

OPEN DOORS NEWSLETTER

Huntington Beach Public Library Literacy Volunteer

April 2016



Walk! Run! READ! is just around the Corner

Have you signed up for the Walk, Run, READ 5K or Kids' Run yet? Better hurry, Saturday, April 23rd is racing towards us and will be here in a pounding heartbeat! Runners, joggers, walkers, and all other paces are welcome to join our FUN RUN in the PARK!!

Join us for our 4th annual 5k & Kids Fun Run
Walk, Run, READ!
Saturday, April 23, 2016 8 a.m.

Spend your morning at
Huntington Beach Central Park
off of Edwards Ave. to
help raise funds in support of
Literacy Volunteers HBPL

Register now at walkrunread.com
\$35 by April 1st \$40 starting April 2nd \$5 Kids Fun Run

COME LEARN WITH US!
**LITERACY
VOLUNTEERS**
HUNTINGTON BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY
An accredited member of ProLiteracy

Enjoy the FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST, supplied by the HUNTINGTON BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT! One ticket included in your **5k registration**. Storytime will follow the Kids' Run; there will be wonderful opportunity drawings for fabulous items, and more. Go to our website to sign up through active.com, or drop by the office to register in person and save the online fee. Entry fee is \$40 for adults, \$5 for kids. Bring your friends and family and join in the fun!!

[Click here for more information or to register.](#)

What We Do Matters

- Freida spoke at the New Learner Orientation to help other potential learners understand our mission and how she has benefitted from her time with a tutor.
- Carolina has registered to vote, after only RECENTLY becoming a U.S. citizen.
- Walaa volunteers in her daughter's classroom.
- Raquel renewed her business permit at the City of Huntington Beach Business Office-by herself!
- Toby & Morena are finding the weekly back-and-forth journal is working well.

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And the Restaurant Fundraiser Winner is... (drum roll, please)

Jeannie Bailey!

Jeannie is a tutor who has been with the literacy program for 6 years. Besides enjoying her learners, Jeannie has attended all the restaurant fundraisers, saying she has enjoyed each and every one. All that eating paid off!

Thanks to all who have supported literacy volunteers by attending the epicurean events. We try to provide a variety of venues, from the delightful dairy delights at Menchie's to the raucous atmosphere and succulent choices at CPK, to our most recent day at Panera Bread. We will be planning exciting new locations in the future, so stay tuned.

Thank you to all the restaurants that support Literacy Volunteers!

Grow "Stuff" for Free!

The new Seed Library provides free local seeds to HBPL cardholders. Patrons can have up to 3 seed packets per month to grow food or flowers in their home gardens. At the end of the season, you are encouraged to let a few plants go to seed and donate the seeds back to the seed library for others to use. This creates a sustainable and diverse stock of seeds for our community to use. The library also provides classes on gardening and seed saving.



Growing from seed can provide myriad tutoring opportunities! Start by choosing a book from the many available in the library, from those for the very young (Children's Picture Books) to the advanced horticultural volumes in the Adult Non-Fiction shelves. Cook up your own style of lessons, depending on your learner's reading ability and interest. Bring the lessons full-circle by returning harvested seeds back to the library next season.

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Suggested readings are all available at the HB LIBRARY:

- Growing Plants from Seed by George Abraham ~ Adult non-fiction: 631.531ABR
- Growing Herbs and Vegetables from Seed to Harvest by Terry Silber ~ Adult non-fiction 635SIL
- Grow it, Cook it ~ by Deborah Lock ~ Children's non-fiction X635

The Internet will provide MORE than you need, so don't be overwhelmed. Try these sites:

- <http://www.vegetable-gardening-online.com/>
- <http://www.motherearthnews.com/organic-gardening/what-to-plant-now>
- <http://www.finegardening.com/10-seed-starting-tips>

HAPPY TUTORING! HAPPY GROWING!!!

Learning Something New

Rachel Li has won \$25 for having her name drawn for the March contest! Pictured with Rachel are her tutor, Barbara, and her son Shawn--who also likes to answer our contest questions. Congratulations, Rachel!



Tutors, watch your email for the April contest or pick up a copy in the office. Good luck to all.

From the Central Office

You may have noticed a few changes if you have stopped by the office recently. We are working to keep flyers and other paperwork convenient and in one area, while spotlighting items to help with tutoring and activities. So please be patient with us, and just ask any of us where something is if you don't readily see what you're looking for. We are here to help.

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Important Dates

- April 23: 5k & Kids' Run in Central Park
- April 14 & 30: Learn how to better use your Smartphone
- May 14-15: Duck-A-Thon at the pier

Full calendar available in the office or click [April 2016](#).