

September 2016 Literacy Volunteers-HBPL News

Oak View Celebrates its Own

The Oak View Family & Community Center Gymnasium was filled almost to capacity Monday evening, August 22, as the Oak View literacy participants gathered to celebrate and honor learner achievements.

Huntington Beach Library Director Stephanie Beverage, City Council member Eric Peterson and Literacy Board President Susie Hodge gave brief congratulatory speeches. Excellence Awards were presented to learners who succeeded above and beyond during the past year. Twelve learners graduated from a computer class where they had learned how to send and receive emails, shop on line and do their personal banking. Special award certificates were presented to five learners for outstanding achievement, and two were recognized for passing the citizenship test. Tutors received pins for their years served.

Amy Crepeau, Oak View Literacy director, received a surprise thank you and congratulations from tutors, learners and literacy staff. Former library staff member Kevin Moran spoke and Rocio G, a learner in the program, presented her with a bouquet of flowers and a book in recognition of her recent attainment of her Master's Degree in Library Science. Amy was extremely moved and surprised, and we extend our congratulations for her hard work and diligence in earning her degree.

Afterwards, the amiable crowd enjoyed desserts and beverages provided by literacy volunteers and learners. The positive energy, happiness and conviviality at Oak View always creates a cheerful atmosphere. If you haven't had a chance to attend one of their enjoyable events, plan to do so in the future. You'll be glad you did and will go home humming a happy tune!

Dream Dinners

A NEW AND EXCITING DINING EXPERIENCE

Get ready for a new adventure in your cooking routine. DREAM DINNERS is an easy, convenient way to put delicious food for you and your family on the table. All you have to do is sign-up for a time frame, go there, get the specially prepared ingredients for 9 servings, take it all home and enjoy for several days. A portion of your purchase will go towards Literacy Volunteers, so sign up your friends and relatives too! Dates are September 14 & 15. Pick up a flyer in the office and register today!

Please join us for our
Fourth Annual Literacy Volunteers – HBPL
Wine & Words Fundraiser



October 21, 2016 7-10 p.m.
Meadowlark Golf Club
16782 Graham Street, Huntington Beach
Free Parking



Please share with your friends and neighbors as we strive to make this our best event yet.

This fundraiser not only supports our efforts, it helps spread the word about literacy.

We will have inspiring stories from adult learners and our guest, **John Dahlem**. John is a retired principal and a mountaineer who has traveled the globe visiting the North and South poles and climbing the world's highest peaks.



Register online at hbwineandwords.com
Discounted registration ends September 30

Our Wonderful "Wine & Words" fundraising event is fast approaching, and it's time to purchase your tickets. This year promises to be even more fun and fantastic than last year's and will be held at the beautiful Meadowlark Golf and Country Club, where parking is easy and free! Check out our website at hbwineandwords.com to see the auction items that are added as they come in. If you have merchandise or a service you think would make a spectacular auction item for this event, contact Julie Hyden or Walkiria Nunes in the Literacy office at 714/375-5102.

What We Do Matters

- Marisela A., Maribel P., Rosy C. completed outstanding work writing compositions on current events topics.
- New citizens Alba D and Janeth P.
- Oak View Learners who received excellence awards: Minerva B, Adela C, Pedro C, Luisa C and Cira G and their tutors who have worked so hard.
- Oak View tutors earned service pins: Dona B.-20 years, Alice S and Luz Z-10 years, Patti H, Billie S. Joanne S. and Pat Z-5 years.
- Maria successfully completed a child development class this summer.
- Cristina submitted her application to become a citizen.

A New Face in the Literacy Office

Have you noticed a new face in literacy? Akemi Royer has been coming to the HB Library since kindergarten, and has joined us as an employee. Akemi's passion for books continued at UC Irvine, where she earned a BA in English Literature. She is happy to see that her two sons are also eager to read, and active with the library reading programs and story times led by Ms. Debra.



Languages, art, food and family are a big part of Akemi's life. She was lucky to experience all four while teaching English in Tokyo and Madrid. She has also taught for many years in the health and fitness industry in Southern California.

Give Akemi a warm welcome next time you're in the library. We are glad she's joined the team.

Lazy Dog Fundraiser

The LAZY DOG restaurant fundraiser was a great success, bringing in nearly \$135 in proceeds for Literacy Volunteers. We would like to thank everyone who participated, as well as LAZY DOG for welcoming us, and look forward to holding an event there again in the future. In the meantime, we hope you have found a new place to enjoy a great meal in a doggie-welcoming environment.

Tutor Tip

Have you ever used our new Above and Beyond series books? It's a great resource to improve your learner's reading comprehension skills, especially if he/she reads fairly well. Each lesson is featured with: an article, reading comprehension exercises, critical thinking skills and personal response and self-assessment. Tutors and learners may read together taking turns. There are four different books in the series: Survivors, Visionaries, Mavericks, and Trailblazers. One of the articles in the book Survivors is called Crash landing about the airplane accident in the Hudson River. There's even a new released movie with Tom Hanks about it: *Sully*.

You will find these books in the Comprehension section on our shelves at Central. It will be available soon at Oak View.

Ralph's Community Contribution



It's time to renew your Ralph's Community Contribution program.

Literacy Volunteers has been participating in Ralph's donation program for several years. All you have to do to participate is sign up, shop there, show your RALPH'S card and the donations will start rolling in.

Even if you have signed up before, you need to do so again. Participants are required to register for the new term online at www.ralphs.com or by calling 800-443-4438 starting September 1, 2016. Even if you registered as recently as June, July or August 2016, you are required to register again beginning September 1st. Use your RALPH'S card to process contributions to Literacy Volunteers every time you shop.

We are happy to partner with RALPH'S in this endeavor and are thankful to them for supporting literacy volunteers. Stop in the office for more information if you have questions. Thanks!

Contest

We are into our third year of the Newsletter Contest! We want to thank all those who have participated and congratulate the winners!

The contest is meant to be an enjoyable and educational activity for tutors and learners, and we plan to continue the contest as long as our readers continue to enter. Remember, each contest winner receives \$25, so keep those entries coming!

"Coups for Troops" a Success

The Coups for Troops campaign is continuing, after sending the first batch of coupons a few weeks ago. We received a heartfelt thank you from the overseas contact person, whose own husband was preparing for active duty which would cause him to miss Thanksgiving, Christmas and family birthdays. She was planning to celebrate the holidays in August, before he deployed. They and the other military families are truly grateful for the coupons, as well as our caring outreach. The next batch is ready to go, thanks to generous coupon donations from our literacy participants. Keep filling that camouflage box and we will keep filling their hearts and helping their wallets.

International Literacy Day

International Literacy Day (ILD) shines a spotlight on global literacy needs,

which goes hand in hand with the International Literacy Association's mission: literacy for everyone, everywhere. ILA advocates for a literate world, supports literacy educators and leaders, and celebrates the power of literacy.

Founded as the International Reading Association, the International Literacy Association (ILA) has worked to enhance literacy instruction through research and professional development for 60 years. Some of its advances made for literacy include:

- Honing the skills of thousands of literacy educators through our practical research journals, publications, professional development, conferences, and advocacy efforts
- Publishing over 900 books on issues in literacy education
- Developing and managing dozens of global literacy projects across the developing world
- Building a community of educators through our network of councils and affiliate groups
- Advocating before legislative and regulatory bodies for resources to enhance students' skills
- Setting standards for educators and assessment that are now used throughout the field
- Co-producing ReadWriteThink-a widely used website resource for peer-reviewed lesson plans

As the champion of a vibrant literacy community, we recognize the importance of working together to drive sustainable change and have great expectations for the next 60 years-and beyond. For more information, go to:

<https://www.literacyworldwide.org/>

Together, we are the future of literacy, and the future is now.



Important Dates

- **September 8**, International Literacy Day
- **September 14 & 15**, Dream Dinners
- **Friday, October 21st, 7pm**, "Wine & Words"

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

Newsletter Feedback

If you have a comment, question or a suggestion about an article or idea for the Open Doors Literacy newsletter, please send it to ebonk68@gmail.com or

literacy@surfcity-hb.org. We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter and always welcome your feedback.



Thank you for your ongoing support of the adult and family literacy programs at Huntington Beach Public Library. Without your help we would not be where we are today, and we appreciate you.

Sincerely,
Literacy Volunteers-HBPL Board of Directors & Staff