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## Tutors learn how to use the Wilson Reading System

Six tutors joined the READ Team in February to learn how to teach using the Wilson Reading System. This is a highly structured, phonics based approach to teaching reading and writing to our learners. Pat Pine, Youngkee Shin, Dolores Kimball, Fritzi Goldberg, Larry Golden, and Gene Koltvet (not shown) spent two Saturdays taking the language down to the phonic level and learned how to use the many materials that accompany the process. A veteran tutor came back for a refresher and to help the others understand how well the system works.

Tutors first learn of the Wilson Reading System in the Tutor Training Workshop when they are asked to identify certain sounds and tap out the number of sounds in a word. All tutors are invited to take this additional training. The next Wilson training will be in July, so check the READ/OC calendar and watch your e-mail for more information.

## Families For Literacy Can Be a Great Resource For Your Learner

Tutors, if your learner has a child under age 5 in his/her life; Families For Literacy (FFL) has resources for you!

FFL has a wide variety of resources about and for young children that will fit with your learner's goals. From children's books that can be used as a source for an LEA and then given to the learner to take home and read to a child to parenting tips and fun learning activities to share with the entire family. Whether your learner's goal is to read to a child, get a job, or pass a driver's license test, FFL has resources that can help connect the adult learner's goal with school-readiness and pre-reading skills of a young child in their life.

FFL also offers monthly Family Reading Times at various locations for learners who have a child under age 5. Big brothers and sisters are also welcome. At a Family Reading Time families experience fun and learning together with a read aloud story time, games, crafts, songs, and more. A special treat and a new book are included. Tutors are welcome to join in the fun.

If your learner has a young child (or grandchild, niece, nephew) in their life, encourage them to attend an upcoming Family Reading Times.

If you would like to help adult learners and their young children experience a fun and learning together, volunteer to be a FFL tutor. Call Barbara at the READ/OC office, (714)566-3070.

### **May**

Thursday, May 3, 6-8 pm  
El Toro Library, 24672 Raymond Way at El Toro Rd.

Wednesday, May 9, 6-8 pm  
Stanton Family Resource Center, 11822 Santa Paula St., near Beach & Chapman

Thursday, May 17, 6-8  
El Toro Library, 24672 Raymond Way at El Toro Rd.

Saturday, May 19, 10am-12pm  
READ/OC Headquarters, 1501 E. St. Andrew Pl., Santa Ana, near Edinger at Grand



## **LEARNER ACHIEVEMENTS**



Linda Nelson and her learner have completed 59.50 hours of tutoring.

Caroline Torres' learner has learned to write the alphabet.

David Yang's learner wrote a check on his own for the first time and wrote a Valentine's Day letter to his wife.

**Congratulations to all. Share your learner's successes in your Monthly Report.**

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