

# LITERACY LEDGER

MONROVIA PUBLIC LIBRARY LITERACY CENTER SPRING 2019

## LEARNER STORIES

### ➤ Angela

I am an immigrant from Colombia in this country. I began to receive help to improve my English a few years ago with an excellent program of tutoring in the library of Monrovia. My tutor at that time was a great person, Bryan Smith, who helped me a lot. Now I am accompanied by an excellent tutor, Margaret Page, who every week gives me a lot of help with reading newspapers and books, writing paragraphs, and conversation about different and interesting topics. Every day I feel that I advance to achieve my goals and that of my tutor. Many thanks to this program for not only supporting Hispanics but to all the cultures that we find here. I hope to continue for a long time with this excellent program.



Creative Writing Workshop with Kate Kessler

Thank you, everyone, who came to our first Creative Writing Workshop! Tutors and learners stretched their imagination, practiced with new vocabulary, and shared their *I Am* poems. Also, to celebrate National Poetry Month, the Literacy Center Book Club and Writing Club are reading and writing poetry. Our learner clubs continue to introduce learners to new ideas and genres, and later in the Spring, the clubs will focus on plays, scripts, and dialogue. To find out about program dates and how to join the learner clubs, check out our website at:

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## Monrovia Public Library turns 10! #MPL10

The Monrovia Public Library turns 10 years old in May! Come celebrate the library and the City of Monrovia's birthday with music, food, games, carnival rides, and more!



[www.cityofmonrovia.org](http://www.cityofmonrovia.org)

**Monrovia Days**  
May 17-19, 2019  
Hours vary daily  
Library Park  
321 S. Myrtle Ave.



# Monrovia Public Library Adult Literacy Center

## Programs for Learners and Tutors



### WRITE CLUB

Learners play writing games and practice creative writing



### BOOK CLUB

In April, learners read poetry for National Poetry Month

#### I Am Poem by David L.

I am a Music Dolphin trying to learn English.  
 I wonder why nobody is around the beach this  
 beautiful raining morning?  
 I hear people cry at chilly raining night.  
 I see geese fly from my eyes out to my ears and disappear at sky line.  
 I am a Music Dolphin trying to learn English.  
 I pretend I sing my favorite songs on rock stage with  
 Thousands of Dolphins.  
 I feel I can fly along with music.  
 I worry the sea water become hotter and hotter.  
 I cry when I see humans fishing along the shore.  
 I am a Music Dolphin trying to learn better English.  
 I understand finding fish is never easy.  
 I dream to fly with the seasonal geese.  
 I try to sing along with a piano.  
 I hope every dolphin gets the love and fish they dream.  
 I am a Music Dolphin trying to learn better English.

# SPRING EVENTS

## LEARNERS

### Book Club

Library Heritage Room

6:00-7:30 pm

April 8, 22—Poetry

May 13—Plays and Drama

### Write Club

Library Heritage Room

6:00-7:30 pm

April 15—Poetry

May 6, 20—Dialogue

### Conversation Groups

Library Heritage Room

*Culture and Conversation*

Every Wednesday

6:00-7:30 pm

*Speak Easy*

Every Thursday

12:00-1:30 pm

## TUTORS

### New Tutor Orientation

Literacy Center

Wednesday

May 22, 6-7:30 pm

Attend our Tutor Orientation and  
 find out how you can help an adult  
 learn how to read and write!

*Please RSVP by contacting the  
 Literacy Coordinator*

### Tutor Meetup

Library Community Room

Saturday

May 25, 10-12pm

Take part in our quarterly meet-up for  
 new and current tutors. Meet your  
 fellow peers at these informal  
 workshops and share success stories  
 and favorite strategies.