

READ WRITES

For You and About You
June 2012

**Not Just California Dreamin' This Summer!
Summer 2012 is *Dream Big, READ!***

So this summer –

**Dream Big
READ!**

DREAM ON! DREAM BIG! READ!

Read **with** someone.



Read **to** someone.



Go to your Library and Read **together** and **with one another**.



Call READ/OC and volunteer to help someone READ better so they can "Dream On" this summer!

School will soon be on a summer break, but learning and reading happens all year long! July is the month for summer reading programs at the Library, with lots of fun for the whole family. Be sure to check out many of the special events planned at your library.

This year's summer reading theme is ***Dream Big, READ!*** It is the perfect encouragement for the adult learners, their families and the many volunteers of READ/OC to focus on life dreams and goals and consider how reading and writing tools will help in achieving them! It is also a reminder to all of us that regardless of our Education, experience, reading ability or comfort level, we are never too old to learn (or read)!

This year's summer reading theme is also a great reminder that we are never **too old** to appreciate a quiet and cuddly time at the end of the day to share a Bedtime Story with someone we love!



Proud Moments



The monthly report winner for May is:

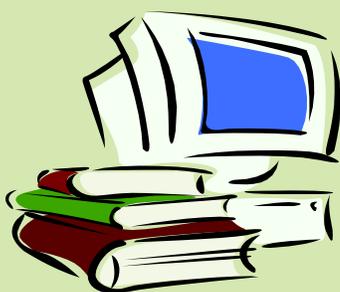
Floy Newman

Congratulations Floy!

Monthly Reports are due by the 5th of every month. Get yours in on time for a chance to be next month's winner and receive a \$10 gift card to Starbucks.

If you have missed sending in your Monthly Reports, it is not too late to catch up! Remember, the hours you report each month are the only record READ has of your learner's hours!

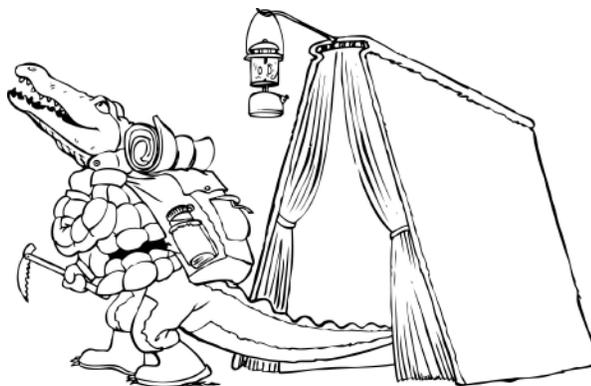
Of course you can still access monthly report forms online, submit them by email to readoc@occr.ocgov.com or mail them to READ/OC, 1501 E. St. Andrew Pl., Santa Ana, CA 92705



Our tutors and learners have had many successes this past month! Here are just a few of their achievements in May, taken from the tutors' monthly reports:

- Sulamita's learner learned to write her home address.
- Joanna's learner can spell the days of the week.
- Matt's learner can now send text messages to her tutor and her son.
- Tina's learner is using the computer frequently and paying her bills online without assistance.
- Angie's learner completed her EL Civics portfolio.
- Kit's learner is becoming more confident reading her prayers aloud.
- Susan's learner read "Galapagos Tortoises" by Conrad J. Storad.
- Daniel's learner passed the last of her GED exams and will graduate this month.
- Rosemary's learner can access the internet and find jobs on Craigslist.
- Judith's learner finished reading his 5th novel.
- Alice's learner's co-workers have started to go to her for help with English speaking and writing tasks.
- Mark's learner completed reading two books.
- Cathleen's learner conducted three training sessions with PowerPoint presentations.

Please remember to submit your monthly reports. We want to let everyone know about your accomplishments!





FROC Corner Friends of READ/OC By Karen Ruhl

Save The Date! September 7th

"A Night At The Library"

Where Books Come To Life!

Keynote Speaker and MC

Mr. John Zickefoose

When John Zickefoose was in school, he had a secret: he didn't know how to read. Years later, when his young son busted him for not knowing words in the children's books they would read together, Zickefoose decided it was time to learn. He enrolled in a public library literacy program and, at age 35, learned how to read. "Mr. Z" will share his story, and the importance of reading at "A Night At The Library."

Join us and stroll through the Book Scenes, where the books come to life. Enjoy a roving buffet and be sure to check out our Silent Auction.

We hope to see you there!

OUTREACH NEWS

Thank you to the [Orange County Register](#) for running a great story about READ/OC. You can still read the story online by clicking the link below.

<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/read-354283-says-jernigan.html>



As we reported in a prior issue, READ/OC has been seriously impacted by the recent state cuts and needs us now more than ever.

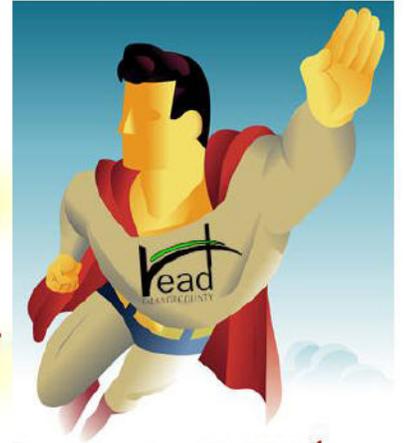
We are currently looking for sponsors for our "A Night At The Library" fundraiser. Please email karen@lighthousecreativegroup.com for additional information on how you can help READ/OC continue to provide adult literacy services for all who need them.

READ/Orange County's Annual Family Picnic and Appreciation Celebration

It's here! We will see
you at the park!

Join READ/OC for
our annual family
picnic!

Come celebrate your
inner superhero!



Saturday, June 16!

20th Anniversary
Edition!



Next time you are online – "LIKE" **READ Orange County** and **Friends of READ Orange County** on Facebook.

While you are there, check out literacy news and events on the Facebook pages for Southern California Library Literacy Network (SCLLN).

And then share us with a friend - encourage them to volunteer and help change a life through literacy.

If you are reading this article, call the READ/OC office to claim your "Reader of the Month" prize!

**Ms. Paige Turner
(Fun advice for tutors and learners)**



Dear Paige,

I am taking a break from meeting my learner for a few weeks this summer while I am away on vacation with my family. While we are on a break from our tutor sessions, I encouraged him to attend the special programs at the library in July with his children. Are there special summer reading programs just for adults?

Getting ready for summer learning

Dear "Getting Ready,"

Library summer reading programs are indeed special and fun...and not just for kids! Many of the libraries plan special events and activities for families, and some even have programs just for adults. I encourage you and your learner to check out all the special summer reading activities planned at nearby libraries.

Summer is also a perfect time for you *and* your learner to enjoy summer reading fun with your families while you take a break from your tutoring sessions. Bedtime stories aren't the only way to encourage reading for the family. Include reading and learning fun in *all* your summer plans...from library story times to campfire stories on the beach or camping adventures, or reading the map as you travel, to reading a book that the movie you just saw was based on. Writing postcards (or email messages) about summer adventures, keeping a travel journal or special summer adventure scrapbook are also great learning activities for your learner and his family to enjoy together. Not only are these fun "together" times, but they are also great learning adventures for both of you and everyone in the family – your family and your learner's!

Enjoy, Paige

Summer's Coming – Take the "READ 5" Challenge!

READ/OC again challenges all READ/OC tutors and learners to **DREAM BIG** this summer and **READ 5** books during the summer! (Now through August)

This summer you can travel the world, journey into space, travel back in time....realize so many of your dreams... in just a few weeks! And, the best part is, it doesn't need to cost a thing! (*Unless you forget to return your library books back to the library on time!*)



Read 5 books this summer! Read to yourself. Share with a friend. Tutors and Learners read together. Read to your children - Have your children read to you! Read storybooks, novels, cookbooks...travel books about places you have dreamed of visiting...books that will take you to Mars or back in time to romance, adventure, and intrigue! Read paperback books, best-sellers, audiobooks and e-books!!!!

JUST READ!

Ask READ/OC for a reading log and check out the special programs and events at the library. Then take the Read 5 Challenge. Keep track of your reading on your reading log and send it to READ/OC to receive a prize and certificate! Enjoy your summer dreaming and "**Dream Big!**"

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June-July 2012



*Mark Your Calendars and Tell A Friend or 2 or 3...
Many adult learners are waiting for help!
Volunteer as a Tutor and change a life!*

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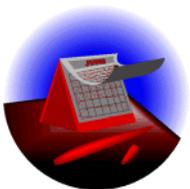
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If you are interested in contributing an article for READ WRITES, contact us at 714-566-3070.

When you have finished reading this newsletter, please share it with someone so they will know about the services and volunteer opportunities of READ/OC.

[Click here to go directly to the READ/OC Calendar of Events](#)



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The Month of June

Thursday, June 14

Saturday, June 16

Sunday, June 17

Tuesday, July 3

Wednesday, July 4

The Month of July

Now through September, check out News For You Online and sign-up for a free 2-week trial. Go to www.newsforyouonline.com

Looking Ahead:

The next READ/OC Tutor Training Workshop is scheduled for July. Orientation for adults interested in becoming a volunteer tutor with READ/OC will be **Thursday, July 12 from 1-2pm or 6-7pm.**

The Tutor Training Workshop follows on **Saturday, July 14 and July 21 from 9am-4pm**, with Follow-up and Certification session on **Saturday, August 25, 9-11am.**

Learners are waiting! Share this with friends and co-workers. Call READ/OC for more information or to enroll as a volunteer tutor.



Celebrate Reading With Dads, Grads & Summer Reading at Your Library

US Citizenship-Naturalization information workshop at La Habra Library, 1-3:30pm, presented by USCIS staff
Family Reading Time, 6-7:30 @ Mesa Verde Library, Costa Mesa

READ/OC Annual Family Picnic and Recognition Celebration @ Irvine Regional Park, 12-3:30 pm.

Note: There will be no Family Reading Times at El Toro & Irvine Heritage Park Libraries on Saturday, June 16.

Father's Day - Read a story to or with your Dad!

Family Reading Time at La Palma Library, 6:30-7:45 pm

Fourth of July Holiday - All Libraries & READ/OC office will be closed

Celebrate Summer Reading at Your Library - Dream Big! Look for summer learning ideas for tutors/learners and families in next month's issue!