

READ WRITES

For You and About You
April 2012

Where Were You in '92? Where Are They?



Throughout the past 20 years, READ/OC has provided literacy help to hundreds of adults in Orange County due to the dedication of hundreds of volunteers – tutors, Friends of READ/OC (FROC), library staff,

and caring individuals from Orange County businesses and community organizations.

Collectively the efforts and commitments of these “literacy champions” have positively changed the lives of adult learners, their families and the communities in which they live and work.

Share with us someone connected with READ/OC who you think has had an impact on you, on literacy efforts in Orange County or on the READ/OC program over the past 20 years.

This could be someone who demonstrates the ideal of lifelong learning or someone who has shaped/encouraged your adult learning experiences through READ/OC. It could also be someone who promoted the program in an outstanding way as a tutor, volunteer, learner, FROC board member, librarian, or community advocate.

Write, call, fax or email READ/OC today to share your “literacy champion” with us. Send to:

1501 E. St. Andrew Place, Santa Ana, CA 92705

phone: 714-566-3070 • fax: 714-259-1116

email: readoc@occr.ocgov.com

April is for Appreciation

“National Volunteer Month was designed not only to recruit help, money, and manpower for certain social concerns, but also to educate people on the realities of global problems... One of the significant challenges in solving medical, economic, or environmental crises is to promote understanding of the issue, so that the public feels motivated to take action.” From USPS Connection.com

Adult literacy is one of those significant challenges – not just in foreign countries, but in Orange County, the State of California, and throughout the nation. Efforts to address adult literacy are provided and supported primarily through the efforts and commitment of volunteers.

READ/Orange County deeply appreciates the efforts of our volunteers who promote the importance of literacy in Orange County and who consistently support the efforts of READ/OC and who partner with us to promote literacy and lifelong learning. We appreciate our many friends giving generously of their time, resources, and in-kind services. We thank our volunteer tutors and adult learners, *Friends of READ/OC*, our OC Public Libraries’ colleagues and their *Friends of the Library* volunteers, along with members and staff from organizations throughout Orange County...

Ingram Micro, Starbucks, Barnes and Noble, Pretend City, Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center, Stanton Community Services Center, ProLiteracy, Experian, Allergan, Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, Walmart, Sam’s Club and many more.



Proud Moments



The monthly report winner for March is:

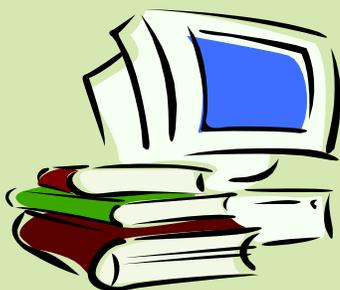
Norman Blanco

Congratulations Norman!

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 February and March, taken from monthly reports:

- Riette's learner feels more comfortable in English conversations with co-workers.
- Linda's learner knows so many more words now than when she started just one month ago, and recently named all the items she saw at grocery store.
- Jill's learner set up an email account and sent an email to her tutor.
- Awilda's learner completed the 12th and final step of the Wilson Reading System!
- Leslie's learner set up an email account.
- Larry's learner registered to vote and is anxious to review the voter guide information.
- Oscar's learner read two books: *Grandfather's Journey* and *It's Pumpkin Time*.
- Cathleen's learner completed an online application for financial aid.
- Keeley's learner is volunteering at the Seal Beach library several hours each week, and she spoke with a stranger in the grocery store about milk expiration dates.
- Cathy's learner feels that he can now understand all of his mail on his own. This was one of the first goals he had when he came in to the program.
- Kathleen's learner finished reading her first book.
- Kit's learner can now send email.
- Kimberly's learner has started to volunteer at the Katie Wheeler Library.
- Susan's learner wrote a letter to her brother in Morocco, completing one of her goals.
- Daniel's learner is now putting together the first draft of her resume.
- Lora's learner is now starting to read content and clips coupons from the newspaper, she enjoys taking her family out to dinner when she finds a great offer in the paper.
- Angie's learner is reading in English with her 6-year old son every day, and as a result he is doing very well in his class.
- Judith's learner finished reading his 4th novel, *Critical*, by Robin Cook.
- Matt's learner completed his online application and was accepted for admission to Golden West College
- Angelica's learner now knows how to send attachments by email.
- Joanna's learner was able to correct some of the spelling on her own from the first language experience approach (LEA) they did together.

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

"What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good." Aristotle



FROC Corner Friends of READ/OC By Karen Ruhl

The picnic is coming...and we need YOU!

Community Volunteers are needed to assist the Friends of READ/OC team at our annual picnic in June. The picnic honors tutor and learner volunteers. We need community volunteers for set-up, break-down and everything in between. Volunteers help with running the kids games, working at various food stations and helping with the photo booth all while having an enjoyable day with Friends of READ/OC and the READ/OC staff, tutors and learners. To find out more about how you can volunteer, please call the office at 714-566-3070 today!

You can be a volunteer superhero.



OUTREACH NEWS



Friends of READ/OC would like to thank Ingram Micro for being the recipient of their Casual Day fundraiser in March. Ingram Micro held a book drive and donated over 300 books as well as giving a generous donation of \$2,500 to READ/OC. Thank you to the entire staff of Ingram Micro.

You all made a difference!



If you would like more information on how to have our Outreach Coordinator come to your place of business or talk to your group, please call 714-566-3070 and ask for Karen or email karen@lighthousecreativegroup.com.

Are You Coming to the Picnic?

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

Save the date!



Join READ/OC for
our annual family
picnic!

Come celebrate your
inner superhero!

Saturday, June 16!

20th Anniversary
Edition!

Mark your calendar and watch for your invitation to arrive soon!



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.

"Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer." Author Unknown

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



Dear Paige,

I am a learner with READ/OC. My tutor and I read about the changes with READ/OC in the March newsletter and the need for volunteers. Please tell me how I can help.

Thanks, A. Learner

Dear A. Learner,

Encouraging others through your commitment to lifelong learning is a great start. Many people are not aware of the many adults, like yourself, who need some help with basic reading and writing skills to get a better job, continue your education, help your children learn, and many other tasks that others take for granted.

You can expand your learning and build your confidence by helping others. I encourage you to talk with the READ/OC staff about helping. You can help in the office with filing and phone calls (especially with others who are also looking for help). You can be a literacy center ambassador at the library and help library staff tell others about READ/OC. You can help at new learner orientations and encourage other adults who need help. You can help at special events and join the Friends of READ/OC to tell others about the needs of adults in Orange County for basic literacy skills.

Call the READ/OC office today to see how you can help. Your voice and the voice of other adult learners can be the most effective message about lifelong learning and literacy in Orange County.

Thank You! Paige Turner

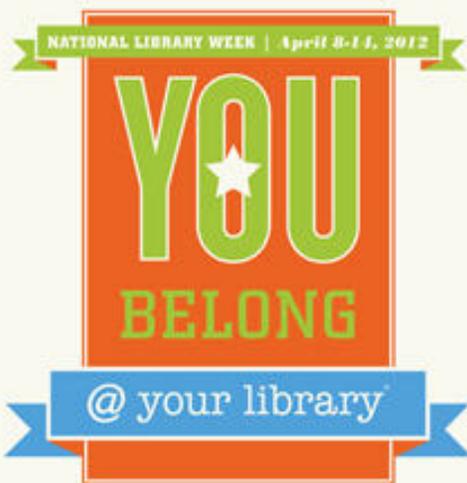
***"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."
Elizabeth Andrew***

Tutors, Learners, and Friends of READ/OC...

Join READ/OC in Celebrating Our Libraries!

Next time you are in the library this month, take a moment to thank every library staff and Friends of the Library volunteer you see for their commitment to literacy and their dedication and support of READ/OC.

If it has been awhile since you visited the library, go there today, re-introduce yourself, and find out what's new! Bring the family. Invite a friend. Reading adventures await!



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*"I always wondered why somebody didn't do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody."
Lily Tomlin*

Puzzle Answer Key on Page 6

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| AMAZING | HOPEFUL |
| COMMITTED | OUTSTANDING |
| DEDICATED | THOUGHTFUL |
| FUNNY | CARING |
| HELPFUL | CONSIDERATE |
| KIND | EXCELLENT |
| POSITIVE | GIVING |
| BRIGHT | INSPIRATIONAL |
| COMPASSIONATE | PATIENT |
| ENCOURAGING | |
| GENEROUS | |



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

Learn how to download library books. Free!

OC Libraries eReader Open Houses

Got one? Bring it! Want one? Try ours first!

Get acquainted with iPad, Sony Reader, nook and Kindle readers and how to “check out” eBooks from the library!

When: **Wednesday, Apr. 18, 5:30pm—7:30pm**

Where: **Laguna Beach, Library**

363 Glenneyre Street

Laguna Beach, (949) 497-1733

When: **Thursday, Apr. 26, 12 pm—2 pm**

Where: **Tustin Library**

345 E. Main Street

Tustin, (714) 544-7725

When: **Thursday, May 3, 12 pm—2 pm**

Where: **Aliso Viejo Library**

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Aliso Viejo, (949) 360-1720



Puzzle Answer Key from Page 5



*"Volunteers are seldom paid; not because they are worthless, but because they are PRICELESS!"
Author Unknown*

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Barbara Neder &
Karen Ruhl



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**Mark Your Calendars and Tell A Friend or 2 or 3 ~
Many Learners are waiting for help!**

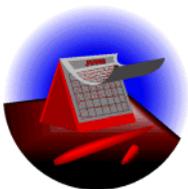
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*If you are interested in
contributing an article for
READ WRITES, contact
us at 714-566-3070.*

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](#)



April 1-30

April 8-14
Thursday, April 12

Week of April 15-21

Saturday, April 21

Sunday, April 22

Tuesday, April 24

Tuesday, May 1
Thursday, May 3
Wednesday, May 9

Thursday, May 10

Saturday, May 12

Sunday, May 13

Saturday, May 19

National Volunteer Month! Say thank you to a
volunteer and ask how you can help!

National Poetry Month! Share a favorite childhood
poem. Write a poem to someone you love or
appreciate.

National Library Appreciation Week!

Family Reading Time, 6-8 pm @ Mesa Verde Library,
Costa Mesa

National Volunteer Appreciation Week

Remember to Say "Thank You" to your tutor

Tutor Training Follow-Up & Certification (Mar. TTW),
9am-11am @ READ/OC HQ

(Veteran Tutors are welcome & encouraged to attend!)

Family Reading Time, 10am-12pm @ Irvine Heritage
Park Library

Family Reading Time, 10am-12pm @ El Toro Library

**Earth Day! Read to a Tree! Then Reduce, Re-Use,
Recycle!**

Special Family Reading Time, 6:30-7:30 pm @ Garden
Grove Regional Library

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

Family Reading Time, 6-8pm @ El Toro Library

Family Reading Time, 6-8pm @ Stanton Community
Services Center

**New Learner Orientation, 1-2pm and 6-7pm @
READ/OC Offices (New learners: call first to enroll)**

Family Reading Time, 6-7:30 @ Mesa Verde Library,
Costa Mesa

Family Reading Time, 10am-12pm @ Irvine University
Park Library

Family Reading Time, 3-4:30pm @ Tustin Library

**Mother's Day - Read a story or write a poem to your
Mom!**

Family Reading Time, 10am-12pm @ Irvine Heritage
Park Library

Family Reading Time, 10am-12pm @ El Toro Library

Volunteers Needed

Call READ/OC at 714-566-3070
to find out how you can help!



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