

This Month in

OC READ

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Mon - Thurs 10 AM to 7 PM
Fri - Sat 9 AM to 5 PM

Is there a synonym for “thesaurus”?

January 18 celebrates Thesaurus Day as it is the birthday of Peter Mark Roget, father of the first modern thesaurus. The word “thesaurus” comes from the Greek word *thesauros* which means a storehouse of treasure. Roget wrote *Roget’s Thesaurus of English Words and Phrases* in 1852 grouping words by a theme. It is said that Roget wrote his thesaurus to help him with his depression!

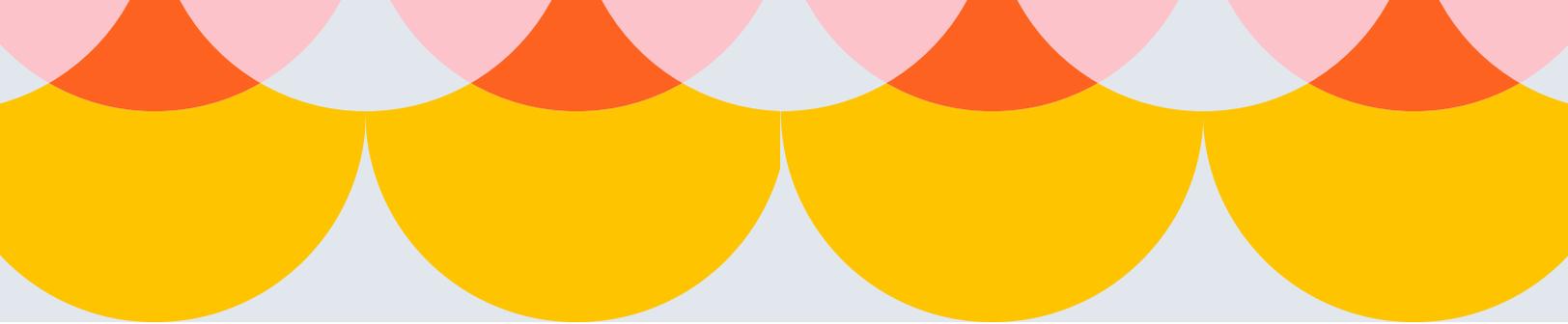
Celebrate this day by rewriting a song or poem, replacing words with their synonyms. Play a makeshift version of “Taboo,” creating a pile of cards with three synonyms of a word on each and having others guess the word. Lastly, make “synonym rolls” by finding a cinnamon roll template and write synonyms of a word along the swirl of the roll. Then glue your synonym rolls into a pan!

Fun fact: There is no synonym for thesaurus.



Literacy Fact

Reading reduces stress by 68% making it a much more efficient relaxation method than listening to music, drinking a hot cup of tea, or taking a walk. Participants who engaged in just six minutes of reading for pleasure were found to have a significantly slower heart rate and reduced muscle tension.



Programs and Events

Strategic Tutoring

Thurs. Jan. 4 @ 10 AM

Continue your tutor training at this one-hour Zoom meeting where OC Read staff and tutors discuss topics related to literacy and tutoring adults. This month's topic is the Challenger series. As a reminder, Challenger is now part of OC Read's required curriculum. Sign up for Strategic Tutoring reminders in 2024 with this form: forms.office.com/g/CVqUHLg8Nt

PBS Math Literacy

Tues. & Wed. Jan. 16, 23, 24, 30 @ 11 AM

OC Read and PBS SoCal will be hosting math measurement workshops for caregivers and children ages 2-6. Click on the program title to see flyers for additional details.

Walk-in Tutor Information Session

By Appointment

Schedule an information session to learn about becoming a Walk-in Tutor. The Walk-in Tutor program is a new volunteer opportunity at the Tustin Library on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays between the hours of 10 AM and 2 PM. Contact OC Read to schedule a session.

Device Advice

By Appointment

Technology help is available to all OC Read tutors and learners. If you have a tech question, call our office to schedule an appointment at your nearest OC Public Libraries branch, or online.

More Info

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READING PRACTICE

Read the article, "Visitors Can Now Enter What May Have Been Michelangelo's Secret Room" on *News For You*, then complete the following exercises for a full reading skills workout.

Article: newsforyouonline.com/visitors-can-now-enter-what-may-have-been-michelangelo%E2%80%99s-secret-room

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EXERCISE

Proper nouns name specific people, places, things, or ideas. They usually start with a capital letter. Write the correct proper noun from the box in each sentence below. Then talk about the discussion questions.

Sistine Chapel Medicis David Florence Pope Clement VII

1. He was trying to escape the anger of _____.
2. The artist supported a group that took the _____ out of power.
3. He carved a famous statue of _____.
4. He painted the ceiling of the _____.
5. The Medici family controlled _____ at different times in Michelangelo's lifetime.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Would you want to visit Michelangelo's secret room? Why or why not?

Do you think the drawings found in the secret room were done by Michelangelo? Why or why not?

What is a famous place you would like to visit?

SPELLING BOGGLE

R	H	U	E	P
N	T	R	O	I
E	Z	I	C	A
M	T	N	R	I
E	S	O	E	R

How many words can you make from the letters above?

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Answer Keys & More

LAST MONTH'S NEWS FOR YOU ARTICLE

Circle the true statement about "on" and "off" years for nut trees.

1. True
2. True
3. False
4. True
5. False

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 image to see a list of all ESL conversation clubs.

