



# OC Literacy and Language

AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER



## Welcome Back!

It's back to school season! We hope you all had an amazing summer and are excited to welcome back our students in Orange County for another successful school year. This month you will find some upcoming offerings from OCDE and our partners, back to school literacy information and some great resources to start the new school year! Please join us in welcoming the newest member of the Literacy and Language team at OCDE Laurie Virtusio! We hope you enjoy your last few days/weeks of summer and look forward to another year of powerful literacy collaboration across our county.

### Upcoming Dates

August 8: Ignite Early Literacy

August 9: National Book Lovers Day

August 15: OCSSA and L&L Network Session



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# Upcoming Literacy Offerings



## Ignite Early Literacy

**August 8, 2024**  
**8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
Register [here](#)

Looking for some professional learning targeted specifically for PK/TK in elementary school? We are hosting a free, in-person session to discuss literacy strategies for our youngest readers alongside an exploration of the updated TK state guidance, foundations and alignment to Kindergarten standards. Great for PK/TK teachers, Kinder/1st grade teachers, administrators, TOSA's and coaches. Breakfast and lunch is included!



## OCCSA and Lit & Lang Network

**August 15, 2024**  
**9:00 - 11:30 a.m.**  
Register [here](#)

Join OCDE's OCSSA and Literacy & Language Networks for a free, exciting workshop presented by Facing History & Ourselves! Dive into transformative strategies to create reflective and brave learning spaces, enhancing your teaching practices and building a more inclusive classroom environment. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with like-minded educators and ignite your professional journey.



## 24-25 Literacy & Language Network

Register [here](#)

We are thrilled to share that we will be continuing the Literacy and Language Network for the 24-25 year! This Network is a no-cost monthly opportunity for educators to discuss current and emerging topics in ELA, ELD, and Disciplinary Literacy. If you are a literacy leader in your community, we encourage you to join our network. Our goal is to have a representative from each district.



## Laying the Foundation: Essential Skills TK-5

**Live Virtual Sessions**  
**September 12, October 2, and November 5, 2024**  
**3:30 - 5:00 p.m.**  
 Register [here](#)

Are you ready to expand your Foundational Skills toolkit? Join us for a 3 part virtual training focused on mastering foundational literacy skills using the ELA/ELD Toolkit. Topics include: Phonemic Awareness, Harnessing Sound/Spelling Cards, Phonics & Decoding, and Word Study.



## Diversifying Text

**Fall Cohort: October 9, October 30 & November 13, 2024**  
**3:30 - 5:00 p.m.**  
 Register [here](#)

Join our dynamic three-part series, "Diversifying Our Texts: Fostering Joy and Expanding Perspectives," designed for K-12 educators. This engaging workshop explores the power of diverse texts as Mirrors, Windows, and Sliding Glass Doors, inspired by Dr. Rudine Sims Bishop. Enhanced with insights from Dr. Ghody Muhammad's "Unearthing Joy," participants will learn to incorporate texts that broaden perspectives and foster inclusivity.



## Empowering Writers Summit

**April 1, 2025**  
**8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**  
 Register [here](#)

Get ready for a day full of inspiration, innovative strategies, and fun collaboration! This exciting event is designed for educators who are passionate about enhancing writing instruction across all grade levels and content areas. Dive into engaging workshops, lively discussions, and hands-on sessions that will leave you buzzing with new ideas to bring back to your classroom. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to connect with fellow educators and reignite your passion for teaching writing. Mark your calendars now - we can't wait to see you there!

Please click on the link below to see our professional development trainingst

## 2024-25 Literacy and Language Calendar

# Save the Date

## Student-Centered Coaching Institute with Diane Sweeney Consulting

September 9-10 in Irvine  
September 19-20 in San Diego



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## State Seal of Biliteracy and Pathways Recognitions: Cultivating Multilingualism from PK-University (Elementary Focus)

**Virtual Session**  
Weds. Aug. 7, 2024  
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.



- AUDIENCE**  
Administrators
- INFORMATION**  
OCDE Educational Services  
(714) 966-4402
- REGISTER**  
<https://ocde.k12oms.org/1253-246833>

Loyola Marymount University  
Center for Equity for English Learners

## English Learner Master Plan Institute: Designing Visionary Local Policy Aligned to the CA English Learner Roadmap

### Join us for our English Learner Master Plan Institute!

This unique opportunity will support Local Education Agencies (e.g. districts, charters) to strategically plan for the development/revision of their district plans to support English/Multilingual Learner students. Leadership teams will participate in five sessions focused on EL Master Plan development processes to promote equity for English/Multilingual Learners. Throughout this collaborative professional learning community, teams will also engage in cross-district discussions to support the writing of their EL Master Plan. Our work will be grounded in our CEEL English Learner Master Plan Playbook.

In the context of California's renewed focus and investment in multilingual education, we have access to more and more resources to understand, cultivate, recognize, and advocate for biliteracy! See concrete examples of resources available to your districts, including the State Seal of Biliteracy and newer biliteracy pathway recognitions from PK to University. In this training we will share experiences gained and resources created through the Multilingual California Alliance Project (MCAP), a 3 year grant funded by the CA EWIG EL Roadmap Implementation Grant.

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### SESSION TOPICS

Session 1: Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 8:30am-12:30pm  
(In-person) Foundations for Developing a Visionary EL Master Plan

Session 2: Tuesday, November 5, 2024, 8:30am-11:30am  
(Online) Responding to Diverse Learners

Session 3: Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 8:30am-12:30pm  
(In-person) Program Options and Comprehensive ELD Program Delivery

Session 4: Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 8:30am-11:30am  
(Online) Staffing, Professional Learning & Family-Community Engagement

Session 5: Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 8:30am-12:30pm  
(In-person) Coherent and Articulated Systems & Monitoring

In-Person Location: Loyola Marymount University, 1 LMU Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90045

- ### Who should attend?
- LEA Leadership representatives that will support EL Master Plan decision making and oversee the operationalizing of the plan
  - Cross-departmental teams of 3-4 participants
  - This can include those with an EL focus, as well as staff from LEA Ed. Services/ Instruction, Special Education, State & Federal and Student Services sections.

Training date is subject to change/cancellation based on registration numbers

### REGISTRATION

**Registration Fee: \$2,200.00**  
(Includes CEEL English Learner Master Plan Playbook, all training resources, and meals for in-person sessions)

**Registration Deadline: 9/3/2024**

Scan to Register or Click [HERE](#)

# SAVE THE DATE!

## The 2024 S.T.E.A.M. Race to Space Reading Challenge Blasts Off November 8th Orange County Students TK-12th

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## Back to School



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<p><b>Monday, August 5</b> 4-6pm</p> <p>Laguna Niguel Library 30341 Crown Valley Pkwy Laguna Niguel, CA 92677 (949) 249-5252 Meet Skipper/Jon Jones Bubble-Chugz 201</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, August 6</b> 4-6pm</p> <p>Fountain Valley Library 17635 Los Alamitos Fountain Valley, CA 92708 (714) 962-1324 Meet Skipper/Jon Jones Animal Show</p>	<p><b>Monday, August 12</b> 4-6pm</p> <p>FootHill Ranch Library 27002 Cabrile Way FootHill Ranch, CA 92610 (949) 855-8072 Meet Skipper/Jon Jones Magic &amp; Balloon Puppet Show</p>
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# Back to School

The Pigeon HAS to Go to School!

Come ON!



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**Back to School Resources**  
**Check out the Early Literacy Resources PreK-2**

# Spotlight



## Do you want your school, district or organization highlighted for amazing literacy work?

Each month our Literacy and Language Newsletter will include a spotlight section to highlight the incredible things happening with literacy across the county. We invite you all to submit this form to be included in an upcoming spotlight section. Click [here](#).

# Resources

- The California CTE is seeking applicants to serve on a workgroup that will meet and make advisory recommendations to the Commission regarding the design and implementation of California's currently approved Teaching Performance Assessments (TPAs). The workgroup will be comprised of classroom teachers, teacher educators, and professionals who have expertise with TPAs. Visit the [SBI263 Workgroup Application](#) to apply. Applications are due by August 15, 2024, 5:00 p.m.
- This year, California has created guidance for [cursive instruction](#) in the CA State Standards . You can find all the updated info and FAQs [here](#).
- Did you know the guidelines for ELPAC testing in TK have changed? [Check out the latest update from CDE](#).
- Check out the incredible toolbox of literacy resources from the [University of Florida Literacy Institute \(UFLI\)](#)! These robust foundational skill resources are teacher-friendly and aligned to the science of reading.
- Looking for a resource to diversify your text? Check out <https://diversebookfinder.org>



# Tech Corner



Start your school year with a dynamic learning experience at Hello History! The platform uses cutting-edge AI to bring historical figures to life, offering students and teachers the unique opportunity to engage in interactive conversations with those who have shaped our world. Make history accessible and exciting with Hello History's AI-powered insights and enrich your classroom with unparalleled learning experiences. [hellohistory.ai](https://hellohistory.ai)

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