



# OC Literacy and Language

SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



As the vibrant colors of September start to emerge, we are thrilled to bring you another edition of our Literacy Newsletter. September 8th is International Literacy Day, a global celebration dedicated to promoting literacy as a fundamental human right. Whether it's exploring new digital resources, diving into literature, or engaging in community literacy programs, let's use this day to inspire and be inspired. Keep an eye out for our upcoming literacy resources, reading challenges, and professional learning workshops. These events are fantastic opportunities to engage with the community and spread the joy of reading to others. Thank you for being part of our literacy community. Together, we can continue to foster a love of reading and writing, making a difference in the lives of both young and adult learners alike. Happy Reading!

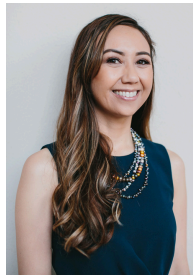
## Upcoming Dates

- September 8: International Literacy Day
- September 9-10: Student-Centered Coaching
- September 10: Literacy and Language Network Meeting
- September 12: Laying the Foundations Virtual Session Part 1
- September 15–October 15th: National Hispanic Heritage Month
- September 27th: California Native American Day



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# Upcoming Literacy Offerings



## 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.



## Student-Centered Coaching Institute

September 9-10  
Register [here](#)

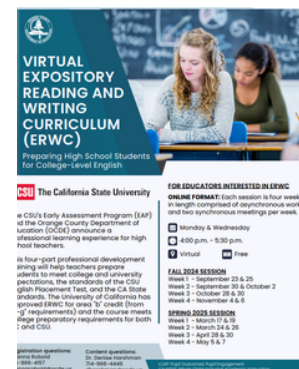
Student-Centered Coaching [[dianesweeney.com](https://dianesweeney.com)] is an evidence-based instructional coaching model that shifts the focus from 'fixing' teachers to collaborating with them to design instruction that targets student outcomes. Coaching and teacher leadership play a vital role in your district's growth and success. Seize this exceptional opportunity to cultivate the transformative changes you envision to grow your coaching ecosystem!



## 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.



## ERWC

Register [here](#)

A four-day introductory course is available for those new to teaching the ERWC course and those interested in learning how to incorporate ERWC modules into their curriculum. The course includes a combination of synchronous and asynchronous learning to support your new learning.

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### DIVERSIFYING OUR TEXTS: FOSTERING JOY AND EXPANDING PERSPECTIVES

This three-part series, "Diversifying Our Texts: Fostering Joy and Expanding Perspectives," supports K-12 educators in exploring diverse texts as Mirrors, Windows, and Sliding Glass Doors, a concept by Dr. Rudine Sims Bishop. Enhanced by Dr. Gholdy Muhammad's insights on joy and identity, it empowers participants to incorporate engaging texts that broaden perspectives and foster inclusivity. Participants receive [inspiring joy by Dr. Gholdy Muhammad](#).

<p><b>FALL COHORT</b> Cost: \$45 (includes book) Time: 3 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Date: 10/9, 10/30 &amp; 11/13 Registration: <a href="http://ocde.uscourtc.edu/ed/2024">http://ocde.uscourtc.edu/ed/2024</a></p>	<p><b>SPRING COHORT</b> Cost: \$45 (includes book) Time: 3 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Date: 3/13, 4/9 &amp; 4/23 Registration: <a href="http://ocde.uscourtc.edu/ed/2025">http://ocde.uscourtc.edu/ed/2025</a></p>
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**Series Objectives**

- Examine the role of diverse texts in supporting diverse identities in educational settings
- Evaluate how history and current practices affect the accessibility and inclusivity of texts
- Explore research-based instructional practices and diverse texts that have identity, development, and joy

**Target Audience:** K-12 teachers, coaches, administrators, librarians, and specialists interested in diversifying their classrooms

**LEAP: Continuum of Learning Implementation of State Standards**  
MTSS: Inclusive Academic Intervention

**Course Overview:** Inspiring Joy by Dr. Gholdy Muhammad at <https://www.instagram.com/gholdymuhammad>  
**Registration Overview:** <http://ocde.uscourtc.edu/ed/2024>

Introduces the foundation of the course and the importance of joy and identity in education. Participants will explore the concept of joy and identity in education and how it relates to the concept of diverse texts. Participants will explore the concept of joy and identity in education and how it relates to the concept of diverse texts.

## 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. Gholdy Muhammad's "Unearthing Joy," participants will learn to incorporate texts that broaden perspectives and foster inclusivity.

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### Empowering Administrators for English Learner Success: English Learner Roadmap Administrator Toolkit Series

The Leadership Administrator Strand provides a comprehensive learning experience to prepare administrators for leading research-based programs for English learners. It includes:

- **Module 1:** Orientation to the EL Roadmap, leading change, and practical planning
- **Modules 2-5:** Focused sessions on each EL Roadmap principle, providing knowledge, tools, research, strategies, dialogue strategies, observation tools, research-based practices, and action planning
- **Inter-module Support:** Guidance, tools, and activities for growth, including support for inquiries, observation tools, and activities to aid dialogues and implementation

**LEAP: Continuum of Learning Implementation of State Standards**  
MTSS: Inclusive Academic Intervention - Strong Educator Support System

**Content Overview:** Inspiring Joy by Dr. Gholdy Muhammad at <https://www.instagram.com/gholdymuhammad>  
**Registration Overview:** <http://ocde.uscourtc.edu/ed/2024>

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Norma Hertzog Community Center, 1062 Park Road, Ocoee, FL 32189-2224

**Module 1: Preparing to Lead**  
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• Module 2: Principles & Practices  
• Module 3: Principles & Practices  
• Module 4: Principles & Practices  
• Module 5: Principles & Practices

Cost: \$450 for district leaders and \$1,000 for site-level leaders  
Register: <http://ocde.uscourtc.edu/ed/2024>

## EL Roadmap: Administrator Toolkit Series

**October 17, 2024 - December 3, 2024 - January 15, 2025 - February 18, 2025**  
**8:00-3:00 pm at Norma Hertzog Community Center**  
Register [here](#)

This four-part series for Leaders and Administrators provides a comprehensive learning experience to prepare administrators for leading research-based programs for English learners. This series is designed to support site administrators to enact the comprehensive English Learner Roadmap policy. This series will review all 5 Modules and provide guidance tools, activities for growth, support for inquiries, observation tools, and activities to aid dialogues and implementation.

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### EMPOWERING WRITERS SUMMIT: STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS ACROSS THE DISCIPLINES

Join us for a day full of inspiring and exciting day at the Writing Summit! Connect with fellow educators, explore new strategies, and gain valuable insights. 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!

**Event Details:**  
Date: April 1, 2025  
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Registration: <http://ocde.uscourtc.edu/ed/2025>

**Cost:** \$100 (includes lunch and materials)  
**Registration:** <http://ocde.uscourtc.edu/ed/2025>

**Location:** The Florida Center for Writing Instruction, 1062 Park Road, Ocoee, FL 32189-2224

**MTSS:** Inclusive Academic Intervention

## 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 trainings

## 2024-25 Literacy and Language Calendar

# Save the Date

## BEST READING CHALLENGE IN THE UNIVERSE!

The 3rd Annual S.T.E.A.M. Race to Space  
Reading Challenge Grades TK-12  
Launches November 8-30, 2024

Winning rewards and prizes is easy and fun!

Explore and read stories about science • technology • engineering • the arts • and math.  
Everyone who finishes the challenge gets a personalized certificate of completion  
and a goodie bag stuffed with startling prizes!



Eager readers earn virtual tickets to win bonus prizes!  
Here are just some:

Book Bundles \* Coding Lessons \* Chromebook

\* Zoom meeting with notable authors or scientists or mathematicians or inventors \*



Registration begins November 1, 2024  
Open to SoCal students grades TK-12



Organizations supporting this out-of-this-world reading challenge



VISIT [READTEAM.ORG](https://www.readsteam.org) TO ENROLL  
Launching a love for learning

## TEACHER LIBRARIANS INNOVATE AND COLLABORATE: NAVIGATING THE AI AND MEDIA LITERACY LANDSCAPE

County, District, and Site Teacher Librarians  
SAVE THE DATE

Tues., Sept. 24, 2024  
1:00pm - 4:00pm

FLDWRK : 150 Paularino Ave, Bldg B  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626



JOIN NOW  
[bit.ly/9\\_24\\_TLC](https://bit.ly/9_24_TLC)



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NEWS AND MEDIA LITERACY FOR ALL

Join us for a six-part webinar series centered on news and media literacy skills. The series is brought to you by the California Department of Education, Santa Clara County Office of Education, Fresno County Office of Education, San Diego County Office of Education, California School Library Association and the News Literacy Project.

Each webinar is 45 minutes long and will include relevant NLP resources and highlighted content standards, guidance and frameworks from the California Department of Education.

ABOUT NLP  
The News Literacy Project is a nonprofit nonprofit building a national movement to ensure that all students are skilled in news literacy before high school graduation, giving them the knowledge and ability to participate in civic society as an enlightened, critical thinker.

NLPs resources are completely free.

[newsllt.org](https://newsllt.org) [getcheckology.org](https://getcheckology.org)  
For a future founded on facts

### News and Media Literacy for All

WEBINAR SERIES FOR GRADES 5-12 EDUCATORS

LINK TO THIS FLYER: <https://newsllt.org/ca-doe-fy25-webinar-series-flyer>

THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH  
FROM 3:30-4:15 PM PT

SESSION 1 SEPT. 19

#### Misinformation Awareness, Red Flags

Discover how to teach students about misinformation - what it is, how to debunk it, learn more about our FREE, award-winning, standards-aligned platform for teaching news literacy along with our other resources. We will have time for participants to use the tools we share and will also invite you to share how you can use these resources in the classroom.

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SESSION 2 OCT. 17

#### Elections Specific, Using Current Events

The 2024 election season will be among the most closely followed in American history and so in past years, it also will attract a flood of mis- and disinformation. Sophisticated fabrication and distribution challenges our ability to identify what's real and what's not like never before. These attempts at spreading mis- and disinformation are rampant whether we are in an election cycle or not. This makes it critical to teach students how to spot false information and hone their skills for identifying and seeking out credible sources and fact based information - both now and in the future. We will have time for participants to use the tools we share and will also invite you to share how you can use these resources in the classroom.

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SESSION 3 NOV. 21

#### Is it Legit - 5 Verifications for Misinformation

Many sources compete for attention online, including bogus sites posing as legitimate news organizations. It can be tough to know what information to trust. We will share credibility tools, and how you can recognize if we will outline five steps to help you use through the noise and learn how to evaluate sources for signs of credibility. We will have time for participants to use the tools we share and will also invite you to share how you can use these resources in the classroom.

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SESSION 4 FEB. 20, 2025

#### AI Awareness and the Research Process

The state of today's digital landscape includes challenges related to generative artificial intelligence. Equally important for helping determine the credibility of evidence and sources as students begin the research process. We will have time for participants to use the tools we share and will also invite you to share how you can use these resources in the classroom.

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SESSION 5 MARCH 20, 2025

#### Algorithms, Building Search Habits

The internet is inconceivably large and essentially endless. It can be a struggle to find accurate information. Understanding search algorithms can equip students with the ability to Google like a pro! Understanding how a program works helps us to use a program effectively, so we are not trapped by confirmation bias but empowered with accurate information to make fully informed decisions. We will have time for participants to use the tools we share and will also invite you to share how you can use these resources in the classroom.

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SESSION 6 APRIL 17, 2025

#### Making Sense of Data

Analyzing and interpreting data, engaging in arguments using evidence, and using mathematics and computational thinking are the foundations for students to think critically and evaluate and interpret information. Equipped with these strategies, students learn what to trust, share and act on. We will have time for participants to use the tools we share and will also invite you to share how you can use these resources in the classroom.

REGISTER HERE

Seussions will be recorded and available for on-demand viewing at California Education Together.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT [JHOWERTER@CDE.CA.GOV](mailto:JHOWERTER@CDE.CA.GOV)

### 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



EL Master Plan Playbook

### 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](#)

View all flyers and resources [here](#)

### SPANISH BILINGUAL STORYTIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Friday, September 20  
11:00 - 11:30am

**FOUNTAIN VALLEY LIBRARY**  
17635 Los Alamos  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708  
714-962-1324

Monday - Thursday: 10am-7pm  
Friday & Saturday: 9am-5pm  
Sunday: Closed



Children of all ages can celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and listen to stories, songs, and fun in another language!

No knowledge of the language is needed as storytime will be conducted in both English and in Spanish.

Interested in learning more?  
[ocpl.org/libraries/fountain-valley](http://ocpl.org/libraries/fountain-valley)

Funded with the generous support of The Friends of the Fountain Valley Library



### HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

September 15 to October 15

Join OC Public Libraries in celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

#### SUGAR SKULL PAINTING FOR TEENS/TWEENS

Tuesday, September 24 @ 4:00 PM



Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with us! Teens and tweens will learn about the tradition of sugar skulls and have an opportunity to decorate their own.

Supplies are limited. Open to ages 9-17 years old.

**Costa Mesa-Donald Dungan**  
1855 Park Avenue  
Costa Mesa, CA 92627  
[ocpl.costamesadd@occcr.ocgov.com](mailto:ocpl.costamesadd@occcr.ocgov.com)  
(949) 646-8945



### LOTERÍA

FAMILY FUN AND CHANCE TO WIN!

Tuesday, September 17  
3:30 - 4:30pm



Celebrate the start of Hispanic Heritage Month with some family fun! Join El Toro Library for a special family event to play Lotería for a chance to win prizes!

No registration required. While supplies last.

Questions? Ask at the service desk or contact library staff at 949-855-8173.

**EL TORO LIBRARY**  
24672 Raymond Way,  
Lake Forest, CA 92630  
949-855-8173

Monday - Thursday: 10am-7pm  
Friday & Saturday: 9am-5pm  
Sunday: Closed



Access info & resources and more!

OC Public Libraries

## Mobile Library

On-the-Go!

Check out Chromebook & Accessory Kits

Get a library card!

Check out books!

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[ocpl.mobilelibrary@occcr.ocgov.com](mailto:ocpl.mobilelibrary@occcr.ocgov.com)  
(714) 566-2708




## TEEN FEST 2024

Tuesday, October 15  
3:30PM-6:45PM

**Justin Library**  
345 E. Main St., Tustin CA 92780

Suggested Ages: 12-18

**Programs**

**3:30pm-4:30pm**  
**Therapy Fluffies**  
Come hang out with our fluffies for a pawsona time brought to you by OC Animal Allies.

**5:00pm-6:00pm**  
**Career Panel**  
Level up your future with a career panel from the creative minds at Second Dinner and explore exciting careers in game development.

**6:00pm-6:45pm**  
**Author Talk: Tracy Badua**  
Author talk with award-winning Filipino American author of books about young people with sunny hearts in a sometimes stormy world.

**Activities**  
Tea Demonstration  
Mini Terrariums  
Upside Down Escape Room






[WWW.OCPL.ORG/TEENFEST](http://WWW.OCPL.ORG/TEENFEST)

\*Get help with homework  
\*Submit a question  
\*Access free lessons and resources  
\*Form online study groups

## Free Online Tutoring




\*Interact with a live tutor  
\*Online standardized test practice  
\*Create your own flashcards  
\*Send your paper to the writing lab!

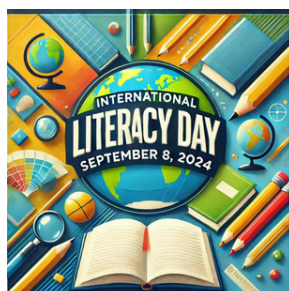
Go to [ocpl.org/library/homeeworkhelp](http://ocpl.org/library/homeeworkhelp) to connect with a free live online tutor.



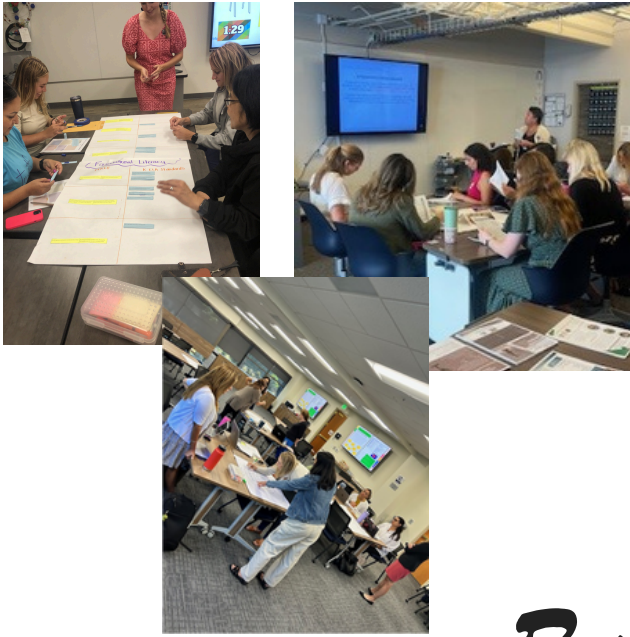


# September Begins Hispanic Heritage Month

## Hispanic Heritage Month Resources



# Spotlight



This month we are spotlighting the incredible professional learning educators engaged in over the summer. You can see some literacy learning happening at Laguna Beach Unified and Ocean View School District. We also held a Supporting Multilingual Learners Session for District leaders and teachers across our county. Thank you to all our OC educators for your commitment to our students and families! We look forward to continuing to partner with you in future professional learning.

We invite you all to submit this form to be included in an upcoming spotlight section. Click [here](#).

## Resources

- Check out the latest [CDE Literacy Newsletter](#) for information on Statewide Literacy
- The CDE released the updated [Preschool Transitional Kindergarten Learning Foundations \(PTKLF's\)](#) on July 25, 2025 to guide curriculum implementation, lesson planning, and individualized support for California's 1.3 million preschool-age children before kindergarten. This revision includes a robust emphasis on inclusion, as well as culturally, racially, and linguistically affirming examples.
- 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



Kickstart your new school year with AI-enhanced downloadable resources! These resources are ready to support you and your students for a successful year ahead. Download today and make the most of AI in your classroom

<https://www.aiforeducation.io/ai-resources-main>

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