

Adult Literacy Celebration & Creative Expression Workshops

Partner: Los Angeles Public Library – Adult Literacy Department

Program Type:

Interactive Literacy & Expression Workshop Series (In-Person) (1 Hour)

Purpose:

To celebrate the anniversary of the Adult Literacy Program, recognizing the accomplishments of learners, volunteers, and staff, while fostering creativity, collaboration, and confidence in communication.

Audience:

Adult literacy students, program volunteers, and library staff. Participants included English language learners, as well as those supporting learners through volunteer roles.

Scope of Work:

Facilitated three interactive workshops over a multi-week period, each designed to engage participants in hands-on creative expression while celebrating literacy, personal achievement, and community connection.

Program Design:

Workshops combined experiential learning, writing, collaborative exercises, and imaginative exploration:

Warm-Up & Imagination Exercises

- Engaged participants in guided imagination exercises to inspire creativity
- Introduced warm-ups emphasizing sensory observation and personal storytelling

Individual & Group Creative Writing

- Participants wrote short personal stories, reflections, or warm-up exercises
- Writing exercises incorporated imagination, five senses, and individual voice

- Encouraged reading, sharing, and verbal expression in a supportive environment

Collaborative Remix & Genre Exercises

- Participants worked in small teams to rewrite nursery rhymes or familiar stories in new genres, such as horror, romance, sci-fi, or comedy
- Step-by-step instructions guided participants in applying narrative techniques and creative thinking
- Emphasized collaboration, planning, and performance of the remixed work

Celebration & Memoir Activity

- Participants created six-word memoirs reflecting their experiences in the adult literacy program
- Memoirs were displayed to honor individual and program accomplishments, highlighting growth and community

Facilitation Approach:

- Designed activities to be accessible for English language learners, with volunteers providing additional support as needed
- Balanced celebratory, hands-on, and structured learning experiences
- Encouraged participants to read, write, share, and present, reinforcing both literacy skills and confidence

Learning Experience:

Participants experienced interactive engagement, personal expression, and community celebration, building creative skills while honoring individual achievements and program longevity.

Core Methods Used:

Experiential learning • Guided creative exercises • Interactive group collaboration • Storytelling & narrative remixing • Performance-based sharing • Celebration of achievement