

November/December 2024

Writer to Writer Challenge

The annual Writer to Writer Challenge has begun! We invite our learners to write a letter to an author who has inspired them. The challenge is open to learners all over California.

Learners can enter Writer to Writer in one of four categories: Emerging, Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Writer. Library literacy coordinators and a panel of adult learners judge the entries and selects one winner and two runners-up in each category.

How to participate:

1. Read or listen to an inspiring book in English.
2. Write a letter to the author about how the book affected you.
3. Give your letter and entry form to a staff member for copying and mailing.



Congratulations Grace! Our New Library Assistant



We are happy to announce that Grace has been promoted to Library Assistant.

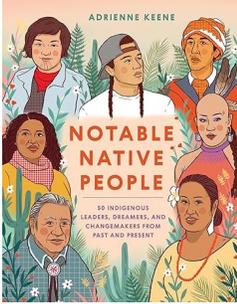
Here's a little about Grace, in her own words:

I have fond memories of libraries, likely due to my experiences growing up. A trip to the Dove Library as a child was so exciting. We were regular library patrons and participated in the summer reading program for years. As an undergrad at UCSC, I rediscovered libraries again; now they held a different purpose.

A couple of years after graduation, I wasn't in a career I wanted to be in, and I found myself asking a familiar question: What do I want to be when I grow up? In my previous job, I regularly witnessed the ill effects of communities with access to few resources. The outreach work I was involved in pushed me down a path toward librarianship. I realized I wanted to not only be involved in community-centered work, but also in developing and running programs that made an impact too. I decided to pursue a master's in library and information science.

Not long after, I began working as a Library Technician in Literacy Services at the Learning Center. Supporting staff members and tutors over the past year and a half as I near the end of my MLIS program has been an incredible experience. I am inspired by the incredible Learning Center staff every day I walk into work. As cheesy as it sounds, I got into the field of librarianship to change the world. I am thrilled at the opportunity to support the adult literacy program as a full-time employee as we continue to do just that.

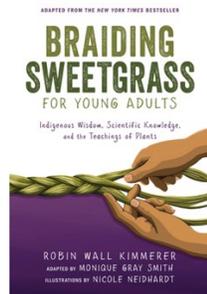
Recommended Reads for Native American Heritage Month



Notable Native People, by Adrienne Keene. Celebrate the lives, stories, and contributions of fifty notable American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian people in this beautifully illustrated collection.



Project 562, by Matika Wilbur. A photographic and narrative celebration of contemporary Native American life and cultures, alongside an in-depth examination of issues that Native people face, by celebrated photographer and storyteller Matika Wilbur of the Swinomish and Tulalip Tribes.



Braiding Sweetgrass, by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants. The version in our collection is adapted to be read at a more accessible level.

All three volumes are in our collection, and available for check-out now.

Happy Holidays and Thanks For a Great Year!

What a wonderful year of changes and growth for our literacy program! In March, we bid a fond farewell to Carrie Scott as she headed into retirement after her many years of dedicated service. Sandra Riggins stepped into the Community Outreach Supervisor role, ready to help our program reach new heights.

Our team grew even stronger this year with the addition of Cory, Divina and Demetra, and we're thrilled to celebrate Grace's well-deserved promotion to Library Assistant! Jordan, Michelle, and Denise continue to be the strong backbone of our program, providing incredible support each day. We also want to send a big congratulations to Will on his new job. We'll miss him and wish him all the best!

Throughout the year, we've enjoyed so many great activities together from exploring e-resources and participating in News Crew to taking an exciting field trip to San Diego and sharing stories in our book clubs led by Michelle and Mihoko. We've enjoyed tutor exchange, where Terry has led us in discussions about ways to improve tutoring. We're excited about all your contributions to the learner anthology book that will be printed later this year.

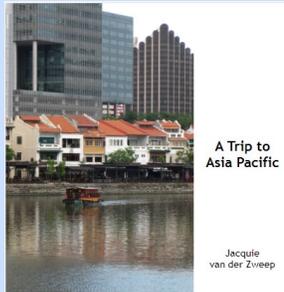
None of this would be possible without our amazing tutors. Your dedication to helping learners reach their goals truly touches our hearts. And to our learners, we're so proud of all your hard work and achievements this year!

Here's to another year of learning, growing, and supporting each other!

New Reader Book Club

We meet each month to read a short book from the New Reader collection and share our thoughts. Join us this Fall:

Thursday, Nov. 21 from 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. to discuss *A Trip to Asia Pacific* by Jacquie van der Zweep.



Thursday, Dec. 19 from 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. to discuss *My New Hometown* by Xenia Lal.



Enjoy Reading and Writing with Music!

Come explore literacy learning through music in this fun workshop. Each month there will be a new song to learn from.

Join us on **November 14th at noon** for “My Favorite Things” by Julie Andrews, and **December 12th at noon** for “All I Want For Christmas” by Mariah Carey.

All learners and tutors are invited! No music or singing skills are needed.



Field Trip: Art Gallery Visit

Join us for a fun afternoon at the Cannon Art Gallery at the Carlsbad City Library on Dove Lane on Thursday, November 7 at 1:30 pm. All learners and tutors are invited! We'll explore the gallery together and make our own art project that will be shown at the Library Learning Center. No art experience needed.

The Cannon Art Gallery is located at 1775 Dove Lane.

Need a ride? A van will leave the Learning Center at 1:00 pm (space for nine people - reserve your spot at the front desk). We'll be back by 4:00 pm.

Please join us for this creative adventure!

Exciting News for our Tutor Exchange!

Don't miss our special event **Thursday, Nov. 7, noon - 1:00 pm**

- Featured guest: Bill Sannwald, Author and Illustrator
- The Benefits of Keeping a Journal

All tutors are invited to this unique learning opportunity!



100 Hour Pairs

Terry S. and Enjian G.

Well Done!

News Crew

Learn new vocabulary words, share your opinions and stay up-to-date with News Crew! In News Crew, we discuss articles from *News for You*, a newspaper with easy-to-read news stories.

Join us on Zoom

Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

To sign up and get the Zoom link, call us at 442-339-2878 or email us at:

literacy@carlsbadca.gov

THANK YOU!

Christine D. - Fruit and nut packs and mixed chocolates

Myungson K. – Choco Pies and rice crackers

Margy R.- Mini bundt cake and assorted Kettle chips

Terry S. - Fall-themed Vermont chocolates

