

# Literacy Update

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## Adult Basic Literacy Tutor Fernando

Below is a conversation between myself and Tutor Fernando about the benefits and challenges of virtual tutoring. Traditionally, tutoring takes place in person but as the world is today that is not possible.

The Adult Literacy program relies on volunteer tutors who come to us with an eagerness to help. Fernando shares some advice for



new tutors. To listen to our brief conversation use the link below.

<https://www.hipcast.com/podcast/HtNn916Q>



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- *Career Online High School graduates*
- *National Literacy Month*

## Message from the Director

Library Director Ann Graf discusses her passion for literacy and her motivation for her advocacy for social services.

Our discussion also highlights one of the library's many programs, Neighborhood Connections. NC provides resource assistance to the community and has a licensed Social Worker to go over

resources and information with our patrons in need of those services.

For more information on our Neighborhood Connections program you can call 626-812-5100 or [nc@azusaca.gov](mailto:nc@azusaca.gov).

To listen to my short discussion with Ann please use the link below:

<https://www.hipcast.com/podcast/HjGcpQ6Q>

### Literacy Staff:

- *Adult Literacy Coordinator:*  
*Arlene Calderon*
- *Citizenship Specialist:*  
*Joyce Ayala*

# Citizenship: Martha Zamora

Our Inspired Citizenship program has seen 200 new citizens of the United States of America. Inspired Citizenship offers a Civic classes and one on one tutoring.

Martha is one of the learners in our Inspired Citizenship program at the moment. Martha also participates in our GrESL program. I talk with Martha

about what Citizenship means to her. To listen to our short discussion please click the link below.

<https://www.hipcast.com/podcast/HSVtshhQ>

# Congratulation COHS Graduates

The Azusa City Library is participating in the Career Online High School program which provides people an opportunity to earn a high school diploma and a certificate in a field of study. Each program has limited number of scholarships to award to residents of their City.

This summer the Azusa City Library has seen two graduates of this program. We are very proud of these individuals who

showed dedication and commitment to their goals. Graduate Karen shares her experience with us, " My coach was very helpful and fun. I have to say her emails always encouraged me to continue to obtain the certificate. The classes are well explained and the platform tools are incredible."

Congratulations to both participants! We look forward to many more!

# National Literacy Month

National Literacy Month is a month to encourage people of all ages to read. Technology is king right now but it is also a distraction. These days we need a distraction from the

distraction; reading a book is a perfect solution! Please take this time to encourage your children, spouse, friends, neighbors to read a book. Visit your virtual libraries now!



*These interviews were done at a safe distance of 6 ft. or via Zoom. The Azusa City Library remains committed to the health and safety of our patrons, volunteer tutors and staff.*