

READ WRITES

For You and About You

May 2011



Tutor Spotlight: Cherlyn Moyer



In early 2006 at the end of a parent workshop presented by READ/OC at a local Head Start Center, the center's director, Cherlyn Moyer, approached the workshop presenter and said, "When I retire I want to do what you are doing!" Later that same year, Cherlyn attended

READ/OC's tutor training workshop and became a tutor.

By Spring of 2007, Cherlyn was also helping with Family Reading Times and parent workshops as part of the Families For Literacy component of READ/OC. Cherlyn's expertise in early childhood education and parenting is a great resource for READ/OC's Family Literacy component. As new parent workshop topics and resources were developed for the "Early Learning with Families" program Cherlyn's background was very helpful. Soon Cherlyn was presenting most of the parent workshops for READ/OC, while continuing to meet with her learner.

After the Early Learning with Families grant concluded, Cherlyn continued as part of READ/OC's family literacy team, advising and presenting parent workshops to parents at several Head Start Centers and OC Public Libraries. To date, Cherlyn has presented

timely and practical information and fun activities for adults and children to become "learning partners" at more than 75 parent workshops on behalf of READ/OC. All the while, still meeting regularly with her adult learner and assisting with other special projects and events with READ/OC.

Cherlyn found an opportunity through READ/OC to share knowledge about early childhood education and her passion of learning and reading. She has helped countless parents and children learn and grow together. At the same time, she continues sharing the joy of lifelong learning and reading with her adult learner and everyone she meets. She is a great ambassador for literacy and READ/OC.

If you share a similar passion for lifelong learning and reading, contact READ/OC about similar opportunities. If you are already a part of the extended READ/OC family and know someone else who shares a similar passion for literacy, tell them about READ/OC. Give them this newsletter, our phone number or the READ/OC website address, and encourage them to get involved.





Proud Moments



Proud Moments – March 2011

The monthly report winner for March is **Mai Dao** and For April is **Karen Smith**.

**Congratulations
Mai and Karen!**

Monthly Reports are due by the 5th of every month. Get yours in on time for a chance to be next month's winner and receive a \$10 gift card to Starbucks.

If you have missed sending in your Monthly Reports, it is not too late to catch up! READ/OC wants to recognize you and your learner for your efforts at AFPAC in June and needs to receive all of your monthly reports for the past year! Remember, the hours you report each month are the only record READ has of your learner's hours!

Of course you can still access monthly report forms online, submit them by email to readoc@occr.ocgov.com or mail them to READ/OC, 1501 E. St. Andrew Pl., Santa Ana, CA 92705



March was a very successful month for our tutors and learners! Here are just a few of their achievements in March, taken from monthly reports:

- Carolina's learner was able to make a phone call to her daughter's teacher and send a short email to her tutor.
- Gayle's learner was able to call her daughter's school to report an absence.
- Larry's learner filled out employment applications for three different jobs.
- Diana's learner is gaining confidence in ordering her coffee at Starbucks. She was able to correct the barista right away when she heard him say he was going to make a cold coffee when she had ordered it hot.
- Debby's learner got her first library card and her first email address.
- Sommer's learner passed the sample exam in her nursing book and the English exam for her phlebotomy class.
- Sandy's learner has been filling in for the usual English-speaking hostess at her church.
- Katie's learner read a school flyer and learned how to use the dictionary.
- Erin's learner finished reading his first book – *Holes* by Louis Sachar.
- Barbara's learner had an "aha" moment during the heavy rains in March. She announced to her family that she knew an idiom to describe the downpour – "it is raining cats and dogs". She then explained the idiom to her two children.
- Cathleen's learner checked out books from the library.
- Cathy's learner has been asked to do a presentation on sushi preparation at the store where he works.
- Rebecca's learner now knows how to find books in the library's catalogue and locate them on the shelves.
- Barbara's learner read and answered a survey letter from the hospital.
- Kay's learner passed her citizenship test.
- Alice's learner passed his citizenship interview.

Please remember to submit your monthly reports. We want to let everyone know about your accomplishments!

Share your love of reading and tutoring with your friends and neighbors! Star in your own READ/OC promotional poster!

Our volunteers are our best ambassadors. Chances are that if you enjoy tutoring, so would someone you know! You can help READ/OC get the word out there by posting your own personalized READ/OC promotional poster in your workplace, apartment complex, social club, place of worship, or anywhere people know you. Your friends, co-workers and neighbors will be impressed with your good work and want to join in! If you would like to participate, please call us at 714-566-3070.



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a way to help your community.

How about you?

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A Sincere Note of Thanks!

READ/Orange County and Friends of READ/Orange County would like to thank SNELL & WILMER, L.L.P. of Costa Mesa for their generous donation of books.

And thank you to Brenda Turcott for coordinating the efforts and delivering the books to READ/OC office. The gently used books are a greatly appreciated component of our upcoming Annual Family Picnic and Appreciation Celebration.

If your organization would like to organize a book drive for new and "like new" books for adults and children, contact READ/OC for more information on how such efforts are an opportunity to promote the adult and family literacy efforts of READ/OC and the valuable support efforts of the Friends of READ/OC. READ/OC can provide bookmarks, brochures and other items to help promote your efforts and spread the word about the importance of reading and literacy in Orange County.

Calling all Friends!

The Friends of READ/OC exist to support READ/OC in any way possible. Most of the support that FROC provides is financial. We are able to provide resources in addition to the support the state and county provide, and we have less red tape associated with our funds so therefore more flexibility. In this time of strict budgets and cutbacks at both state and county levels, the support that FROC provides is even more important. In addition to providing financial support to READ/OC we also bring volunteers together for the benefit of READ.

To enable us to offer both financial and manpower support we need to reach out to the community as a whole, as well as existing READ volunteers. There are several ways you can become more involved with FROC.

Supporting Member:

Supporting members provide financial support for READ. With a donation of whatever amount is comfortable a supporting member can do many things. For example, a supporting member can help provide training materials, supplies and refreshments for a tutor training session. A supporting member can also help equip a literacy center at a local library or provide recognition materials for volunteers. The easiest way to become a supporting member is to use the "Donate" button on the www.friendsroc.org website. Donations can also be sent to the READ office at the address at the bottom of the newsletter. In addition to our appreciation, we will send you a receipt for your tax deductible donation and a thank you gift! Your supporting membership will also be acknowledged at our recognition events throughout the year.

FROC Committee Member:

If your schedule allows a commitment of around 5 hours a month, we are in need of committee members willing to share their expertise on one of our working committees. Our committees include Recognition Activities, Membership and Resource Development. Our committee chairs would be happy to discuss details of their committee. There are links to each committee chair on the www.friendsroc.org/committees page of our website.

Event Volunteer:

We have several events throughout the year that require extra help. If you have limited time, but can commit to a one day event now or then, please let us know and we will include you in our volunteer database. These events include things like the Annual

Family Picnic and Appreciation Celebration (AFPAC). This year this event is scheduled for June 25, 2011, and is a great opportunity to help us honor our volunteers. Other examples include our gift wrap events during the holidays or our Fall potluck.

Other opportunities come up periodically and we would love to be able to call on you for a few hours of your time. Again, please let us know of your interest by following this link: www.friendsroc.org/contact You may also call the READ office at 714-566-3070.

Please consider joining FROC in one of these ways. All of those who benefit from READ services will be very grateful that you are willing to share your time. We want your time commitment to be comfortable and make sure you are participating in a way that is meaningful for you, so contact us today so we can create a volunteer opportunity that fits!



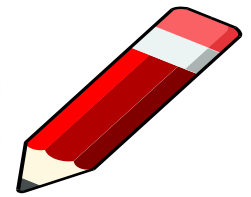
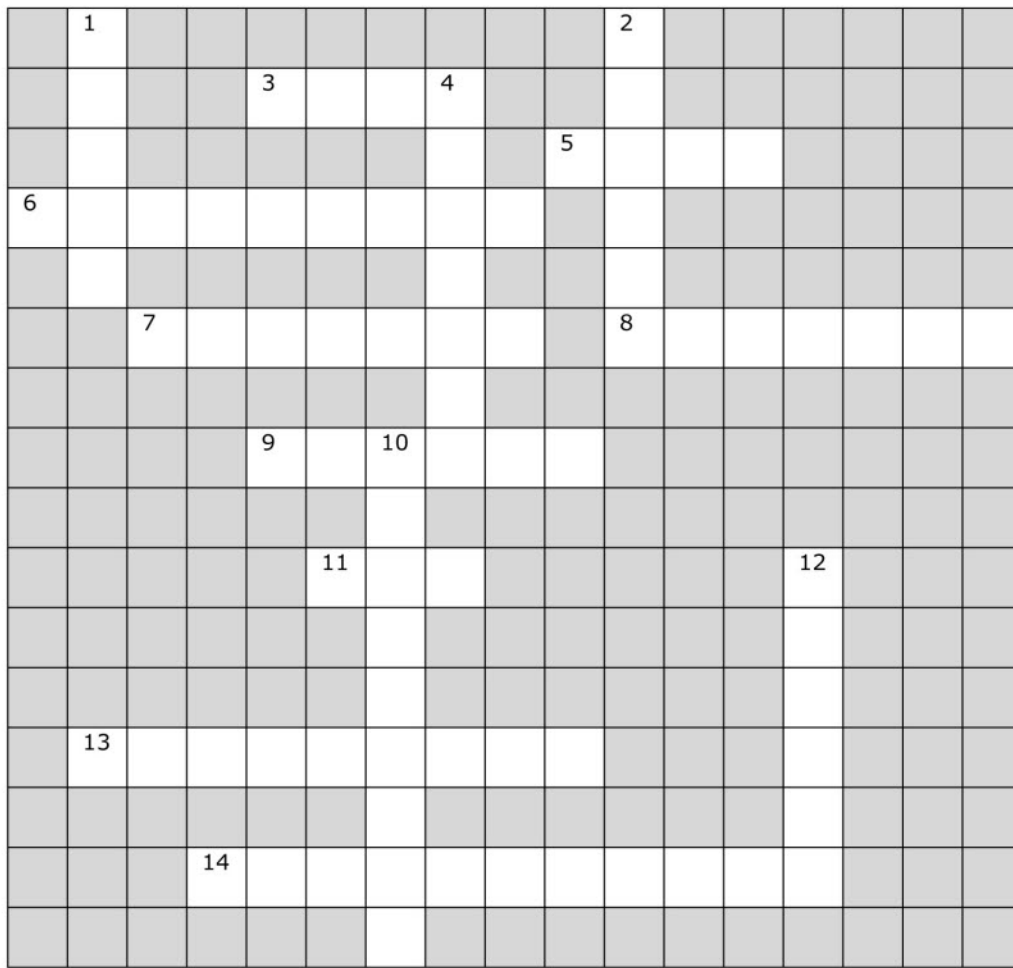
OUTREACH NEWS

Thank you to Ingram Micro and Experian for allowing us to participate in the Ingram Boutique and Experian Employee Fair.



If you would like more information on how to have our Outreach Coordinator come to your place of business or talk to your group, please call 714-566-3070 and ask for Karen!

Puzzle



ACROSS:

3. You can find out what's happening with the Friends of READ/OC by reading _____ Corner.
5. If you are reading this clue, _____ the office to claim your prize.
6. Become a FROC _____ Member to help with READ/OC activities and events.
7. READ/OC finds Proud Moments by reading your _____ Reports.
8. Take your child to a Family _____ Time at your library.
9. Plan to attend READ/OC's Annual Family _____ and Appreciation Celebration (June 25, 2011).
11. _____ is Get Caught Reading Month!
13. Check the calendar of events to find the date of the next _____ tutor meeting.
14. To get great advice, send your questions to _____.

DOWN

1. Resource of the Month _____
2. READ/OC's program that can teach adult learner how to help their children with school work _____
4. Tutor, _____ Moyer is a great ambassador for literacy.
10. This summer, take the READ 5 _____
12. Promote READ/OC in your community by starring in a new READ _____

Tutor Tip: Read this newsletter with your learner and then enjoy solving the puzzle together in your tutoring session or use it as a practice assignment for your learner to do at home between tutoring sessions.

Summer's Coming – Get ready to READ!

The California Library Association (CLA) has issued a challenge!



This summer you can travel the world, journey into space, travel back in time....so many worlds, so little time! And, the best part is, it doesn't need to cost you a thing! (*Unless you forget to return your library books back to the library on time!*)

Read 5 books this summer. Read to yourself. Share with a friend. Tutors and Learners read together. Read to your children - Have your children read to you! Read storybooks, novels, cookbooks, paperback books, audiobooks and e-books!!!! JUST READ!

Ask READ/OC for a reading log or sign up at the library. Take the CLA Read 5 Challenge. Keep track of your reading on your reading log and send it to READ/OC to receive a prize and certificate! Enjoy your summer adventures. **"One World...So Many Stories!"**

A Preview of the New Online Edition of News For You

New Readers Press has launched a new online version of its popular weekly newspaper, News For You. It has the same seven high-interest, low-level articles, key vocabulary and weekly crossword puzzle as the print edition, with several added features.

Within the online edition, key vocabulary within articles can now be defined at the point of use with the click of a mouse. Audio is also available to hear the stories read aloud line by line or as full stories. Each article has two accompanying online activities (such multiple choice and true false quizzes) and readers can skim, scroll or re-read the related story to complete the exercise with immediate feedback.

Other features include a weekly poll, an interactive crossword puzzle, and full access to previous articles dating back to April 2008 for text only and 2009 for audio.

To try out the new online edition, go to www.newsforyouonline.com and sign-in with the password found on page 4 of the current print edition of News For You. After you try it, let READ/OC know how you liked it or share some comments we can pass along to New Readers Press.

The content of both the print and online News For You can be a useful and relevant tool to help develop key reading, listening and speaking, fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary skills.

Note: A packet of additional activities and suggestions for use with either the print or online edition will soon be added to the READ/OC sign-in books along with a listing of many more online resources organized by role/goal areas and EL Civics portfolios that can be useful for tutoring activities and independent practice for learners.

Introducing the Latest OCPL Online Resource:



The OC Public Libraries has a terrific new online resource that can be a helpful tool for adult learners and their READ/OC tutors. *Tutor.com* offers free career help and resume writing. It can also help with job search advice, preparing for an interview, writing a resume and cover letter, applying for a job online, or help children with school projects and homework! It is a helpful resource learners can use with their "practice assignments" between their READ/OC tutoring sessions. It can be accessed from library computers as well as home computers. All that is needed to sign-on is your OCPL library card number.

Professional tutors are available 24 hrs a day/7 days a week and provide one-on-one customized help through live online chat sessions to help adults who want to go back to school, prepare for the GED or US citizenship test, or be a learning partner with their children for homework assignments and class reports. The online tutor can help find appropriate websites, then share the site on screen so learner and online tutor can view it together at the same time. After each online session, the learner can replay the information, email or print their session to refer to it again later.

READ/OC tutors are encouraged to "check out" the various components and resources of Tutor.com before introducing it to their learners. This will be helpful in showing them a connection with their personal learning goals and how they can use the site as individual practice at home or on their own in the library.

Tutor.com can be a useful resource for READ/OC learners to independently practice their writing skills with links to sites with writing and journal topics and prompts, writing tips and guidelines. The site provides tools to save tutoring sessions in a "personal locker" in order to refer back to them during a READ/OC tutoring session with their tutor or a later time for review on their own.

To access *Tutor.com* through the OCPL website: Go to www.ocpl.org; click on "Career Center" on the right side of the page; then click on the "Career Tutor" link. Enter your OCPL library card number (be sure to include the space between the two groups of numbers on your card) and then continue into the site. You can create a personal account within *Tutor.com* so you can save your work in your own personal locker for future study sessions, or you can just go into the site to look around.

Puzzle Answers:

Across

3) FROC; 5) call; 6) Committee; 7) Monthly; 8) Reading; 9) Picnic; 11) May;
13) Quarterly; 14) Paige Turner

Down

1) Tutor; 2) READ Jr.; 4) Cherlyn; 10) Challenge; 12) Poster

Ms. Paige Turner
(Fun advice for tutors and learners)



My dear Ms. Paige.

My grandson is 7 years old and has trouble to talking and it is hard for my son and me to help him. How can we get help for my grandson? please help us.

Love you

hena M.

Dear Hena,

First, I encourage you to talk with his teacher to learn more about what kind of help your grandson needs, what help might be available for him at the school, and what you can do to help.

Next, ask READ/OC about the READ, Jr. program and how you can get a special tutor to help your grandson with his school work, while showing you how you can help him at home.

You and your grandson can be "Learning Partners!" Talk to him everyday! Ask him (in English) to help you with your English skills. Ask him questions about his day, what he is watching on television, what he did at school, and about what interests him. Watch television, (in English) together, and then talk about what you both saw and heard.

Read aloud to him and with him, even in your native language. Check out from the library a book with a cassette tape or CD to listen while you read along. Together, listen to the story while you read along in the book. It is ok to read and listen to the story over and over again!

I encourage you and your family to attend a Family Reading Time. (*The locations, dates and times are listed in the Calendar on the last page of this newsletter.*) Also, attend the family story times at your local library and participate together as a family in the Summer Reading Program at your library.

Happy reading, talking and learning together!

Paige Turner



Yo Ho Ho!!

**It's almost here, be sure you let us know
you are attending!**

**Saturday, June 25, 2011
12 - 3:30 p.m.
Irvine Regional Park**

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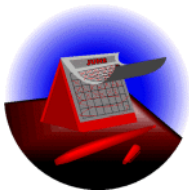
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If you are interested in contributing an article for READ WRITES, contact us at 714-566-3070.

When you have finished reading this newsletter, please share it with someone so they will know about the

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May June 2011 Calendar

May/June 2011 Calendar

May Celebrations

Thursday, May 12

Saturday, May 14

Wednesday, May 18

Thursday, May 19

Saturday, May 21

Monday, May 30

Thursday, June 2

Tuesday, June 7

Wednesday, June 8

Thursday, June 9

Saturday, June 11

Tuesday, June 14

Thursday, June 16

Saturday, June 18

May is Get Caught Reading Month! So....READ!

Someone may be watching!

Learner Orientation @ La Habra Library, 6-8 pm

Family Reading Time @ Mesa Verde Library, 6:30-8pm

Tutor Training Workshop Final Session @ READ/OC HQ, 10am-12pm

Family Reading Time @ Irvine University Park, 10am-12pm

Family Reading Time @ El Modena Library, Orange, 6:15-7:45pm

Family Reading Time @ Tustin Library, 6-8pm

Family Reading Time @ El Toro Library, 10am-12pm

Family Reading Time @ Irvine Heritage Park, 10am-12pm

Memorial Day Holiday-Libraries & READ/OC office are closed

Family Reading Time @ El Toro Library, 6-8 pm

Family Reading Time @ La Palma Library, 6:30-7:45pm

Family Reading Time @ Stanton Family Resource Center, 6-8pm

Family Reading Time @ Mesa Verde Library, Costa Mesa, 6:30-8pm

Family Reading Time @ Irvine University Park, 10am-12pm

Quarterly Tutor Meeting @ READ/OC HQ, 6-8pm

Quarterly Tutor Meeting @ El Toro Library, 6-8pm

Family Reading Time @ Tustin Library, 6-8 pm

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Get Caught Reading!