

March/April 2024

A Farewell Message From Carrie Scott

Thirty-five years ago, I saw a sign on a bulletin board that said, "Teach an Adult to Read." I thought to myself, "I would like to do that," and I called to be a tutor at our literacy program. I had hoped that that call would change someone's life; what I didn't know is that it would be mine.

At the time, I was working in engineering and didn't know anyone who struggled with reading; or at least I didn't think so. My entire life changed after that call.

These past 35 years here at our literacy program, first as a volunteer tutor, and later as an employee and eventually as the coordinator, have been so enjoyable and rewarding.

I have experienced many milestones here: installing computers for our program in the 1990's, seeing the Learning Center being built and then moving in, adding the ESL classes and Career Online High School to our program, and expanding our collection with our Adult New Reader books.

This year, I will have another milestone: I will be retiring. My last day at work will be March 29. This is a happy event for me and my family, but with a touch of sadness. I will miss being part of this amazing program and sharing all of your wonderful accomplishments.

Even though I will not be here, I will always be cheering you on! I will look forward to returning to the Learning Center as a patron to celebrate all of your successes that are yet to come.

Warmly,
Carrie Scott



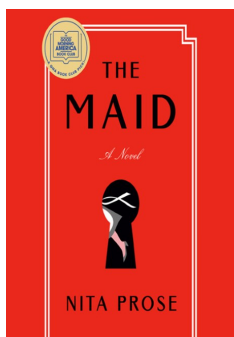
Learner and Tutor Open House

Come celebrate Carrie!

Thursday, March 28 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
in the Group Room at the Library Learning Center.

Refreshments will be served.

Carlsbad Reads Together



Every spring, the Carlsbad community comes together to read a book.

This year, join us in reading *The Maid*, a mystery novel by Nita Prose. Then come to the Literacy Book Club for a discussion of the book, see the author speak at the Dove library, and participate in other fun events.

Join Us This April!



Virtual Book Club:

Join us on Zoom on **Monday, April 1 from noon to 1 p.m.** Call us at 442-339-2878 or stop by the Literacy desk to sign up and get a copy of the book.

In-Person Author Event:

Thursday, April 18, 6 p.m.*
Schulman Auditorium, Carlsbad City Library
1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad, CA 92011

*Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. A number will be distributed beginning at 5 p.m. outside the Schulman Auditorium. This event will not be livestreamed.

Check out the library website for information about other Carlsbad Reads Together events at all three library locations!

More Cases to Solve

Classic Mystery Authors



The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

LIT WHITMORE, J.

An adaptation of seven of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's stories featuring one of literature's most famous detectives.



Crooked House

LIT CROOKED

One of Agatha Christie's classic mystery novels, adapted for literacy learners. In this story, the narrator must solve a murder before he can marry his fiancée.

Nonfiction



Missing

LIT 001.94 HUT

Each chapter covers a real mystery, from the Bermuda Triangle to the disappearance of the ivory-billed woodpecker. A teacher's guide is available on CD-ROM.



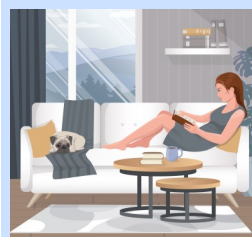
Poison Evidence

LIT 614.13 DAH

Learn about how investigators and forensic scientists solve crimes involving poison.

Cozy Mysteries

Do you like mysteries but prefer to keep things light? **Cozy mysteries** may be for you.



Cozy mysteries are gentler stories that do not include graphic descriptions of violence. The main character is usually an **amateur sleuth**. This means that solving crimes is a hobby, not their job.

Interested? Ask a staff member for help finding the cozy mystery series that's right for you!

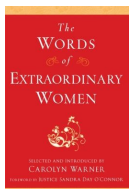
Women's History Month



March is Women's History Month, a time to study and celebrate the role of women in American history. Be sure to check out our display this month highlighting women in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (also known as **STEM**).



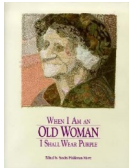
Here are some other titles from our collection that celebrate the voices of women:



The Words of Extraordinary Women

LIT 305.403 WOR

A collection of inspirational quotes from well-known women on a variety of topics such as character, faith, humor and success.



When I Am an Old Woman I Shall Wear Purple

LIT 810.8 WHE

An anthology of poetry and other writings celebrating women in their later years.



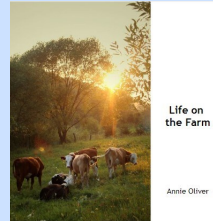
Women's Perspectives: A Journal of Writing and Art by Adult Learners, Issue 10

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This issue features the writing and artwork of one of our very own Carlsbad learners!

New Reader Book Club

We meet each month to read a short book from the New Reader collection and share our thoughts. Join us this spring:



Thursday, March 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to discuss *Life on the Farm* by Annie Oliver.



Thursday, April 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to discuss *Birthday Cookies* by Misty Finch.

Enjoy Reading and Writing With Music!

Come explore literacy learning through music in this fun workshop. Each month there will be a new song to learn from.



Join us on **Thursday, March 14 at noon** for "What Was I Made For?" by Billie Eilish.

All learners and tutors are invited! No music or singing skills are needed.



Honoring Our Writer to Writer Participants



We would like to recognize our learners who submitted letters to this year's Writer to Writer Challenge.

This was a special year for Writer to Writer as it was expanded statewide in honor of the 40th anniversary of California's library literacy programs.

We are happy to have Carlsbad well represented this year! The following learners read a book and wrote a letter to the author:

- Alejandra L.**
- Fatima E.**
- Hortensia R.**
- Lisa L.**
- Mihoko Z.**
- Minyu N.**
- Nyla H.**

Great job to everyone who participated!

Congratulations, Marin!

Literacy Services' staff member Marin Faeyera has accepted the position of Volunteer Coordinator for the Carlsbad City Library. Although we are sad to see her leave Literacy Services, we are happy that she will stay involved by recruiting and orienting new volunteers for us!

You may still see her at the Learning Center because she will be working from all three Carlsbad Library locations. We wish her the best!

Welcome, Divina!

Please join us in welcoming our newest staff member, Divina! You can read about her in her own words below:

Hello there! I am excited to join the library's literacy team and help build skills and change lives! I am a University of San Diego alum and love to empower communities!

In my free time, I enjoy walking in nature and reading self-development books.



Fun fact, I love to sing and dance (not professionally)! I look forward to meeting each of you and chat about your goals!

100 Hour Pairs

Eve G. & May Y.

THANK YOU!

- Adriana M. – cookies
- Carrie S. – cookies
- Christine D. – cookies
- Eve G. – biscotti
- Lisa L. – Girl Scout cookies
- Margy R. – Twix bars, nut bars
- Michelle S. – cookies, cake, mochi

