



ORANGE COUNTY LITERACY COUNCIL READ

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Local Authors to Read at Literacy Council Fundraiser

Three noted local authors will read at the Orange County Literacy Council fall fundraiser on Sunday, October 13, from **4-6:30 p.m. (NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIME)** at the Carrboro Century Center. The event, **CELEBRATE LITERACY**, will feature three North Carolina authors – Sarah Dessen, Nancy Peacock, and Daniel Wallace - who will read from their works and sign books.

The event also includes a silent auction with terrific holiday gift items, a jazz duo, a raffle drawing for a week at an oceanfront beach house at Oak Island, delicious hors d'oeuvres, and a cash bar with imported wines and beer. District Attorney Carl Fox and Valerie Fox are the Honorary Chairpersons for the fundraiser. Tickets are \$20 and are available by calling the OCLC Chapel Hill office at 933-2151, at Borders Books in Chapel Hill or at McIntyre's at Fearington Village; they may also be purchased at the event.

Sarah Dessen's first novel, [That Summer](#), an ALA Best Book for Young Adults, was published in 1996. Her other books include [Someone Like You](#) and [Keeping the Moon](#), both ALA Quick Picks and School Library Journal Best Books of the Year. Her fifth book, [This Lullaby](#), was published in summer 2002. She currently teaches creative writing at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Nancy Peacock is the author of two novels, [Life Without Water](#) and [Home Across the Road](#). Her first book was chosen as a New York Times Editor's Choice in 1996. She has also had short stories and essays published in journals such as *The Saint Andrews Review*, *Sojourner*, and *Southern Exposure*. Presently she is a self-employed housecleaner

and lives with her husband and cat in a small cabin in Chatham County.

Daniel Wallace is the author of [Big Fish](#) and [Ray in Reverse](#). [Big Fish](#) was a Barnes



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and Noble Discovery title, translated into seven languages, and is going to be made a movie

directed by Tim Burton. He has published over thirty stories in various magazines, and his next novel, [The Watermelon King](#), is due out in 2003. He was once assistant director of the Orange County Literacy Council, which, Wallace says, is one of the best

jobs he has ever had. Wallace has lived in Chapel Hill for the last 20 years, and has a son, Henry, and a wife, Laura.

The silent auction will feature a variety of unique products and services. A special item this year will be the use of a cabin in Northern Orange County as a writer's retreat. Other items include a weekend at an oceanfront beach house at Oak Island, 52 weeks of bagels from Brueggers Bagels; landscape consultation from So Little Thyme, style consultation, shampoo and cut from Chase Hair, bread basket with goodies from Great Harvest Break Company; gold Old Well charm from Baum Jewellers; six-month membership at the Sportsplex; handmade craft items; catered brunch, pasta cooking lesson and dinner, personal computer class, a three piece luggage set, gift certificates for area businesses and tickets to local movie theaters and the PlayMakers Repertory Company.

All proceeds go to the Literacy Council, a Triangle United Way member agency that offers free instruction to adult learners who want to improve their reading, writing, or basic math skills. Trained volunteers provide one-to-one tutoring, small group classes, and computer-assisted literacy instruction. The Literacy Council also provides Family Reading workshops that receive Smart Start funding.

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Linda Browner accepting her award from Orange County Disabilities Awareness Council member Tim Miles.

OCLC's Linda Browner Awarded for Service

Linda E. Browner, Southern Orange Program Coordinator for the OCLC, was selected to receive the Distinguished Service Award for 2002-2003 by the Orange County Disability Awareness Council. Held at the Sienna Hotel on June 25, the awards ceremony was part of a hands-on American with Disabilities Act workshop, celebrating the Act's 12th Anniversary. Persons with disabilities, case managers, and employers who support and advocate for people with disabilities were in attendance. Linda received the award for 'making a significant contribution to enhancing opportunities and promoting equality for persons with disabilities'. Congratulations to Linda for a well-deserved honor!



First Annual OCLC Happy Hour Fundraiser
October 3, 5:30 – 7:30pm

Join your cronies for the beverage of your choice, and help the OCLC raise money for up-to-date GED software and materials. The Carolina Club is allowing us to guest bartend, and we receive 25% of the bar bill plus all cash in the tip jars. The event is open to members and nonmembers, and everyone is welcome to dine in the Grill after the event. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be available. (Payment for food and drinks must be with VISA or Mastercard if you are not member.)

The Carolina Club is on the UNC campus in the George Watts Hill Alumni Center. Please call OCLC at 933-2151 or email us at oclc.co.orange.nc.us if you and your friends will be attending, so we have enough space and staff for the evening.

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL LITERACY MONTH!

Thank you for your support of adult literacy.

Me and Literacy

By Deborah Harris

Hi, my name is Deborah Harris. I've been with Orange County Literacy for around two years now. It has really been very helpful to me.

Here is some ways it has helped me. I had seizures and in the year 1996 I had what you call brain surgery. One of the main questions they asked was, "What are your goals?" Here's my number one goals to share with you and others. They were to go back to school to work on getting my GED, driving, and working on a part-time job. I'm doing all three.

I would like to share with you how I got started. I got started with Orange Enterprises, Inc., which is a job training program. While I was there, I told my coordinator how much I wanted to work for my GED. It took several months to get an answer, but it was well worth it all.

I meet with a Literacy woman which her name is Kathy Alberter. I really believe she could tell how interested I was. So that's how I got started dealing with education. It is considered as a learning center. It helps you with Reading, Writing and Basic Math. I'm trying my very best to deal with all three. I know I can do it, so can you. Please, don't never say you can't because I know

whoever you are, you can do it, too. Have determination!

You can even deal with a computer too, if you are interested. I would also like to say, "Never give up when maybe things don't work out with one tutor, there is always the other ones. I've even been to tutor meetings to let them know about how the Orange County Literacy has helped me in so many ways and still is."

(a short excerpt from this article was printed in last year's Annual Report)

Thank You God

By Eric Laurilla

I believe in reincarnation and so therefore, I believe that everything has existed in the past as well as in the present. When I study history, I think that certain times would be interesting to visit. However, I think we all contain pieces of the past for the soul purpose of fulfilling the future. Once again, it is the mechanics of how we must care for one another that remains the final key to the kingdom of heaven. I truly believe that is possible and that the greatest evil in the world is the cynical view that has always persisted that we cannot succeed at sustaining the gift of love.

Share Your Writings and Successes!

Each edition of READ has a page for adult learners. Thanks to these adult learners for sharing their writings. Ask your student if they would like to see their writing in print or have a recent achievement recognized.



In our own words...

Wish List

reams of paper
spiral notebooks
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3-ring binders
good quality 4 or 5-shelf bookcase
GED 2002 software
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Computers Build Literacy

An interview with 2 OCLC tutors

A growing number of OCLC tutors and adult learners have been using computers as part of their tutoring session. READ asked two of these tutors, Ellen Lee and Rita Weimer, to describe their work using computers as part of literacy instruction.

Ellen: Tutors.... are you forever trying to make interesting, interactive lesson plans that are fun for you and your student? Students.... are you forever wishing for more fun ways to learn? If you said "yes" to either or both these questions, one solution is using a Computer Assisted Learning Program.

OCLC has computer programs you can incorporate into your learning sessions as much or as little as you want. There is something for every student/tutor level. The programs are fun and interactive and best of all, easy to use. Everything you need from a laptop computer, to a portable printer, to personal instructions in how to use it all are available at the Literacy Council office.

My student and I have been using the New Reader Bookstore program on and off for almost a year. It introduces "must know words" and helps with fluent reading and comprehension in a variety of exercises. We like using it because it has a kinesthetic aspect in that it introduces use of the computer mouse, the computer keyboard, and reading text in a different context rather than just on paper. My student feels he is learning to use a computer as well as learning to read. And, it's fun and interesting with immediate feedback.

We are just beginning to use Mavis Beacon, which is an interactive program to learn typing. Learning to type helps with spelling and adds another kinesthetic approach to learning new words. It's a challenge to get those fingers to hit the right keys! When it gets tiresome, we take advantage of some of the games built in to Mavis Beacon.

Making use of the great, easy to use computer programs at the Literacy Council can make your life as a tutor or a student

easier and more fun. Call the Literacy Council office to try it, you'll like it!

Rita: My student Gloria Degrafenreid and I have been working with the Pre-GED software. She has a high school diploma but is doing the math review because she wants to be able to better help her daughter Ebony, a fifth grader, with her math homework.

Recently we have been reviewing fractions. Each of the lessons takes 45 to 60 minutes to do. The session starts by presenting the new idea with plenty of examples to illustrate it. The fraction lesson uses slices of pizza to make its point. Some examples are animated. In other lessons the student must move something on the screen to answer a question. Most of the examples use real life situations where an adult needs to use math to solve a problem. The student must answer questions as the lesson goes along. This is to be sure that they are thinking about what is being taught and not just reading through it.

At the end of each section there is a screen that summarizes the ideas covered. Then there are four to six word problems, which give the student a chance to apply what they have learned. When the student selects an answer, the computer tells them if they were right or wrong. In either case, the steps to get the correct answer are shown.

A workbook is available for use between the computer sessions. It presents basic concepts like the computer lesson does. It includes an example problem worked out with a reason for each step. Each lesson also has a box that gives good summaries of steps one must follow to solve that type of problem. There are practice problems with answers at the back of the book. Along with the answer, the book shows the steps used to get to the answer.

We have found that using the computer program is superior to just using the workbook by itself. The animations and pictures that appear on the screen make learning more fun and more interesting.

BLENDING GAME: Guess My Word

For students who struggle to blend sounds together while learning to read, play the game "Guess My Word." This game is a phonemic awareness activity, purely auditory with no written words visible.

Students who are learning to read often separate the sounds in a word, and then are unable to connect the sounds back together to form the whole word. This is usually because they have not had auditory practice in "hearing" words broken apart this way, and so they are unfamiliar with how to put them back together again. As with all phonemic awareness skills, the skills are not natural and inborn, but rather must be taught and practiced through listening before they usefully connect to print. To play the game, use the following steps:

- Tell the student that you are going to say a word in slow motion and she or he will then have to guess what the word is.
- Start by saying a consonant-vowel-consonant word with the initial sound separated from the last two sounds: b-at, p-ig, f-an, m-an. Initially, you may have to say the sounds so close together that they almost sound like the whole word. When the student understands what to do, you can then slowly lengthen the space between the initial sound and the last two sounds.
- When the student is able to easily identify such words, move to the next step. Separate the words with the initial two sounds together and the final sound separate: fo-x, pa-n, su-n, we-b.
- Finally, when the student can identify words with both these separation patterns, you can begin to separate the words into three sounds: b-I-g, c-a-t, l-I-p, m-o-m.

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To Wachovia: The Orange County Literacy Council was honored to be one of several Orange County non-profit organizations to recently receive a generous check from Wachovia. Polly Moreau, an OCLC Board Member, represented the Literacy Council at a presentation on June 20th. We are fortunate to have benefited from the bank's community outreach and are most appreciative of their acknowledgement of the importance of OCLC's services to our community.



Photo L to R: John Anderson, Bonnie Welborn, Polly Moreau, Johnny Morris, Steve Greenberg and Jack Graham

To A Southern Season: A Southern Season was the site of three days of Literacy Council awareness raising and fundraising during the store's Annual Sale in June. Thanks to Susan Attermeier, Willis Brooks, Margaret Fallers, Luli Gray, Terese Johnson, Joan Leber, Gordon Light, Anne Overton, Sue Pearce, Sandra Yaggy and Rita Weimer for staffing the OCLC table – and thanks to A Southern Season for making us so welcome!

And To:

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Now it's easy to link your Harris Teeter VIC card to the OCLC and raise money for adult literacy! At your next visit to HT, simply tell the cashier at checkout that you would like to link your VIC card to support the OCLC and that our number is **4935**. *That's all you have to do.*

From August 1 through May, 2003, the OCLC will receive a rebate of 2% of your Private Label (HT brand, Premier Selection, More Value, Hunter Famrs, HT Traders, Highland Crest) purchases. (There is no additional charge to you, but you must have a VIC card.) After you have linked your card the first time, all subsequent shopping purchases through the year will be automatically credited to our account. Tell you friends and family to link up and support the OCLC now!

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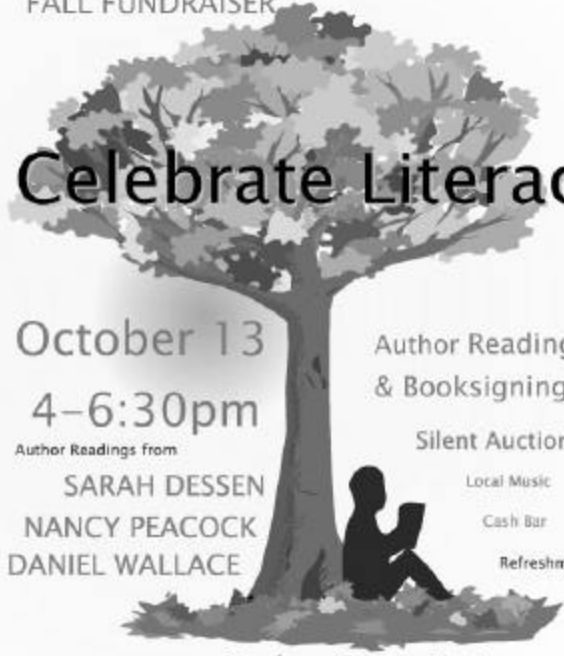
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