



# LITERACY COUNCIL FREDERICK COUNTY, MD

EMPOWERING ADULTS THROUGH ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS

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## SPREAD THE WORD!

### TUTOR TRAINING COMING SOON

We will offer volunteer tutor training in Frederick from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 20 and 27 and in Hagerstown from 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Oct. 11 and 18.

Because there is a waiting list of students, the Literacy Council is always in need of volunteer tutors.

Interested participants may [register online](#) or by calling the office at 301-600-2066 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Trainees are not required to have teaching experience or knowledge of foreign languages. Both days are required for certification.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that there is an easy way to help the Literacy Council and do your online shopping at the same time? Amazon.com has a program to help nonprofits

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## WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Literacy Council of Frederick County (LCFC) is extremely fortunate to welcome three experienced community leaders to the organization's Board of Directors:



Richard "Ric" Adams is the immediate past President and CEO of the Frederick County Chamber of Commerce where for he led the expansion of the Chamber's membership to over 1,000 organizations and advocated public policy on behalf of the business community. His Chamber work followed a 30-year career with State Farm, 12 years as Public Affairs Manager. He is a Trustee at Hood College and a member of the Rotary Club of Frederick.



Rich Haney retired from Frederick Community College in 2011 having served the College for 38 years, 30 of which were as its Chief Student Affairs Officer. Prior to retirement, Rich headed the Frederick Community College Foundation, Inc. for four years under Dr. Carol Eaton. He returned to FCC in March to assume the Vice President for Learning Support role while a national search was conducted to fill the position permanently and in June was asked to step in and provide leadership for the FCC Foundation, Inc. for the coming year. He is a member of Kiwanis and had served for many years on the Board of Directors for the Mental Health Association of Frederick County.

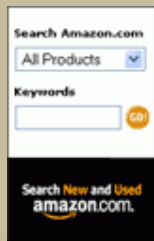


Margaret (Mimi) Teahan has worked as an attorney for the Office of the Public Defender for Frederick County for over 20 years. She has encountered many clients with literacy challenges. She regularly visits prisons and jails. She has served on the Board of Directors of the CALM Mediation Center for Frederick County and for Fell's Point Corner Theatre. She is a produced playwright with plays staged in Baltimore, Washington, Bethesda and Columbia, Maryland.

## MEET OUR NEW BASIC COORDINATOR-Sherry DeFrancisci

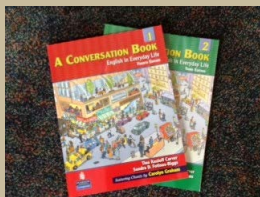
Welcome to our new Basic Coordinator, Sherry DeFrancisci! Sherry is a former teacher and for the past 13 years has taught every age group,

where a portion of your monies will go back to the organization designated. To help LCFC, you need only use this link



to get to the Council's Amazon page when you want to do your online shopping. The rest is automatic and painless! Thanks for supporting LCFC.

## NEW RESOURCES FOR TUTORS!



### *A Conversation Book 1 and 2*

These two books present an inviting, student-centered approach to developing fluency in English Conversation.

Contextualized picture-dictionary type pages provide students with the vocabulary needed for everyday life. Following each vocabulary lesson, task-based and cooperative activities offer numerous activities for students to practice their language and conversational skills. This is an excellent series to also use in small groups.

### *Learning to Read at Age 52*

by Milton Whitley

This small book is an inspirational story of a man who could not read until he was 52. It begins with his growing up in North Carolina, dropping out of school, leaving home, living in the streets, and becoming an addict when he met a therapist who literally saved his life. She got him an education counselor. He learned to



from pre-K to adults. Among the many subjects she has instructed are Spanish, Sign Language and ESL to name a few. In addition, she has organized and supervised two international service learning trips to Central and South America. She was a Laubach Literacy Tutor in the 90's, as well as now, and also teaches ESL at FCC. Sherry has a demonstrated commitment to education. "My work at the Literacy Council seems to be a perfect match for my passion to educate. I have a strong belief that education is the key to self-fulfillment, hope and expectation of a brighter future, which in turn strengthens the community as a whole."

A sincere thank you is due to Keri-Ann Henson who served in this position for four years and gave it up with regret. Keri-Ann recently started a new job as community liaison with Frederick County Public Schools. Fortunately, Keri-Ann will continue to be actively involved with the Literacy Council's efforts to expand outreach in the community.

## WELCOME TO OUR FIRST EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The Literacy Council of Frederick County welcomes Laurie Fisher as the organization's first Executive Director. The new part-time position is the result of the Council's recent growth and efforts to expand community outreach, recruit more volunteer tutors, and meet the county's growing need for literacy services. The number of students reached by the Literacy Council has increased by 68% and the number of volunteer tutors by 56%. "Our selection of Laurie concludes a search that yielded many very qualified candidates. We are delighted to have her join our organization to lead us forward in serving more county residents," said Caroline Gaver, President of the Board of Directors.

Laurie brings a wide range of professional experience to the position having most recently managed national training and education programs for educators, adults and young people at the American Red Cross National Headquarters in Washington, DC. In that capacity she worked directly with volunteers, community organizations, schools, community colleges and four-year institutions throughout the country, including Frederick and Montgomery Counties.

We all look forward to working with Laurie to increase the impact of the Council in Frederick County. Please stop by to say hello and welcome her to LCFC.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER-Laurie Fisher

After my first month on the job, I realize I have only just begun to learn about the meaningful and dedicated work that is quietly underway all around me by tutors and students--in the office, downstairs at the meeting table, and in the study rooms--and in countless locations throughout the community. I have been fortunate throughout my professional career to be able to work with people whose motivation comes from a passion to help others and their community. In just a few short weeks, it is clear that I am joining an inspiring team that shares a common mission.

To everyone I have met, and those of you I hope to meet soon, thank you for the opportunity to join your team and spread the word about

read, and got his GED. Then his new life began. This is a beautiful read for tutor or student. It is also a great one to read together.

Join Our List



JOIN OUR MAILING LIST

the impactful work you are doing so we can reach more people in need, recruit more tutors and build community support to sustain our organization's growth in the future. Literacy as the basis for all other education is a powerful message that we all play a part in bringing to the community. Thank you for your warm welcome!

## BE INSPIRED! NEW VIDEO ROLLED OUT PROMOTING LCFC



Check out the video just created to promote the Literacy Council and our students' hard work. We hope that this video can be used to raise awareness about the Literacy Council's vital programs and services, help recruit more tutors and students, as well as financial donors to help expand our reach and impact. Please share this link with your colleagues and community representatives.

Many thanks go out to our video participants, Denise Dertzbaugh, Silvia Munoz, Joe Parker, Charles Beckwith, Irene Romersa and the members of our Thursday morning conversation class. Additional thanks to the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek and the Randall Charitable Trust who supplied the funds to enable us to produce this wonderful product. We also are grateful to our dedicated marketing and production team: Scott Grove, Grove Public Relations and Caroline Lacey, Videographer.

## THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

Since the announcements in the June newsletter, we have been fortunate to receive the following grants from community organizations:

- Rotary Club of Carroll Creek- \$2,500
- United Way of Frederick County- \$500
- William E. Cross Foundation-\$1,000
- Women's Giving Circle-2 grants of \$2,500 each



*LCFC Office Manager Diana Halleman (right) with Carol Krimm at the Women's Giving Circle Tea.*

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We welcome submissions from our volunteers and students. Please [email](#) them to us.

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