



ORANGE COUNTY LITERACY COUNCIL

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Writers Read: A 20th Anniversary Celebration

To delight, to instruct, to eavesdrop, to forget; it's reincarnation without the nasty dying; it's looking in a neighbor's window without the embarrassing arrest; it's the miracle of human sympathy. Reading is power, personal and political, pure and simple."

Lee Anne Couch, in "Why I Read," a selection written to commemorate the Orange County Literacy Council's 20th Anniversary.

The year 2004 marks the Orange County Literacy Council's 20th Anniversary. To honor the Council's commitment and service to the community, 16 of the Triangle's best-loved authors have written special pieces, reflecting on what reading means to them. Each focuses on how reading has altered their lives, provided comfort and companionship, or allowed them to bridge the space-time continuum from the haze of their own front porches.

Join us October 24th as 12 of these writers read their selections at **Writers Read**, a super-sized version of our annual author reading program. The writings of all participating authors have been integrated into a commemorative poster designed by Algonquin designer Anne Winslow and illustrator Laura Williams. The writings are also being published in a handmade, limited edition book, illustrated by author Daniel Wallace. Both items will be available for purchase onsite.

The fall fundraiser also features a silent auction, book signings, a wine and beer cash bar and a variety of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres. We will also raffle off a weeklong stay at a beautiful 4-bedroom ocean-front home on Oak Island, NC.

Tickets for the event are \$10 each, available in advance or at the door. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. All proceeds go to support the work of the Orange County Literacy Council.



Featured Authors

(* indicates authors planning to be attendance)

Daphne Athas*	Clyde Edgerton	Lawrence Naumoff*
John Balaban*	Angela Davis-Gardner*	Lee Smith*
Michael Chitwood*	Marianne Gingham*	Elizabeth Spencer*
Leigh Anne Couch	William McCranor Hen-	Max Steele*
Sarah Dessen	derson*	Daniel Wallace
Pam Durban	Zelda Lockhart	Lynn York*
Pam Duncan*	Robert Morgan	

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The OCLC's Silent Auction Takes Flight

Among the items for sale at this year's Silent Auction is a ride on a Yakovlev Yak-52 Soviet military trainer. This award-winning aircraft was used in the Ukraine to train student pilots to transition to jets. The two-seater is described as an easy airplane to fly, with a fast roll rate (especially to the right) and capable of operating from unimproved grass runways. It is fully insured, meticulously maintained, and flown by a highly experienced pilot. Flying helmet and headset are provided. Acrobatics are optional! The plane is owned by Cedric and Sue Pearce of Chapel Hill, NC.

If a plane ride doesn't capture your fancy, we have a variety of other items available. For UNC fans, former UNC Head Basketball Coach Bill Guthridge has donated a basketball signed by Dean Smith, Roy Williams and himself. Baum Diamonds has donated a gold charm of UNC's Old Well. Borders Books is providing signed books by James Patterson and David Sedaris as well as original artwork. The Carolina Inn and the Inn at Celebrity Dairy have donated overnight stays. Carrboro Plaza Vet Clinic has donated a Day at the Spa for Your Pet. Chase Hair is offering a style consultation, shampoo and cut. We have books from Algonquin, plants from Bloom, pilates lessons from Celestial Bodies and individual computer instruction. We even have a garage rock-and-roll band ready to play at your next backyard cook-out or office party. For a complete list of auction items, please check our website at www.orangeliteracy.org.

Council Welcomes New Director

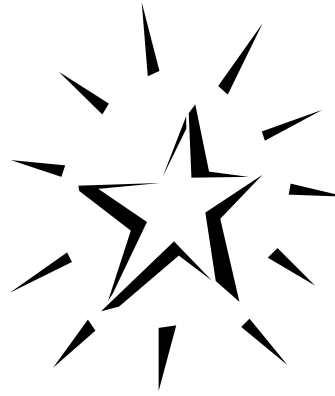
The Orange County Literacy Council is pleased to welcome Alice Denson as its new Executive Director. A native of North Carolina, Ms. Denson has extensive experience with nonprofits, technology and public policy. She joins the Literacy Council from ExplorNet, an educational non-profit, where she worked with educational leaders in a number of states to adopt and implement innovative Information Technology courses for high school students and technology-based professional development for teachers. She was involved in fund development, external communications, program management and government affairs.

Prior to joining ExplorNet, Ms. Denson helped to form NCEITA, the NC Electronics and Information Technologies Association, a trade group for the State's high tech industry, where she helped to grow the nonprofit from a start-up group of 30 companies to an organization of almost 300 member companies, representing some of the largest and most vital high tech companies in the world. Ms. Denson spent eight years in Washington DC, working first as an international trade specialist with the U.S. Department of Commerce, then as an international affairs manager with ITAA, a software and services trade association. She holds a BA in English from N.C. State University and a Masters in Public Administration from East Carolina University.

On My Worst Day/ On My Best Day

Thomas C. De Werth

On the worst day of my life, I tried drugs and alcohol. I wanted to be cool and accepted by the “in group,” which had many perks for me. I knew it all, and would be careful. And, of course, this was my downfall. I felt this was the answer to life’s problems but, in fact, it really was the creator of many of them. Take it from someone who’s been there. Self-medication never works for the problems within. Only God has that power. And God’s the only thing that worked for me, and for many others. Don’t forget this fact. Use it and you don’t come back.

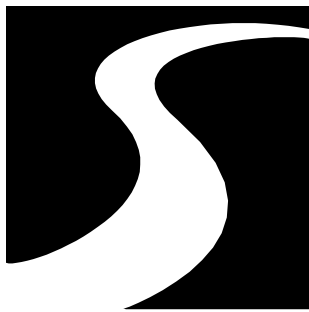


On the best day of my life I was given life by God. I had my second birth when I was only ten years old – a spiritual birth as Jesus commanded us all to do. Spiritual birth is explained in the Holy Bible John 3:1-21. Accepting Jesus is the most important decision you will ever make in your life. If you choose not to decide, then you already have made a choice. The price of denial is too high. Where are you going? Why wait? Act now! You will never regret it.

Thomas C. De Werth is matched with Northern Orange tutor Jill Hallenback.

Sheltered Voices

Over the last several years, the OCLC has worked with residents of the men’s and women’s shelters in Chapel Hill to teach writing. The following selection was written by Kenneth Redding at a recent workshop.



I remember her hands, hard from years of menial work yet [so] gentle on my face. Grandma Molly’s voice always was [at an octave], never loud and screaming bringing fright as some did, but clear and smooth. I recall trips she and I would take, not very far, mainly to see other relatives in South Virginia. But the bus trips were things of dreams, greasy brown paper bags full of freshly fried chicken, always enough stuff to keep a child out of trouble. Books, puzzles, toys and especially song. Oh how Grandma Molly loved to sing. “If you want to help me Jesus, it’s alright.” And her favorite, “Precious Lord take



In our own words ...

Share Your Writings and Successes!

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

Congratulations to

Jeff Barber and his tutor **Judith Collins**. Jeff passed his GED in August.

Charlotte Horton and her tutor **Bob Ross**. Charlotte passed her GED Math Test and earned her GED.

Welcome New Tutors

The OCLC is pleased to announce that the following volunteers have successfully completed Tutor Training. Welcome to our new community of learners!

Mary Alexion
 Syed Rafiqul Alom
 Juan Arango
 Matt Beukema
 Phyllis Blackwell
 Joshua Corn
 Alice Denson
 Elizabeth Holroyd
 Tonya Jordan
 Mary C. Kaiser
 Whitney LaPlante
 Cynthia Lynne
 Michael Lynne
 Shelley Odronic
 Patti Parker
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 Bonnie Rodgers
 Alesia Sanjika
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 Anne Vaughan
 Tom Vaughan
 Benjamin Walston

We would also like to thank trainers Wanda Weaver, Jill Hallenback, Deb Gerhardt and Susan Attermeier for an excellent Tutor Training Workshop.

Next Training

Due to heavy response from potential tutors, the OCLC has scheduled the next Training Workshop for January 29 and 31 and February 2, 2004.

Tutor Tip

yourDictionary.com offers a number of useful resources for tutors. The excerpt below, taken from their library, is an excellent example of the type of material available. The full document can be accessed at <http://www.yourdictionary.com/library/misspelled.html>

100 MOST OFTEN MISPELLED MISPELLED WORDS IN ENGLISH

Dr. Language has provided a one-stop cure for all your spelling ills. Here are the 100 words most often misspelled ('misspell' is one of them). Each word has a mnemonic pill with it and, if you swallow it, it will help you to remember how to spell the word. Master the orthography of the words on this page and reduce the time you spend searching dictionaries by 50%.

	A
acceptable	Several words made the list because of the suffix pronounced -êbl but sometimes spelled -ible, sometimes -able. Just remember to accept any table offered to you and you will spell this word OK.
accidentally	It is no accident that the test for adverbs on -ly is whether they come from an adjective on -al ("accidental" in this case). If so, the -al has to be in the spelling. No publical, then publicly.
accommodate	Remember, this word is large enough to accommodate both a double "c" AND a double "m".
Acquire	Try to acquire the knowledge that this word and the next began with the prefix ad- but the [d] converts to [c] before [q].
Acquit	See the previous discussion. a lot Two words! Hopefully, you won't have to allot a lot of time to this problem.
Amateur	Amateurs need not be mature: this word ends on the French suffix -eur (the equivalent of English -er).
Apparent	A parent need not be apparent but "apparent" must pay the rent, so remember this word always has the rent.

Upcoming Events

Writers Read: A 20th Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, Oct. 24th, 4:30-6:30pm
 Century Center, Carrboro

Annual Tutor/Student Appreciation Banquet
Tuesday, Dec. 7th
 Big Barn, Hillsborough

OCLC Gift Wrapping
Saturday, Dec. 18th, 9am-11pm
 Barnes & Noble
 New Hope Commons, Durham

OCLC Gift Wrapping
Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 18th ,19th
 10am – 9pm
 Borders, Chapel Hill

Thank You to the following vision care providers. Their generosity makes it possible for adult learners to receive much needed assistance.

- Dr. Donna Hillsgrove for a free eye exam and glasses.
- Dr. David Kroninger for a free eye exam.

Congratulations to tutor and UNC graduate student Joshua Guthman who recently received a Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship. The fellowship, one of 28 awarded this year by the Woodrow Wilson Foundation of Princeton, NJ, supports doctoral students in their last year of dissertation work.

Friends of Literacy

The Literacy Council would like to thank the following donors. The generosity of all our donors makes it possible for us to continue our work in the community.

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The Council also received contributions through Network for Good. A link to Network for Good can be found on our website at www.orangeliteracy.org.

Your Grocery Shopping Can Help the OCLC

It's time once again to designate your Harris Teeter and Food Lion customer loyalty cards to help the Literacy Council raise money. Both companies ask that customers renew their designations annually, beginning in late August/early September.

Through its Together in Education program, Harris Teeter will donate a percentage of each purchase of Harris Teeter brand products to the Literacy Council. Customers can link their cards online at <http://www.harristeeter.com> - click on the "Together in Education" section on the right hand side of the page - or at the check-out register. The OCLC's school code is 4935. Food Lion's, through its Shop and Share program, donates a portion of your total grocery purchase to your selected charity. Designations must be made online at <http://www.foodlion.com/IntheCommunity/ShopandShare/>.

Loyalty programs offer a quick, easy way to help the OCLC reach its funding goals. All you have to do is designate the OCLC as your preferred charity, and shop as usual!

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Become a Friend the Literacy. Your tax-deductible contribution will help to:

- Support expanded staff hours
- Subsidize a Tutor Training Workshop
- Purchase workbooks for adult learners

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Author readings by

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John Balaban
Michael Chitwood
Pamela Duncan
Marianne Gingher
Angela Davis-Gardner
William McCranor Henderson
Lawrence Naumoff
Lee Smith
Elizabeth Spencer
Max Steele
Lynn York

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