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Read-A-Thon...starting now!

The Literacy Council of Frederick County in participation with Frederick County Public Libraries is excited to be hosting our third Read-a-Thon, ***In Love with Literacy***. Anyone from ages 1 to 100 years can participate in this fun and meaningful event.

The event runs from January 19, 2013 until March 2, 2013. Participants commit to read a specified number of books or for a specified amount of time during that period. In advance, you will request pledges from friends and family to sponsor your reading. The more you read the more money you will raise! Every dollar raised will be used to buy books and other program materials for the students and tutors of the Literacy Council. All pledges and monies collected must be turned in by March 2nd in order to be considered for prizes.

There will be an ending celebration Read-a-Thon in the C. Burr Artz Library Community Room on March 2nd from 10:30 – 12:30, and we will be providing drinks and snacks to participants during the event. Prizes will be awarded in various categories, such as most books read or most money raised. There will be drawings for door prizes donated to the event by local merchants. Prize winners will be announced at 12:00 noon.



Happy New Year!

A Year In Review

As 2013 begins, the Literacy Council looks forward to the New Year and is proud of many highlights and accomplishments in 2012. Read on to see details of our achievements.

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The Literacy Council of Frederick Co. welcomes new students needing help.

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The Literacy Council celebrates its 50th year!

Stay tuned for details.

The Literacy Council - A Year In Review

As we reflect on 2012, the Literacy Council of Frederick County has much to be proud of . . .

- ◆ Our wonderful volunteers who gave so many hours of their time tutoring our students, helping in the office and working on fundraising events.
- ◆ All those who donated to our fundraising efforts, those who served as sponsors and those who participated toward their success.
- ◆ Our committed officers and board of directors who guide our organization.
- ◆ Caroline Gaver, who was selected as a Wertheimer Volunteer Award winner by the Community Foundation which came with a \$10,000 gift to our Community Foundation Fund.
- ◆ Our selection for 2 competitive grants, from the Wish You Well Foundation and the Dollar General Foundation.
- ◆ Our dedicated Committee Members who are carrying out our Strategic Plan.
- ◆ Our increased number of tutors, more than in the recent past, helping us to be close to fulfilling the requests of our students.

The Literacy Council could not do without all of you and we look forward to greater partnerships in 2013. Thank you for your devotion and support!!! Happy New Year to all!



A heartfelt thank you to all of our volunteers and donors. Because of your hard work and support we were able to serve 200 adult learners in 2012, a significant increase from recent years. We appreciate that of all the worthwhile causes in Frederick County, you chose to support the Literacy Council with your time, abilities, and money. We hope you will continue your support so we can help even more people improve their lives in the coming year.



Read-a-Thon: January and February with event on March 2.

In-service: February, to be announced

Workshops :
March 9 & 16
in Hagerstown;
April 6 & 13 in Frederick,

Annual Meeting: May 7

Other events to be announced

Upcoming Events in 2013

Attention ESL Tutors — In-Service

The in-service, “**How to Increase Your Student’s Conversation Skills**”, originally scheduled for January, has been postponed until February, date to be announced. Watch your inbox or call the office for further details 301-600-2066.

Gift Giving this Year

Are you one of those people who have everything? Is your house stuffed with stuff? This year at your birthday, anniversary or any gift-giving occasion, ask your friends and relatives to make a donation to the Literacy Council in your name. It is a great way to honor you and help those who need to learn to read in English. Invest in the future of one of our students.

Or do you have a friend that you would like to honor with a donation in their name? We will send a thank you letter to recognize the gift to the giver and the recipient. Since we are a 501(c)(3) non-profit, your donation is tax deductible. Your generous donations are what keep us going throughout the year. Send a check to our office, or donate online through our [website](#).

Winter Poetry

Winter Stores

By Charlotte Brontë
(published under her nom de plume, Currer Bell, 1846)

We take from life one little share,
And say that this shall be
A space, redeemed from toil and care,
From tears and sadness free.

And, haply, Death unstrings his bow,
And Sorrow stands apart,
And, for a little while, we know
The sunshine of the heart.

Existence seems a summer eve,
Warm, soft, and full of peace,
Our free, unfettered feelings give
The soul its full release.

A moment, then, it takes the power
To call up thoughts that throw
Around that charmed and hallowed hour,
This life's divinest glow.

But Time, though viewlessly it flies,
And slowly, will not stay;
Alike, through clear and clouded skies,
It cleaves its silent way.

Alike the bitter cup of grief,
Alike the draught of bliss,
Its progress leaves but moment brief
For baffled lips to kiss

The sparkling draught is dried away,
The hour of rest is gone,
And urgent voices, round us, say,
"Ho, lingerer, hasten on!"

And has the soul, then, only gained,
From this brief time of ease,
A moment's rest, when overstrained,
One hurried glimpse of peace?

No; while the sun shone kindly o'er us,
And flowers bloomed round our feet,—
While many a bud of joy before us
Unclosed its petals sweet,—

An unseen work within was plying;
Like honey-seeking bee,
From flower to flower, unwearied, flying,
Labour'd one faculty,—

Thoughtful for Winter's future sorrow,
Its gloom and scarcity;
Prescient to-day, of want to-morrow,
Toiled quiet Memory.

'Tis she that from each transient pleasure
Extracts a lasting good;
'Tis she that finds, in summer, treasure
To serve for winter's food.

And when Youth's summer day is vanished,
And Age brings Winter's stress,
Her stores, with hoarded sweets replenished,
Life's evening hours will bless.



Annual Appeal:

**It is never too
late to donate!
Our thanks to
all who have so
generously
responded
to our annual
appeal letter.**



The office needs a decent used computer. If you know of someone wanting to donate a computer that runs Windows 7, our volunteers can put it to good use.

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Read more about the Read-A-Thon

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someone's life.