

*This Month in*

# OC READ

MAY 2024

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Mon - Thurs 10 AM to 7 PM  
Fri - Sat 9 AM to 5 PM

## Being A Tourist in Orange County!

We tend to think of being a tourist in a foreign place, out of state or country, but as May celebrates National Tourism Day and Week we encourage you to be a tourist in our own backyard of Orange County. Here we highlight some hidden gems:

- Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve (Huntington Beach)-1300 acre bird sanctuary containing 200+ bird species
- Carbon Canyon Regional Park (Brea)-1.1 miles to California's southernmost Redwood grove
- Fullerton Arboretum (CSU Fullerton campus)-varying ecosystems and extensive collection of exotic fruit trees
- Marconi Automotive Museum (Tustin)-Dick Marconi's collection of 70+ vintage and rare race cars and motorcycles
- Sawdust Art Festivals (Laguna Beach)-local art vendors selling every July and August
- Hillenburg Memorial (Savanna High School in Anaheim)-bright yellow bench dedicated to Spongebob Squarepants creator Stephen Hillenburg, where he graduated and where his love of scuba diving and marine biology originated.



Please check online for most up to date hours and any fees. Check out the library catalog for Orange County places to visit as well!

## Literacy Fact

A Carnegie Mellon study found the brain's volume of white matter increased in people reading over a six-month daily period, improving participants' brain structure and ability to learn.





# Programs and Events

## **Strategic Tutoring**

**Thurs. May 2 @ 10 AM**

Continue your tutor training at this one-hour Zoom meeting with OC Read staff and your fellow tutors. This month's topic is *Writing Worksheets*. We'll have an interactive session where we practice using a writing worksheet provided by the Southern California Library Literacy Network. Please have a piece of paper and a pencil handy. Sign up for 2024 Strategic Tutoring reminders with the following form. You do not need to sign up more than once to receive reminders: [forms.office.com/g/CfwyXLirSU](https://forms.office.com/g/CfwyXLirSU) Meeting notes will be sent to attendees.

## **One-on-One Reassessments**

**By Appointment**

OC Read staff will be reaching out to One-on-One program participants to schedule yearly reassessments! Reassessments will be available in-person and online. Learners who have just started tutoring in 2024 do not need to be reassessed.

## **Volunteers Needed: Family Literacy Day**

**Sat. June 15 @ 11 AM**

Family Literacy Day is fast approaching and we need a handful of volunteers to help us make it a success! Volunteers will help with the following: answering directional questions, making sure craft stations remain well-stocked, helping hand out flyers at the OC Read table, and relaying messages between Read staff and vendors. Family Literacy Day will be held at the Tustin Library. If you are interested in helping at this event, please contact the office.

## **Device Advice**

**By Appointment**

Technology help is available to all OC Read tutors and learners. If you have a tech question, call our office to schedule an appointment.

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**More Info**

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# READING PRACTICE

Read the article, "National Teacher of the Year Comes From an ESL Classroom" on *News For You*, then complete the following exercises for a full reading skills workout.

Article: <https://www.newsforyouonline.com/national-teacher-of-the-year-comes-from-an-esl-classroom>

**Password: 0d1d44**

## EXERCISE

What makes someone a good teacher? Discuss this question with a partner. Write your ideas and your partner's ideas below.

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Would you want to go to a White House state dinner? Why or why not?

Do you think being a teacher is a good job? Why or why not?

# SPELLING BOGGLE



How many words can you create?

# Answer Keys & More

## LAST MONTH'S NEWS FOR YOU ARTICLE

You were asked to find and write down what certain numbers were referencing.

1. 135: The age of the Eiffel Tower.
2. 36,600: The number of medalists from the past 29 Summer Olympics.
3. 2.5 million: The number of rivets that hold the Eiffel Tower together.
4. 5,084: The number of medals the Paris Mint is making for the Olympics and Paralympics.
5. 1,083: The height of the Eiffel Tower in feet.
6. 20: How long the tower was supposed to stand after it was built.

## MORE PROGRAMS FROM OC PUBLIC LIBRARIES



### Career Online High School

Earn your high school diploma by taking classes online during times that are convenient for you. For more information, click on the flyer, or visit [ocpl.org/page/career-online-high-school](http://ocpl.org/page/career-online-high-school).



### English Conversation Clubs

Join one of OC Public Libraries' many ESL conversation clubs. These clubs are a fun way to meet new people, learn new words, and share your skills. Click on the image to see a list of all ESL conversation clubs.

