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Come Celebrate with Us!

The Literacy Council of Frederick Co. will host an event to commemorate its 50th Anniversary!
Special guest speaker is David Brooks



David Brooks—photo: NYTimes.com

When: October 23, 2013

What: The Council's 50th Anniversary with special guest speaker, David Brooks of the *New York Times*

Where: Weinberg Center for Performing Arts, Frederick, MD

Meet Our New 2013 Board Members

Welcome Lyuba Sidorova and Mary Jo Richmond to our board of directors.



Lyuba Sidorova

2013 Board of Directors

President: Caroline Gaver, 1st Vice President: Beth Lowe,
2nd Vice President: Sandy Doggett, Treasurer: Lisa Meyers,
Secretary: Catherine Bly Cox, Basic Coordinator: Keri-Ann Henson, ESL Coordinator: Freida Pryor,
Corresponding Sec'y.: Melanie Gettier, Director: Denise Dertzbaugh,
Director: Mary Jo Richmond, Director: Lyuba Sidorova, Director: John (Hamp)Tisdale,

The Literacy Council Turns 50 and We Are Going to Celebrate! Save the Date!

The Literacy Council
of Frederick County
welcomes new
volunteers as well as
new students needing
help.

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David Brooks—photo: atrandom.com

David Brooks is an Op-Ed page columnist in the *New York Times*. He also is a commentator on *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*. He is the author of several books including: *Bobos in Paradise: The New Upper Class and How They Got There* and *On Paradise Drive: How We Live Now (And Always Have) in the Future Tense*. He is also a frequent guest on NPR's *All Things Considered* and the *Diane Rehm Show*. We are very fortunate that David has agreed to come to Frederick to speak to us at this important event. His writings and talks are always thought provoking. To whet your interest watch his TED

Talk at: David Brooks: The Social Animal (18:44 min.)
[http://www.ted.com/talks/david_brooks_the_social_animal.html?](http://www.ted.com/talks/david_brooks_the_social_animal.html?source=email-.UX7bdMnxkzt.email)

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When and Where: October 23, 2013 at Weinberg Center for Performing Arts

What: Our 50th Anniversary event with David Brooks of the *New York Times*, as the special guest.

Why: To celebrate the Literacy Council and have a fundraiser!

What you can do: Tell your friends, relatives, and political junkies you know. Stay tuned for details and for dates when tickets go on sale at the Weinberg! Literacy Council 301-600-2066, or www.frederickliteracy.org

Statistics:

75% of state
prison inmates
and **59%** of
federal prison
inmates did
not complete
high school or
can be
classified as
low literate!

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Help Spread the Word

If you are a member or a volunteer, help to tell the story of what the Literacy Council does. Do you know a friend or neighbor who might be interested in joining us? Pass along our contact information and we can give them more details.

Our supporters, members, and any prospective volunteers can also check out the ProLiteracy website to learn more about literacy and statistics. Here is a comment from ProLiteracy:

When adults learn to read and write, they have the power to transform their lives.

Why Literacy? Why not focus on world health? Or gender equality? Or poverty relief? Our answer at ProLiteracy is simple. To solve all of these socioeconomic problems and more, we must start by building a more literate adult population. Because when individuals the world over learn how to read, write, do basic math, and use computers, the more likely they are to lift themselves out of poverty, contribute to improved health care costs, and find and keep sustainable employment.

- See more at: <http://www.proliteracy.org/the-crisis/overview#sthash.BFddNa2Z.dpuf>

Missing Books—It's Easy to Forget!

Students and Tutors, Do You have Literacy Council books ?

If you have books that you have borrowed from the Literacy Council that you are no longer using, please return them to the office. We are happy to lend books to students and teachers. However, when you return them promptly, we can lend them to more students. Thanks for your cooperation. Recycling the books saves money.

Tutor News and Updates:

One of our tutors, Isabelle Micaela Garcia, recently got a job with AmeriCorps for the Buffalo Urban League.

ESL Coordinator Freida Pryor is so proud of Isabelle and thought her recent success story could inspire other young people to volunteer. Isabelle's example shows how volunteering can help make a person more marketable for a career.

When did you tutor with the Literacy Council of Frederick County - and how did you find out about us? Was this your first time tutoring?

During the spring or summer of 2012, I had just finished my Bachelor's Degree from UMBC and wanted to volunteer (specifically as an English tutor) during my spare time. I found out about the Council using a simple Google search and immediately signed up for the training sessions. I finished the Literacy Council's tutor training program during September of that same year and met with my first student, Maria, a month later. I can remember being very excited and very nervous, as it was the first time I tutored. Ever.



Can you talk about a specific student and his/her successes - and elaborate a bit about your experience as a tutor?

I only started tutoring when I joined the Literacy Council last year and have had only two students in that time. My first student was Maria. Her main goals were to speak English well enough to be able to find and keep a job and to be able to understand her children's teachers. I'll always remember when she told me, four weeks after we started tutoring, that she got a job at Buffalo Wild Wings. We prepared by learning the pertinent vocabulary words and phrases. Unfortunately, it also meant that we had to stop tutoring after she started her new job.

When did you get your new job with the AmeriCorps VISTA program - and where is it located?

I got my AmeriCorps job for the Buffalo Urban League this past May and it's located in Buffalo, New York. I'm very excited to start this position at the end of July and I'm already starting to mentally prepare for the Buffalo winter!

Do you think that tutoring gave you any special experience that prepared you for this job?

Yes! I love feeling like I'm helping someone out and I love feeling like I am doing something useful. In this way, tutoring really confirmed my desire to work in a non-profit setting. Apart from the administrative things like time management and filling out monthly tutoring reports, this experience gave me a little bit more insight into what it's like to volunteer and work for a non-profit. And, most importantly, I saw a bit of what life is like from my student's point of view - wherever this view might be from.

Do you plan to tutor in Buffalo?

I do! Buffalo has its own ProLiteracy affiliate so I hope that it will be very similar to our own Literacy Council here in Frederick. First, I want to acclimate to the city and my new schedule but, eventually, I do hope to tutor in Buffalo as well.

We love celebrating the success of our students and we are proud of all of them, Basic and ESL. Our Basic program students find it especially hard to step forward to acknowledge an award or achievement because they felt so much shame in not being able to read. It takes a great amount of courage for many to sign on for help with our program. We are always willing to announce the achievements of all of our students if we hear about it from their tutors.



Congratulations to Tutor, Isabelle Garcia, who is now with AmeriCorps

Did You Know...

Adults over 16 in the US: 14% read at or below a 5th grade level.

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Tutoring is Rewarding



Mark your calendars!

Low Literacy
adds
approximately
\$230 billion to
the country's
health
care costs!

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The Literacy Council has a proven track record of economic responsibility. Monetary gifts go directly to books and materials, or to running our operation. There is no wasteful spending. Your tax deductible donation does a great deal to spread literacy. Check our website to see how many books, or what materials your gift can buy.

Upcoming Events

Important Fundraiser Dates:

Friday, July 26th: Fundraiser with Ruby Tuesday on Route 40. We get a percentage of the proceeds for all those who eat there on that day AND who bring in the attached flyer. Without the flyer, we get no credit at all. Download flyer at www.frederickliteracy.org

Tuesday, August 6th: Charity Day for the Literacy Council at Brewer's Alley. LCFC will receive 20% of their proceeds for the entire day. We encourage everyone to go and have lunch or dinner to support literacy!

Tutor training workshops:

September 21 & 28, 2013, Frederick or
October 5 & 12, 2013, Hagerstown

October 23: Anniversary Event

Board Books/ Board Movies!

A feature we do at times in our newsletters is "Board Books" in which board members tell us what they are reading. This time we are featuring a movie review by Sandy Doggett!

English Vinglish Movie Review



This poignant 2012 Bollywood movie is about the struggles that our students face as they learn English. It is the story of Shashi, a young Indian mother, who is put down by her family and society for not being able to speak English. It tells how she overcame this problem by joining an English class. Although the class members were from many different countries and cultures they help each other to assimilate. It was touching, funny and thought provoking all at once. The best part is that you can borrow it from Frederick County Public Libraries for free. (DVD , 133 min. English subtitles) I highly recommend this movie to everyone who is interested in teaching and learning English.

—Sandy Doggett, tutor and board member

Good News About Grants in 2013

We have received 3 very generous grants this year. They will help us to grow our organization.

The first one was from the **Aushman Family Foundation** for a Capacity Building grant. We will use the money to hire Scott Grove, a marketing consultant, to assist us in crafting a Marketing Plan to attract students, tutors, funders and other volunteers. We received a similar grant from them in 2011 to write a strategic plan.

The second grant came from the **Randall Charitable Trust** of Frederick. We will use those funds to implement the plan that Scott writes. It may be used for printing and advertising. This is our first grant from them.

The third grant is from **Dollar General Foundation** and this money will be used for salary, teaching materials and other supplies. We received a grant from them in 2012. One of the founders of Dollar General was illiterate, so they fund literacy organizations with their Foundation.

The goals for all three grants are the same:
Increase the number of students by 50.
Increase the number of tutors by 50.

We appreciate the grantors' confidence in us as an organization. We also appreciate our grants committee that does all the writing: Caroline Gaver, Diana Halleman, Stanley Schweinfurth, Carla Clark, Isabelle Garcia, Sandy Doggett and new members, Molly Doggett and Ryan Bell. These grants total \$28,500 for 2013.

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Annual Meeting



In May we held our annual meeting. This is the second year we've had it at the Friend's Meeting House on North Market St. We enjoy having our annual meeting here since it seems to promote a casual, relaxed atmosphere. For many volunteers it is a rare occasion when they can get together and meet other tutors and students and socialize with one another.

Here are various Council members, tutors, and board members. Front row from left to right – Lisa Myers, Treasurer, Denise Dertzbaugh, Board Director and tutor, Sandy Doggett, Board Director and tutor, and Melanie Gettier, Cor-

responding Secretary. Back row– Irene Romersa, tutor, Kathleen Rodkey, tutor, Susan Birch, tutor, Kate Bufter, tutor and recipient of The Betty Seligman Award, Mariolys Lamas, student of Kate's, and Jim French, tutor.

Awards List for Cumulative hours for all years through 12-31-2012



Joe Parker and Charles Beckwith at the annual meeting. They each shared their inspirational stories at the annual meeting.



Kate Bufter and Mariolys Lamas at the annual meeting. They described their journey and experiences as well.

- 100 hours Alice Matthews (113)
Lisa Myers (140)
- 300 hours Irene Romersa (347)
Bryan Patchan (350)
Susan Birch (365)
- 400 hours Mary Frances Trunk (419)
Dorinda Shepley (425)
Kathleen Rodkey (443)
- 600 hours Keri-Ann Henson (615)
- 700 hours Doris Vierbuchen (728)
Ronald Partyka (744)
Mary Polglase (750)
Sam Keiter (908)
- 900 hours Alexis Matthews (1096)
- 1000 hours Sandy Doggett (1604)
- 1500 hours Freida Pryor (3314)
- 3250 hours Denise Dertzbaugh
- 3500 hours

15 Years:

Gene Beall, Tracey Beidleman,
Kate Bufter, Melanie Gettier

20 Years:

Sushila Bhattacharjee, Alice Brouillet



It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life, that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.

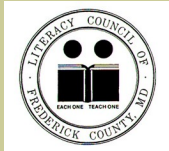
- Ralph Waldo Emerson



The Council is proud and appreciative every day of *all* tutors and volunteers - no matter what amount of time they can give.

The Annual Meeting is the event when we recognize certain volunteers who achieve particular milestones.

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Free Workshop

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