



OC Literacy and Language

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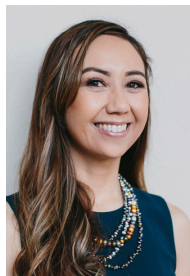
September is buzzing with meaning and joy! We'll kick things off with **International Literacy Day** (Sept 8th)—because what's better than celebrating the power of stories? Then we roll into **Hispanic Heritage Month** (starting Sept 15th), a vibrant celebration of voices, languages, and cultures. On **Patriot Day** (Sept 11th) we pause for reflection and resilience, and by **Constitution Day & Week** (Sept 17th–23rd) we're ready to let curiosity about democracy spark classroom conversations.

And the best part? Our first Network Meeting is Sept 9th, we can't wait to see you there as we bring JOY back to teaching together!



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Upcoming Literacy Offerings

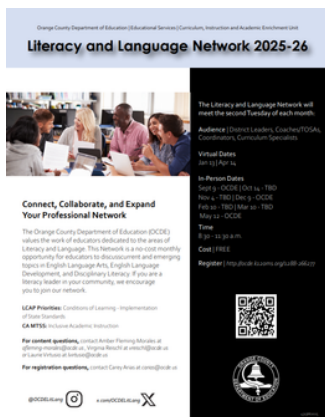


Write to Joy: K-12 Writing Conference

October 11, 2025 | 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. OCDE Conference Center

Register [here](#)

Write to Joy is more than a conference—it's a celebration of writing, creativity, and inspiration! Connect with passionate educators, discover fresh strategies, and ignite a love for writing in your students. Dive into hands-on workshops, vibrant discussions, and collaborative sessions that will leave you energized and equipped with practical tools. Featured speaker Jen Roberts, a National Board Certified teacher and digital pedagogy expert, will share her insights on literacy and the power of generative AI in education. Don't miss this opportunity to spark joy in writing—for you and your students!



2025-2026 Literacy and Language Network

2nd Tuesday of each Month

Register [here](#)

Join our no-cost monthly opportunity for educators to discuss current and emerging topics in English Language Arts, English Language Development, and Disciplinary Literacy. If you are a literacy leader in your community, we encourage you to join our network.



The Joyful Literacy Classroom: Designing Inclusive Spaces

October 8, November 5, December 3, 2025 | 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Register [here](#)

Join us for a three-part Zoom series! This no-cost professional development series is designed for induction teachers, with or without their mentors. Each session will explore how to create a welcoming, inclusive, and engaging literacy environment. Participants who attend all three sessions will receive an OCDE Digital Literacy Badge. Let's build joyful spaces where all students thrive!

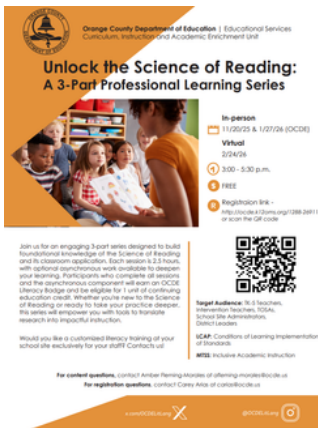


Literacy and Executive Functions CoP

October 29, 2025, January 28, April 1, 2026 | 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Register [here](#)

Join us for an engaging 3-part series designed to build foundational knowledge of the Science of Reading and its classroom application. Each session is 2.5 hours, with optional asynchronous work available to deepen your learning. Participants who complete all sessions and the asynchronous component will earn an OCDE Literacy Badge and be eligible for 1 unit of continuing education credit. Whether you're new to the Science of Reading or ready to take your practice deeper, this series will empower you with tools to translate research into impactful instruction.



Join the Orange County Department of Education in celebrating National Family Literacy Month. Our new flyer highlights resources, activities, and a toolkit to help schools and families create joyful literacy experiences that promote learning and connection. Explore ideas for hosting a Family Literacy Night, engage families through meaningful reading activities, and share your celebrations with us for a chance to be featured on our social media page and enter up to three teacher nominations into a Scholastic classroom book set drawing. Download flyer [here](#).

Save the Date

Please click on the link below to see next year's professional development trainings
2025-26 Literacy and Language Calendar



Check out our YouTube Channel!



LITERACY FOR LITTLES

FREE MONTHLY BOOKS FOR YOUR CHILD!

A Historic Launch for All of Orange County, CA!

Inspire your child's love of reading with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library



How To Pre-Register:

- Enroll your child online at powerofonefoundation.org/imaginationlibrary
- Once the program launches, you will receive an email notifying you how to register your child.
- Once registered, books arrive in the mail monthly until your child's 5th birthday.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

Any child 0-5 living in Orange County, CA!

Scan this code to pre-register your child for Orange County Imagination Library!



**Dream More,
Learn More,
Care More,
Be More™**





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powerofonefoundation.org/ocimaginationlibrary

SAVE THE DATE

**In-person
TEACHER LIBRARIAN
CONVENING**


1:00-3:00pm
Connection Hour- 3:00-4:00pm

**Thurs. Sept 11, 2025
Tues. Nov 4, 2025
Thurs. March 12, 2026
Wed. May 6, 2026**



LCAP: Student Engagement, Pupil Achievement, School Climate, Basic Services & Conditions.
CA-MTSS: Inclusive Academic Instruction, Integrated Supports
5-3-1 Plan: Academic Focus, Expanding Career & Technical Education, Integrating Artificial Intelligence

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Thursday, March 12, 2026
Garden Grove High School
11271 Stanford Avenue
1-3 pm
Rosan Cable
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Library Office: 714-663-6197

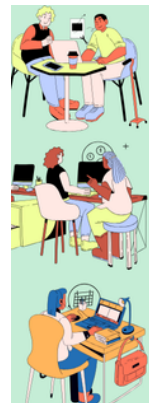
Book Care Workshop

**With the Book Doctor,
Kimberly Young**

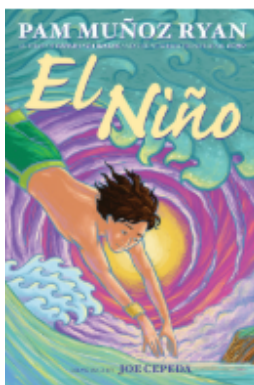
- Hands-on training
- Tailored repair and processing instruction
- Free book care resources

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



September 15th - October 15th
 Hispanic Heritage Month



September 21st
 International Day of
 Peace



September 23rd
 Sign Languages Day

Resources

- Need information about the upcoming Screener for Risk of Reading Difficulties, including Dyslexia? Check out the [OCDE Literacy and Language Webpage](#) for additional information and updates.
- Check out the latest [CDE Literacy Newsletter](#) for information on Statewide Literacy
- CDE has released [Literacy Content Blocks](#) for TK-5: The Literacy Content Blocks guide effective literacy instruction by applying the English Language Arts (ELA)/English Language Development (ELD) Framework.
- CDE also released [P-3 progression for Literacy and Language](#), aligning the PTKLF's and CA Common Core Standards.



Tech Corner

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