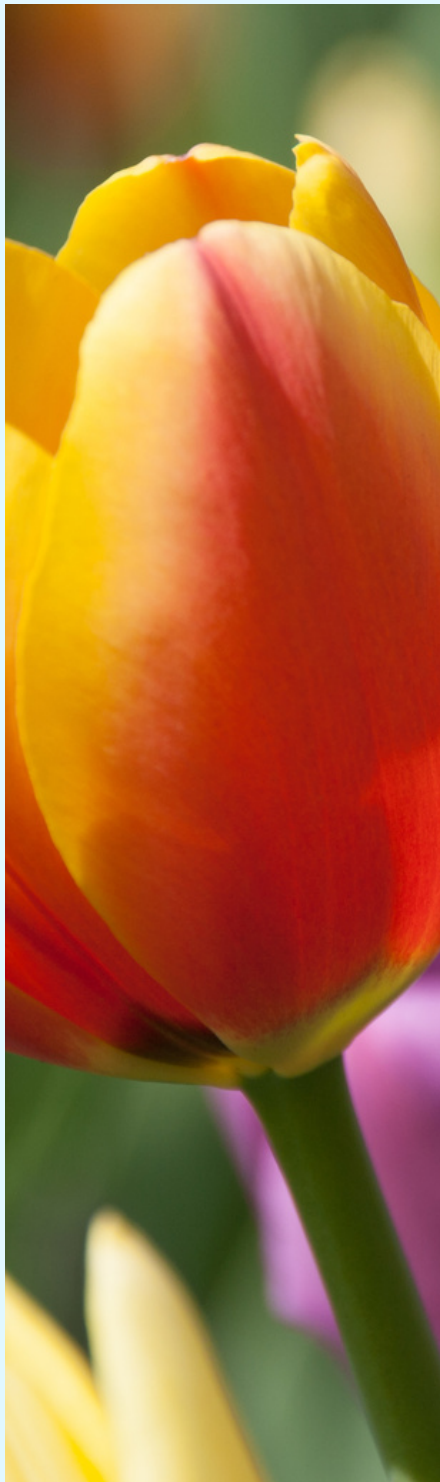
To join, call or email OC Read.*

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.





Beyond Boundaries Tutoring (BBT)

Wednesday, May 3 @ 6 PM

Virtual Event

To be notified about upcoming BBTs, fill out this form:
forms.office.com/g/CVqUHLg8Nt

Join OC Read staff for a discussion about lesson planning. Share your tips for scaffolding a successful lesson, and learn from each other ways to battle lesson fatigue. OC Read staff will share a suggested lesson structure, but the majority of the discussion will be driven by you and 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.

Share your recipe!

Have a favorite dish you like to cook? Send in your recipe to be featured in the OC Read newsletter.



5 Ingredient Taco Soup

SERVINGS: 4

PREPPING TIME: 5 MIN

COOKING TIME: 30 MIN

Ingredients

1 lb ground beef

1 can diced or crushed tomatoes (32 oz)

1 pkg taco seasoning spice mix

1 can black or kidney beans

1 can corn kernels (substitute fresh corn cut from the cob, or thawed frozen corn)

Directions

1. Put all ingredients together in one pot on stovetop.
2. Bring to a boil, then simmer for 30 minutes.
3. Serve warm with cheese, sourcream, and chopped cilantro (optional).

Health Tip: Beans make an excellent source of protein for vegetarians and vegans. They also contain several vital nutrients and promote heart health. ([source](#))



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News For You

Friday, May 19 @ 10 AM
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 "What Makes A Great State Flag?", and answer reading exercise questions.

Link to article: newsforyouonline.com/what-makes-a-great-state-flag
Password: 0d1d44

Learners and tutors are welcome to attend together or separately.

These events are open to the public.

Read With Me

Wednesdays May 3, 10, 17, 24 @ 11:00 AM

La Habra Library 221 E. La Habra Blvd., La Habra, CA 90631

In-Person Event

How we read to our child is just as important as how often we read to our child! Join us as we teach and model engaging ways to read together. Events include parent education, child activity, and together time. Attendance for all 4 sessions is not required, but highly encouraged. Register at La Habra Library or by contacting OC Read.

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Click on the picture to see the
flyers!





READING PRACTICE

Read the article, "Millions of Workers Have a Side Hustle" on *News For You*, then complete the following exercises for a full reading skills workout.

Article: newsforyouonline.com/millions-of-workers-have-a-side-hustle

Password: 0d1d44

TALK ABOUT THE QUESTIONS BELOW WITH YOUR TUTOR. YOU DON'T HAVE TO WRITE DOWN THEIR ANSWERS, JUST LISTEN. THEN TALK ABOUT THE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS.

Do you have a side hustle? Why or why not?

What do you think are some good examples of side hustles?

Have you ever sold items online? Do you think selling things online is a good way to make extra money? Why or why not?

Have you done anything extra to make money or save money in the past six months? If yes, what have you done?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What are some side hustles that people you know are doing?

Have you ever used or worked for mobile apps like TaskRabbit?

Do you think working for a company like Uber or Lyft is a good side hustle? Why or why not?



LEARNER-TUTOR

Spotlight



Carol & SooJung posing with their cookie ingredients.

WHAT MAKES YOU PROUD OF YOUR TUTOR/LEARNER?

Carol: What makes me so proud of SooJung is that she is willing to try anything! She makes it to tutoring every single week no matter how hard it is to get here.

SooJung: I appreciate Carol a lot. She pushes me to work hard!

CREATIVE TUTORING

This week Carol brought the ingredients for the Tollhouse Chocolate Chip Cookie recipe to enhance their tutoring session. After reading the story in the OC Read newsletter, Carol baked the cookies for SooJung to taste and they read the recipe together. SooJung planned to bake the cookies with her family following Carol's description of baking measurements and explicit instructions on how to measure the flour, blend the ingredients, and bake the cookies in the oven.

(We heard after the fact that SooJung's cookies were a huge hit with her family!)

Word Game

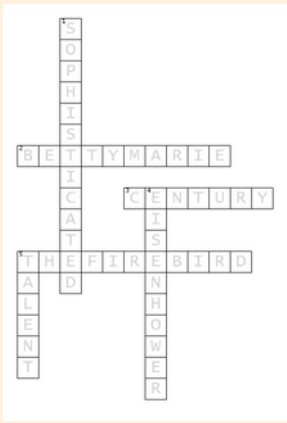
The words in this crossword come from "Fungus-Fighting Compounds Named After Movie Star". You can read the article by visiting newsforyouonline.com/fungus-fighting-compounds-named-after-movie-star

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crops
Keanu Reeves
pesticides

harm
mildew
plants

John Wick
mushrooms
scientists



LAST MONTH'S WORD GAME ANSWERS

Across 2. Betty Marie 3. Century 5. The Firebird
Down 1. Sophisticated 4. Eisenhower 5. Talent

LAST MONTH'S READING PRACTICE ANSWER KEY

In last month's article, you were asked to imagine that you are interviewing Kristin Winchell about her study. Here is an example you can compare against your writing.

You: How do male anoles' larger legs help them?

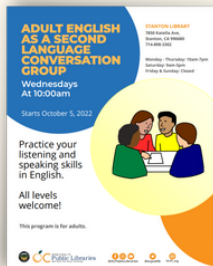
Winchell: Their larger legs help them to run faster across flat, open spaces, like parking lots. A handy adaptation so they can avoid obstacles and fast-moving danger.

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Career Online High School

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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. Contact OC Read to find out if there is an English conversation club at a branch near you.