



OC Literacy and Language

MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER



Happy Reading!

As we welcome the month of March, we also embrace new opportunities for literacy growth and engagement! This month is a perfect time to celebrate Read Across America, explore the joy of storytelling, and encourage students to set fresh reading goals as we move into spring.

With longer days ahead, consider incorporating outdoor reading sessions, poetry writing inspired by nature, or book-themed projects that spark creativity. March is also National Reading Month, making it the perfect time to refresh classroom libraries, introduce students to diverse authors, and reinforce the power of daily reading habits.

Looking for ways to support multilingual learners in literacy? Explore strategies that blend foundational skills with language development, ensuring that every student has the tools they need to thrive. Let's make this month a celebration of words, stories, and the love of learning!

Upcoming Dates

March 2-6 | Read Across America Week

March 14 | Holi

March 17 | St. Patrick's Day

March 18-24 | Neurodiversity Celebration Week

March 31 | Cesar Chavez Day



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Upcoming Literacy Offerings



Empowering Writers Summit

June 14, 2025
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Register [here](#)

Connect with fellow educators, explore new strategies, and spark creativity in your students. Engage in dynamic workshops, lively discussions, and collaborative sessions designed to leave you with fresh ideas and practical tools to make writing exciting for all your students. Featured speaker Jen Roberts, a National Board Certified teacher and digital pedagogy expert, will share her insights on literacy and generative AI in education. Don't miss this opportunity to reignite your passion for teaching writing! Accepting Proposals - submit [here](#)

Join us for a fun and inspiring day at the Writing Summit! Connect with fellow educators, explore new strategies, and spark creativity in your students. With engaging workshops, lively discussions, and plenty of collaboration, you'll leave with fresh ideas and tools to make writing exciting for all your students. Don't miss out on this opportunity to reignite your passion for teaching writing! Accepting Proposals at <https://bit.ly/empoweringwriters>

For content questions: Contact Kristin Fleming, Director of Literacy Development at kfleming@ocde.net or [714.261.4300](tel:714.261.4300)

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Audience: K-12 Teachers, Coaches, Literacy Specialists, Curriculum Specialists, Literacy Coordinators, and all members of the writing profession.

MTSS: Approved Academic Intervention

Please click on the link below to see our professional development trainings
[2024-25 Literacy and Language Calendar](#)

Save the Date

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON
College of Education
SchoolsFirst FCU Center for Creativity and Critical Thinking

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K-12 Online Teaching

professional development for teachers

K12 Online Teaching Webinars

K12 Teaching Webinars & Workshops

The Center for Critical Thinking and Creativity is pleased to offer free professional development to P12 teachers. This online webinar and in person workshop series focuses on a wide range of teaching strategies and support for teachers at all levels of education. All webinars are posted on the College of Education's YouTube Channel and freely available to all.

Summer Institute 2025

Into the Wild: Writing Beyond Boundaries

Explore how writing can challenge conventional limits and inspire transformation.

June 23 - July 18
Mon - Thurs 9-2 at UCI
Special Adventures Friday 9 - Noon

Participants receive a \$2000 stipend
(10 Quarter Units can also be taken at UCI)

Save the Date



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**OC GLAD®
Spring Institute 2025**

Celebrate impactful learning moments that elevate content knowledge, comprehension, and language development.

April 24, 2025
Hilton Orange County
Costa Mesa

Registration: links will be sent separately.

Orange County Department of Education | Educational Services Division
Curriculum, Instruction & Academic Enrichment Unit



PROJECT-BASED LEARNING (PBL) WORKSHOP

THIS WORKSHOP INCLUDES:

- Three consecutive days of hands-on learning
- A combination of direct instruction, video analysis and peer-to-peer collaboration in a learner centered environment
- Work time to develop a standards-based PBL unit

- 👤 Teachers
- 📅 April 8 - 10, 2025
- 🕒 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- 📍 Orange County Department of Education
- 💰 \$375
- 🍽️ Materials, Snack & Lunch included

PARTICIPANTS WILL:

- Learn the essential components of project-based learning
- Plan, design and develop a project for classroom/school use
- Learn to engage students in learner-centered practices, driven by sustained inquiry, throughout the project

Registration & Additional Information:

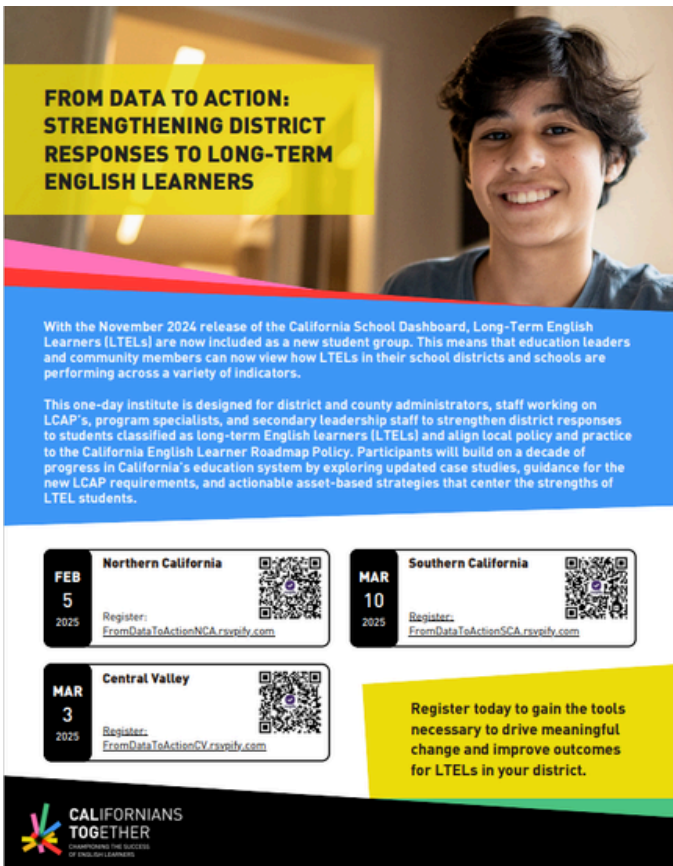
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LCAP: Standards-Based Instruction; Pupil Engagement
CA MTSS: Whole Child-Inclusive Academic Instruction;
Integrated Supports



FROM DATA TO ACTION: STRENGTHENING DISTRICT RESPONSES TO LONG-TERM ENGLISH LEARNERS

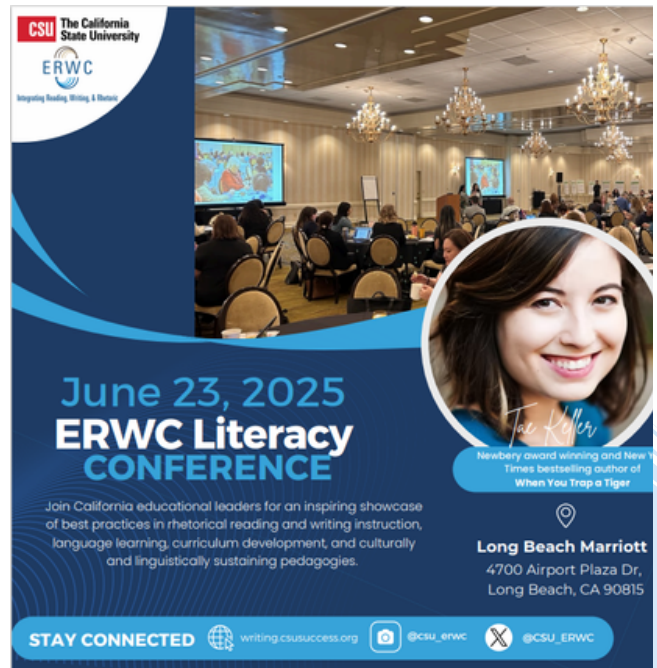
With the November 2024 release of the California School Dashboard, Long-Term English Learners (LTELs) are now included as a new student group. This means that education leaders and community members can now view how LTELs in their school districts and schools are performing across a variety of indicators.

This one-day institute is designed for district and county administrators, staff working on LCAP's, program specialists, and secondary leadership staff to strengthen district responses to students classified as long-term English learners (LTELs) and align local policy and practice to the California English Learner Roadmap Policy. Participants will build on a decade of progress in California's education system by exploring updated case studies, guidance for the new LCAP requirements, and actionable asset-based strategies that center the strengths of LTEL students.

FEB 5 2025	Northern California	
Register: FromDataToActionNCA.rsvpify.com		
MAR 10 2025	Southern California	
Register: FromDataToActionSCA.rsvpify.com		
MAR 3 2025	Central Valley	
Register: FromDataToActionCV.rsvpify.com		

Register today to gain the tools necessary to drive meaningful change and improve outcomes for LTELs in your district.

CALIFORNIANS TOGETHER
CHAMPIONING THE SUCCESS OF EVERY LEARNER





CSU The California State University
ERWC
Inspiring Reading, Writing, & Thinking

June 23, 2025 ERWC Literacy CONFERENCE

Join California educational leaders for an inspiring showcase of best practices in rhetorical reading and writing instruction, language learning, curriculum development, and culturally and linguistically sustaining pedagogies.

Long Beach Marriott
4700 Airport Plaza Dr,
Long Beach, CA 90815

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OC Public Libraries Presents

KINDERPALOOZA

AN EVENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
 PREPARING TO ENTER KINDERGARTEN



Esteban the Green Crayon



Curious George



Splish the Cat

Performers and Activity Stations!
 Dental Screenings provided by Orange County Local Oral Health Program!
 Community Partners including Pretend City, WIC, OC Head Start, First 5 OC, and more!

<p>TUSTIN LIBRARY Tuesday, March 11, 2025 4-6pm 345 E Main St, Tustin, CA 92780 Performer: Microphone Doctors Costume Character: Esteban the Green Crayon</p>	<p>SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO LIBRARY Thursday, March 13, 2025 4-6pm 31495 El Camino Real, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675 Performer: Storybook Family Playhouse Costume Character: Esteban the Green Crayon</p>
<p>BREA LIBRARY Tuesday, March 18, 2025 4-6pm 7 Civic Center Circle, Brea, CA 92605 Performer: Microphone Doctors Costume Character: Curious George</p>	<p>EL TORO LIBRARY Thursday, March 20, 2025 4-6pm 24822 Raymond Way, Lake Forest, CA 92530 Performer: Storybook Family Playhouse Costume Character: Curious George</p>
<p>LAGUNA HILLS TECHNOLOGY LIBRARY Tuesday, March 25, 2025 4-6pm 2555 Alicia Pkwy, Laguna Hills, CA 92653 Performer: Microphone Doctors Costume Character: Splish the Cat</p>	<p>GARDEN GROVE CHAPMAN LIBRARY Thursday, March 27, 2025 4-6pm 9882 Chapman Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92843 Performer: Microphone Doctors Costume Character: Splish the Cat</p>

OC Public Libraries

For more information, call 714-566-2827 or visit ocpl.org

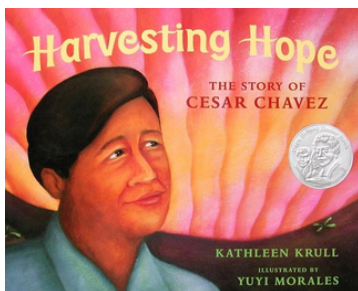
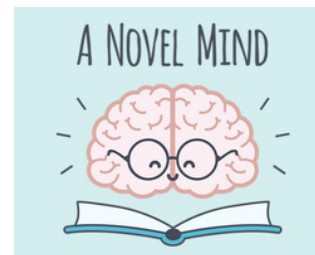


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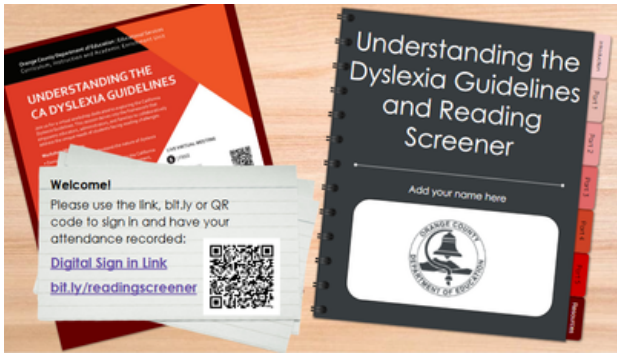
Art Classes



Check out all of Teaching Books' March Timely Topic Resources [Here](#)



Spotlight



Shout out to the 150 educators who joined our Reading Screener and Dyslexia Guidelines virtual training in January and February to learn about and collaborate on rolling out the Reading Screener at districts starting next fall! Thank you for the amazing questions, ideas, resources and your enduring commitment to literacy in Orange County. We feel so honored to work alongside you all!

We invite you all to submit [this](#) form to be included in an upcoming spotlight section. You can spotlight a teacher, an event, a literacy initiative- anything you would like to share! All submissions will also be featured on our OCDE Lit&Lang Social Media!

Resources

- Need information about the upcoming Screener for Risk of Reading Difficulties, including Dyslexia? Here is the [OCDE Information Guide](#), updated frequently as new information is released. We are here to support the implementation of this initiative in any way that we can!
- Check out the latest [CDE Literacy Newsletter](#) for information on Statewide Literacy
- [Bookshare](#) curated a [list](#) for the 2024 update! Bookshare provides access to a huge collection of ebooks that are customizable for people with reading barriers.

Tech Corner



We are excited to announce that registration is now open for Spring CUE 2025, taking place from March 20 to 22, 2025. This premier educational technology conference offers a unique opportunity for educators to engage in professional development, explore innovative teaching strategies, and network with peers. CUE members receive an \$80 discount on registration, and membership is available for just \$40. To join CUE and register for the event, please visit cue.org/memberships. Don't miss this chance to enhance your skills and collaborate with fellow educators at Spring CUE 2025.

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