

Literacy Volunteers-HBPL News Summer 2018

Helping others open their own doors to new worlds through better reading, writing and communicating with confidence, Literacy Volunteers-HBPL is a volunteer driven not-for-profit program dedicated to adult learners overcoming circumstantial, financial and emotional obstacles, in order to better their lives for themselves, their families and their community through improved literacy.

2018 has been a very busy and productive year for Literacy Volunteers! We've enjoyed the support of and thank great local restaurants including [Lazy Dog Restaurant & Bar](#), [The Beach Hut Deli](#), [Miguel's Jr. Homestyle Mexican Food](#) and last but not never least, [Red Table](#), and local community members including former board member Devra Swiger of [AB-Solutely Pilates](#) for their generous donations and contributions of time. Monies generated from our fundraising efforts throughout the year help make strides in improving adult literacy as we host tutor training and in-services, apply for grants, organize learner and volunteer activities, engage with other groups who work to serve our community in different ways, and host our service and achievement awards receptions every year.

A Word From Our New President: Julie Hyden

Hi Everyone,

I am both honored and humbled to assume my role as President of the Board of Directors for Literacy Volunteers-HBPL. Allow me to take this moment to thank our departing board members, President Susie Hodge, Treasurer Jennifer Shim, and board members Herb Niles and Devra Swiger. Your diligent, tireless efforts have had a hugely positive effect on everyone in our literacy family! I am committed to carrying on with the quality you exemplify.

Thank you to the dedicated continuing board members and welcome to our enthusiastic newest members. Know that I am so grateful to each of you for everything you do for the literacy program. I look forward to an exciting and productive year with this fantastic board!

We are very fortunate to have Diane Moseley and Amy Crepeau to continue guiding the literacy program with their intelligence, experience and compassion. In tandem with our literacy leaders and staff, we, the Board of Directors, have already set forth this year's plans to ensure continued progress in our effort to help our learners in the areas they desire. We are working on tutor and learner in-services, training classes, activities, and celebrations. Fundraising is a big part of our job as board members. At the forefront of this is preparing for our biggest annual fundraiser, *Wine & Words*, on October 26, 2018. Donations for the silent auction and raffle are currently being accepted.

Please reach out to me with any input or ideas that you may have to benefit adult literacy services here in Huntington Beach. Remaining open to new avenues and methods for assisting everyone in our literacy family is a tenet I will always adhere to. Together we can make a valuable difference for those we serve in our community!

Sincerely,
Julie Hyden

June 2018

2018 Annual Meeting & Awards Event



Literacy Volunteers-HBPL's 2018 Annual Meeting & Awards Event was a wonderful time with 2017-2018 President Susie Hodge, Central's Program Director Diane Moseley, and Stephanie Beverage, Library Director for Huntington Beach Public Library at the helm. Our wonderful learners were recognized for being "Writer to Writer" challenge entrants, for earning their U.S. citizenship, for becoming graduates of the COHS (Career Online High School) and achieving outstanding learner recognition!

5-10-15 year service pins were awarded to program volunteers; thank you to all volunteers! New board members were elected, and outgoing members were recognized for their service on the board.

Warmest thanks to all who participated in making this a fun event and another great year for the HBPL adult literacy program.





Career Online High School Graduation

On Friday, June 1, we honored four of our graduates for completing the [Career Online High School](#) program. Each graduate earned her high school diploma and a career certification in her chosen field. These four graduates should be very proud of their accomplishment; we certainly are!



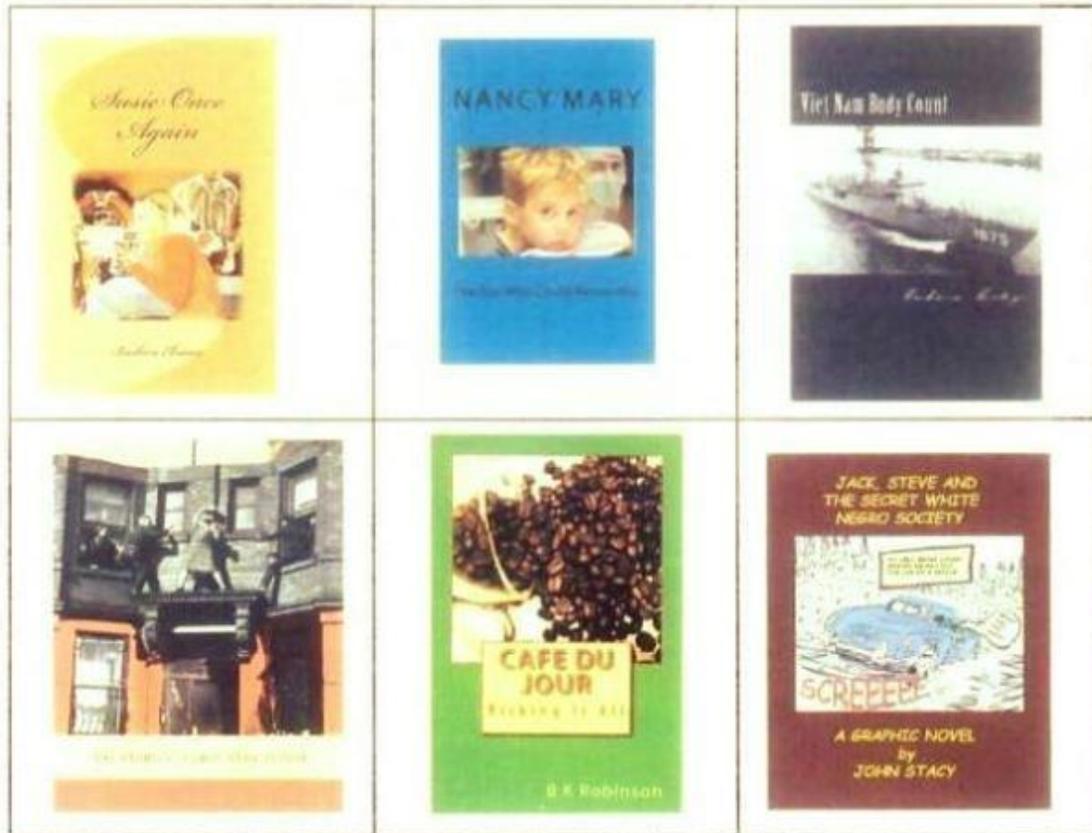
Della, Raquel, Maricela, and Charlene



So excited to celebrate the hard work and excellence of the COHS graduates!

July 2018

Literacy Volunteers' Authors Panel



On July 12, 2018, six local authors who sometimes call themselves "The Long Beach Fiction Writers," converged at the Huntington Beach Central Library to give live readings from their books. The Literacy-sponsored event was organized by board member, activities chairperson, local author and member of the group, Barbara K. Robinson. Nancy Mary, Barbara Eknoian, Mushroom Montoya, Carol Anne Perini, and John Stacey rounded out the sextet.

The purpose of the event was to encourage would-be writers to look the fear of writing straight in the eye and WRITE! The panelists agreed that the blank page is a scary thing, but we all have a story waiting to be told. Each brought some of their books to sell, donating 30% of the day's proceeds to Literacy Volunteers.

You can support your local authors by checking their books out of the library, or buying online or in stores.

The Literacy Board's Activities' committee is constantly planning exciting, informative and fun activities for tutors and learners meant to enrich the tutoring and learning experience. Check the events binder in the office and your email for activities throughout the year.

May 2018

Literacy Volunteers at the Huntington Beach Duck-A-Thon

Once again, Literacy Volunteers manned our long-standing booth at this year's [Duck-A-Thon](#) at the Huntington Beach pier on May 19 and 20, 2018, and it was everything it was quacked up to be! We always appreciate being able to participate in other local HB events to get the word out about our program, and we thank AltaMed and all the people who help make that possible. A special thanks to Dr. Janed Saz for donating the booth, and to board member Dionne Cox for all her special efforts and hard work in making our booth its best; we are so ducky to have them both!



Dionne Cox, Herb Niles, Diane Moseley



Donna Mason, Helen Charles, Susie Hodge, Herb Niles, Diane Moseley, Jennifer Shim

April 2018

5th Annual WalkRunRead 5K by Susie Hodge

5:00 AM Saturday, April 28 dawned clear and calm in Huntington Beach Central Park. Soft sunlight gently warmed the dew as Scott Sherman and Akemi Royer marked the 5K course with alphabet letters. Volunteers set up shop under the picnic table roof as the Book Shack eased its way onto the grass. Vendors assembled their wares under colorful tents and Raquel of Raquel's Balloons moved her balloon art to the starting line. Soon, runners began to arrive, ready to pick up their racing bibs. At 9:00 AM sharp, Diane Moseley announced, "GO!" into the microphone and 80 runners, walkers and some strollers took off. A quick 20 minutes later, the first runner crossed the finish line! Others followed in quick succession and soon the walk/run portion was over. Participants stayed after to see if they had won any of the many raffle prizes. As the mid-morning sun continued to move the shadows to the east, one by one, the participants left the park, happy to have participated in the literacy's 5th Annual Walk/Run/Read 5K & Fun Run.

Thank you to Diane Moseley for taking the 5K reins, to Herb Niles for ordering the t-shirts, to Julie Hyden, Herb Niles, Susie Hodge, and Allison Angelich for procuring the vendors, to our generous volunteers for the oranges, bananas and refreshments to help the 5K participants recover, to Jose Aranda for taking the Library's Book Shack, and to Volunteer Coordinator Akemi Royer for directing the community volunteers from Bolsa Grande High School, Garden Grove High School CSF, Hispanic 100 Foundation, Marina High School, Santiago High School Key Club, and Starbucks. A special THANK YOU to the vendors and sponsors: [Starbucks](#), [Sola Foods](#), [New York Life Securities](#), [Barefoot Books](#), [City of Huntington Beach Art Center](#), [Duck-A-Thon](#) and [Love's Aura](#) for adding an extra layer of fun to our event.

THANK YOU to the Literacy Board members who procured raffle items and to the Literacy staff for creating the charming raffle bags. The Walk/Run/Read 5K & Fun Run is a Literacy Board event that supports Literacy fundraising and awareness. THANK YOU to all who worked so hard on this community event!



Akemi Royer preparing the student volunteers before the event.



Warming up before the 5K



The Finish Line!

March 2018

Huntington Beach Cherry Blossom Festival



Did you have a chance to visit Literacy Volunteers' booth at this year's Cherry Blossom Festival?

On March 18, 2018, not only was it fun people watching, trying all the different food truck food, and enjoying the entertainment, we loved being able to chat with people of all ages and backgrounds about our program.

We had a nice visit from local newspaper "[Huntington Beach News](#)" owner and editor, Jerry Person (shown below with former board member Herb Niles).



Allison Angelich, Jennifer Shim, Herb Niles



Jerry Person, Herb Niles

Learner-Tutor and Friends Tour of Yakult Headquarters

What's Yakult? On March 20, 2018 Literacy Volunteers' tutors, learners and friends found out when they gathered for a [free tour](#) of the Yakult Headquarters in Fountain Valley. Yakult is a trademarked, probiotic, non-fat drink available in two flavors, regular and light, and is packaged in a tiny bottle.

The tour began with the history of Dr. Minoru Shirota's discovery, learning that only Dr. Shirota's strain is packaged by Yakult. Led by Andrea, Yakult's very knowledgeable guide, the tour continued through the onsite museum of products made around the world, and through Yakult's high tech, extremely clean and modern facility, complete with an automated robot that stacks Yakult cases perfectly onto a pallet. At the end, the group was treated to a sample of Yakult's tasty probiotic drink.

The group learned that this is the only facility servicing the United States and Canada. Yakult is a proud sponsor of our very own Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim baseball team!

Yakult can be found in most major grocery stores. Don't let knock-offs fool you!



Special Mention ... Allison Angelich and Zaid Maher

In case you have not already had the pleasure of meeting or working with Allison Angelich and Zaid Maher, we wanted to take a moment to introduce them to you. Allison and Zaid have been working in the Literacy Office for the past year. They enjoy working in the Literacy Office and plan to continue as they pursue their education goals.

Allison is enrolled in the Single Subject Credential Program at CSULB and will be student teaching in Spring of 2019. She is working toward earning a teaching credential in English and Social Studies and plans to further her education by getting a Masters degree in Literature.

Zaid, who has his English degree, is also obtaining his teaching credential from California State University, Long Beach.

We appreciate their contributions to Adult Literacy and wish Allison and Zaid continued success in all their endeavors!!



Zaid Maher



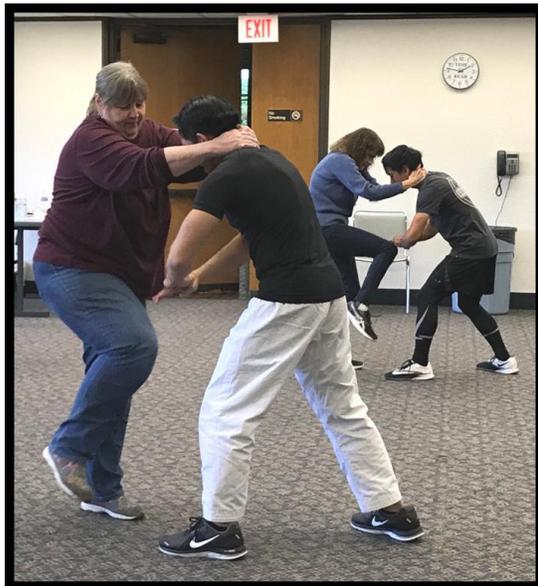
Allison Angelich

February 2018
Attackers Beware!!
By Susan Shimizu



On February 25th, 13 learners, tutors, and Literacy friends learned how to defend themselves and fight back!

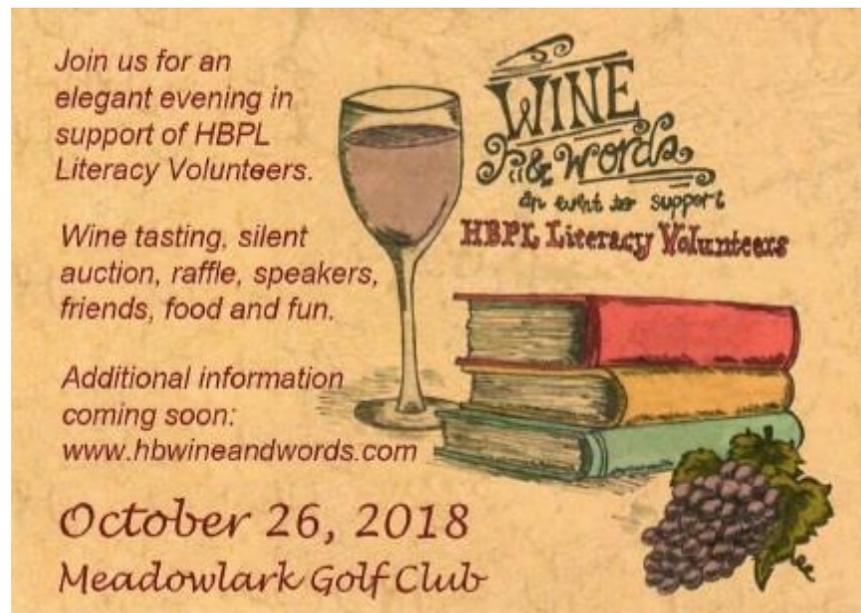
Sensei (Japanese for teacher) Anthony Tran and his assistant Jonathan S. gave each participant hands-on training in preventing or escaping chokes and grab holds, in putting attackers to sleep, and in effective slapping and striking techniques. They gave a demonstration on how to scoot backwards so as to quickly stand up and get away from being on the ground: all methods of defending oneself against larger and stronger opponents. Indeed, the size and strength of attackers matters little when we know how to bring them down to eye level.



Watch out for the open hands!

The workshop was a good physical and mental workout on a Sunday afternoon at Central Library, and we look forward to learning more moves in the future!

Wine & Words 2018 ... Save the Date!



Are you missing some glasses?



These bronze rimmed Liz Claiborne glasses were found in the literacy department. Please come and claim them if they are yours.



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