

— This Month in —

OC READ

JUNE 2023

Literacy Fact:

An entire collection of an average school library could fit into a single e-reader.



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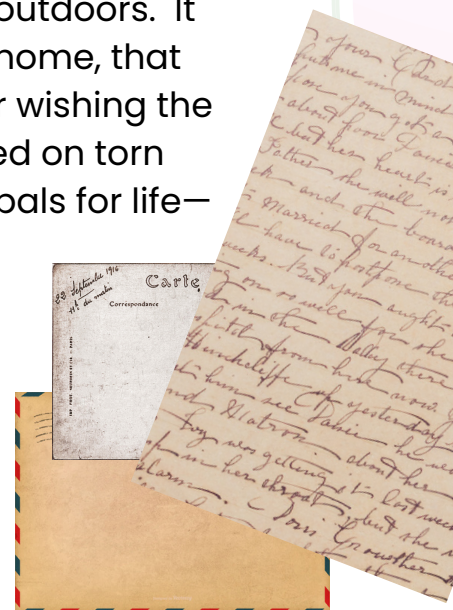
Mon - Thurs 10 AM to 7 PM

Fri - Sat 9 AM to 5 PM

PEN PALS

As a young girl I spent a week every summer sleeping under the towering Ponderosa Pines of Big Bear, while crammed into an enormous canvas tent with 7 campers and 1 incredibly patient camp counselor. Throughout the week we hiked, crafted, sang silly songs, and played flashlight tag in the dark woods—all the while cementing friendships with unfamiliar faces who had traveled far and wide to camp in the great outdoors. It wasn't until the yellow buses pulled up for the long stretch home, that tears stung our eyes, and we threaded our elbows together wishing the week would never end. With names and addresses scribbled on torn scraps of paper we waved goodbye and vowed to be pen pals for life—optimistically promising to write weekly, if not daily.

While penning a letter is not the norm today--handwritten envelopes in my mailbox are the first thing opened. Celebrate National Pen Pal Day on June 1, by writing a letter or signing up for a pen pal program. Adults can become a grand-friend pen pal to a senior at penpalsforlife.com.



BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

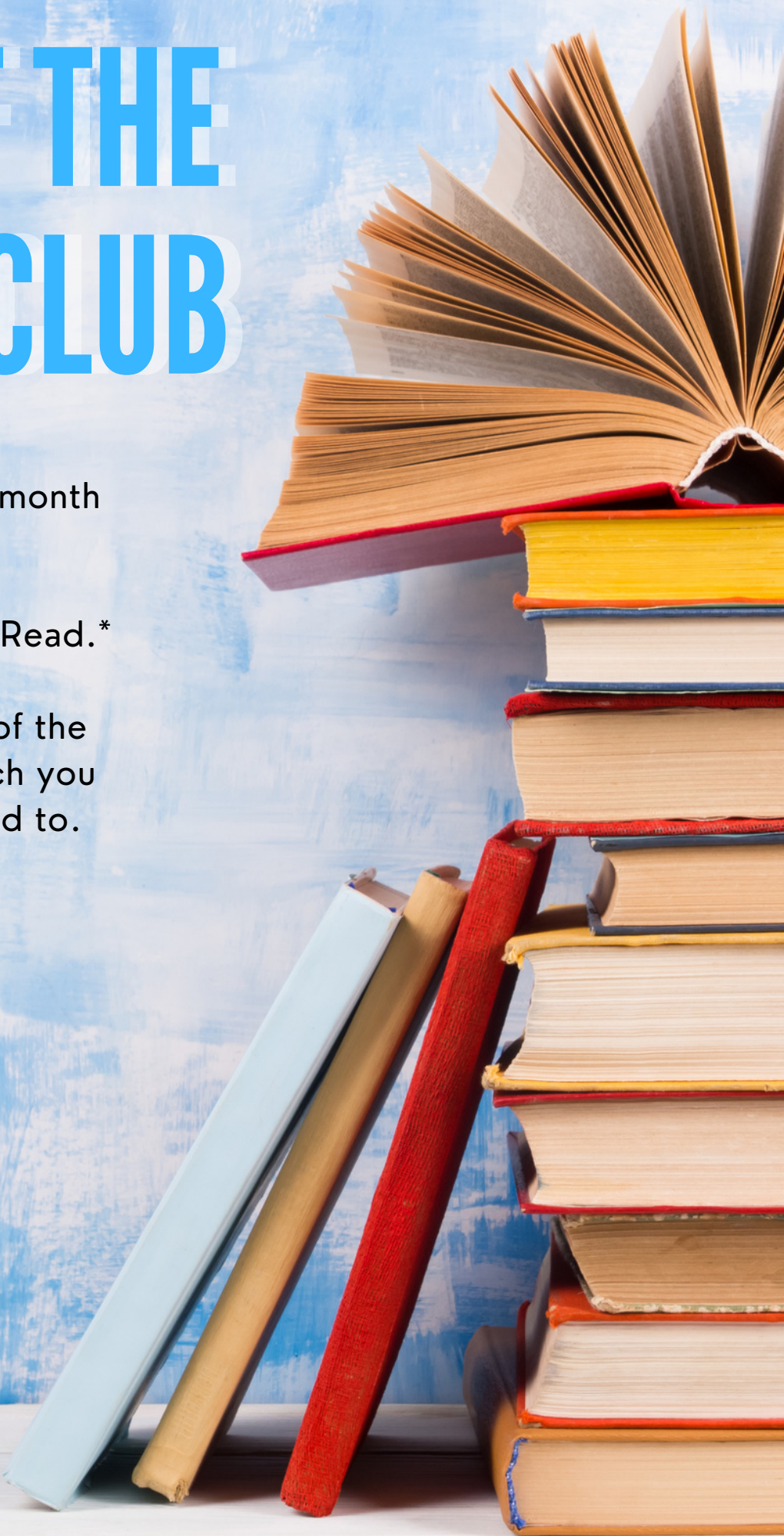
Receive one free book a month
when you join the Club.

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.





Beyond Boundaries Tutoring (BBT)

Friday, July 14 @ 8:30 AM

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 retention. How do we make lessons "stick"? How do we achieve skill mastery without endless drills? OC Read staff will share a packet of alternative lesson activities with attendees, 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.



Apple 'n' Onion Topped Chops

SERVINGS: 4

TOTAL PREP/COOKING TIME: 30 MIN

Ingredients

4 tsp canola oil, divided	2 tbsp brown sugar
4 boneless pork loin chops	1 tbsp cider vinegar
3 cups sweet onion slices	1 tsp garlic powder
2 medium Granny Smith apples, peeled and sliced	1/2 tsp salt
1/2 cup water	1/2 tsp pepper
	1/4 tsp dried rosemary, crushed

Directions

1. In a large skillet, heat 2 tsp canola oil over medium-high heat; cook chops until browned, about 3 minutes on each side. Remove meat; set aside and keep warm.
2. In same skillet, cook and stir onion in remaining 2 tsp canola oil until golden brown, about 7 minutes. Add apple slices; cook and stir 3 minutes longer.
3. Combine the water, brown sugar, vinegar, garlic powder, salt, pepper, and rosemary. Stir into skillet. Bring to a boil. Return meat to pan. Reduce heat; cover and cook until apples are crisp-tender, about 6-8 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

Health Tip: Onions contain organic sulfur compounds, which helps reduce the level of cholesterol in your body. ([source](#))



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News For You

Friday, June 16 @ 8:30 AM
Virtual Event
To RSVP, contact OC Read

Join OC Read staff for a 1-hour casual tutoring session where we'll read and discuss the *News For You* article "NASA Names Crew for First Moon Mission in 50 Years".

You will not be asked to read the article out loud in front of the group. OC Read staff will read the story while you echo the words! Follow along as closely as you can to build your fluency, and be prepared to walk away with some new vocabulary words!

Link to article: newsforyouonline.com/nasa-names-crew-for-first-moon-mission-in-50-years

Password: 0d1d44

Learners and tutors are welcome to attend together or separately.

These events are open to the public.

Family Literacy Day

Saturday, June 10 @ 11 AM

Costa Mesa Donald Dungan Library

1855 Park Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92627

Performance by Kids Imagine Nation

Crafts and Activities

Community Partners

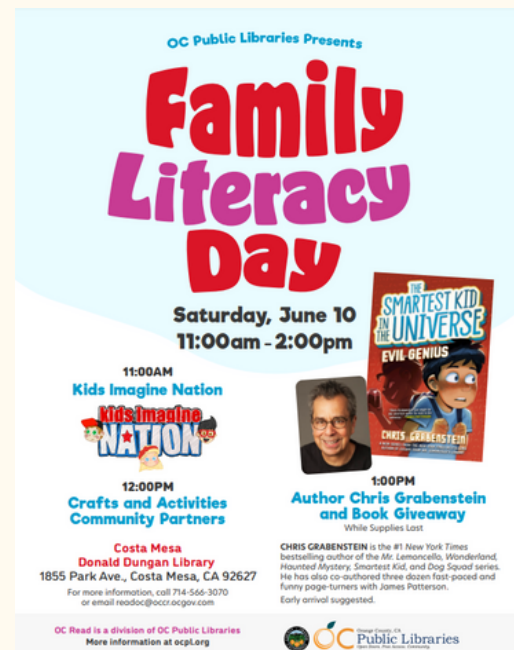
Author Chris Grabenstein and Book Giveaway (While Supplies Last)

CHRIS GRABENSTEIN is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Mr. Lemoncello*, *Wonderland*, *Haunted Mystery*, *Smartest Kid*, and *Dog Squad* series. He has also co-authored three dozen fast-paced and funny page-turners with James Patterson.

Early arrival suggested.

For more information, call 714-566-3070
or email readoc@occr.ocgov.com

CLICK ON THE PICTURE TO SEE THE
FLYERS!





READING PRACTICE

Read the article, "Paris Passes on Rental Scooters" on *News For You*, then complete the following exercises for a full reading skills workout.

Article: newsforyouonline.com/paris-passes-on-rental-scooters

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MATCH EACH NUMBER ON THE LEFT WITH THE CORRECT DESCRIPTION FROM THE STORY ON THE RIGHT.

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| 1. 11% | a. number of voters in Paris |
| 2. 71% | b. percent of people who voted to support e-scooters |
| 3. 89% | c. percent of scooter riders under age 35 last year |
| 4. 103,000 | d. number of people who voted |
| 5. 1.38 million | e. percent of people who voted against e-scooters |

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Have you ever been on an e-scooter?

Would you want to try one? Why or why not?

Do you live in a city with e-scooters?

Why do you think many people did not vote on e-scooters in Paris?

Word Game

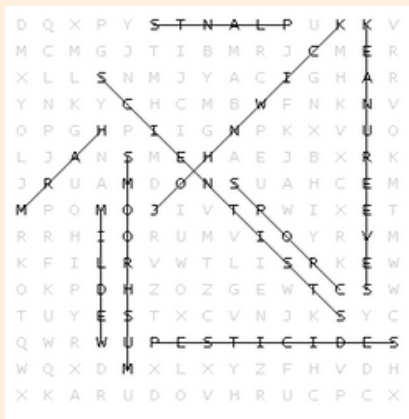
The words in this crossword come from
"Did T.Rex Have Lips?". You can read the article by visiting
newsforyouonline.com/did-t.-rex-have-lips

S	G	Q	I	W	P	C	A	H	E	J	C	O	N	H
A	R	U	A	S	O	N	I	D	L	A	A	H	T	W
N	Y	L	A	C	S	R	N	K	I	Q	W	E	A	R
D	J	A	M	E	L	N	N	R	D	L	E	P	H	W
E	X	Z	K	Q	L	X	E	Q	O	T	N	H	Y	X
R	E	M	F	I	U	N	Q	S	C	A	Z	F	G	A
F	I	R	Q	C	C	H	B	U	O	L	T	B	O	F
X	S	O	W	W	M	D	D	X	R	K	R	L	P	R
C	F	L	I	L	Y	J	J	E	C	C	X	H	U	Q
S	M	Q	T	U	G	O	R	F	T	C	O	N	L	V
P	V	E	J	Y	T	G	C	N	A	A	E	N	N	K
H	S	W	W	H	K	K	A	T	Y	V	B	R	U	S
A	J	Z	Q	C	T	V	L	W	E	L	Q	E	A	I
X	G	Y	X	S	C	I	X	N	J	M	X	K	D	L
L	H	O	L	D	P	B	Z	L	O	B	D	G	S	E

dinosaur
debated
crocodile

teeth
wear
worn

sander
uneven
scaly



LAST MONTH'S WORD GAME ANSWERS

plants

Keanu Reeves

John Wick

scientists

spore

harm

mildew

mushrooms

pesticides

LAST MONTH'S READING PRACTICE ANSWER KEY

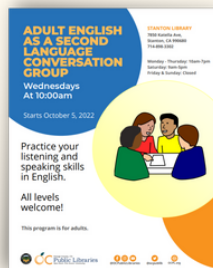
In last month's article, you were asked to talk with your tutor about different prompt questions related to the article. The purpose of a talking exercise is to flex our verbal vocabulary. Remember, discussing the things you are working on is okay to do! The more familiar we are with a subject or piece of text, the easier it will be for us to understand the multiple layers of meaning in the writing. Talking about questions also lays the groundwork for writing, as it is part of the brainstorming process.

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