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## Each One Teach One

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## Partnering with Mid-Atlantic Hispanic Chamber of Commerce



The Mid-Atlantic Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Literacy Council of Frederick County partner to provide Adult English Literacy education in Frederick County.

The Literacy Council of Frederick County and the Mid-Atlantic Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (MAHCC) are proud to announce their partnership to increase employment and financial success of non-English speaking residents of Frederick County by teaching them to speak, read, and write English.

The MAHCC, a 10-year-old business organization, is one of the most active and service-oriented chambers in the region. The Chamber is passionate in promoting members and in helping them grow their businesses while at the same time advocating for economic, workforce and community development.

Together, these two organizations will strengthen the Frederick community by empowering individuals and fostering meaningful partnerships. The MAHCC will recruit adult students from the non-English speaking community as well as tutors from the community at large. The Literacy Council will then train and certify the tutors, set-up the classes and curriculum, and instruct the classes. To help, visit [www.frederickliteracy.org](http://www.frederickliteracy.org), or call the Literacy Council of Frederick Co. 301-600-2066. The MAHCC website is [www.mahcc.org](http://www.mahcc.org) and the phone number and contact is Jorge Ribas 301-404-1946, [jribas@ribasconsulting.com](mailto:jribas@ribasconsulting.com).

### Special Volunteer Opportunity

Are you an experienced tutor with at least 40 hours of tutoring? Are you comfortable speaking to a group? Would you like to increase your effect in helping Frederick County adults learn to read, write, and speak English? Are you enthusiastic about helping our students, and would you like to help share this rewarding experience with new volunteers?

If your answers are "yes", then please consider becoming a volunteer tutor trainer. We would like to recruit new members to our training team to allow us to offer training more frequently throughout the year. New volunteers would not have to wait so long for training, and the students who have asked for tutors could be helped sooner. We would like to be able to add small group weekday evening workshops to our Saturday schedule.

You don't need experience as a classroom teacher or trainer. Members of the training team will help you learn the curriculum and help you practice, and as you are comfortable with the material you will begin making workshop presentations.

If you'd like more information, please contact Caroline Gaver at [info@frederickliteracy.org](mailto:info@frederickliteracy.org) or 301-898-9622.



Volunteers are seldom paid; not because they are worthless, but because they are PRICELESS!

- author unknown

"Literacy is not a luxury, it is a right and a responsibility. If our world is to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century we must harness the energy and creativity of all our citizens."

President Clinton on International Literacy Day, September 8, 1994



**"Literacy is important to understand doctor's orders and to understand disease prevention. Many U.S. families lack 'health literacy' which adds 230 billion/yr. in health care in the US". Proliteracy**

## Congratulations & Welcome! Graduates from 2011

Congratulations and welcome to our new tutors certified at the Washington Co. workshop in May:

Noor Jahan Begum  
Francoise Makon  
Dward Moore  
Angela Mulloy  
Robin Staszkesky  
Cara Wiles



In addition, these volunteers self-trained using our workshop DVD:

Carol Baber  
Brian Blough  
Beverly Dean  
Jennifer Diamond  
Janet Farmer

Peggy Gaver  
David Jones  
Dial Keju  
Sara Kroske  
Patti LaChapelle  
Brenda Merson  
Matthew Torres



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## Proliteracy Education Network - New Online Resource

Some of you may have been using tutoring resources from Thinkfinity Literacy Network. It has recently shifted its focus to children grades K-12. Taking its place is ProLiteracy Education Network at <http://www.proliteracyednet.org>. This new site offers many of the same things – tutor access to free online courses, lesson plans, activities, teaching techniques, and strategies. There are also opportunities for students to practice reading, writing, math, and everyday skills as well as help with test preparation for such things as the citizenship test.

We add new online resources such as this to our website as we find them, so please check it regularly. And if you find a new resource that you like, online or not, please share the information with your coordinator or Diana at our office, so we can put it on the website for all our tutors.

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## ESL News

by Freida Pryor

*(Note: The numbers of students and tutors change monthly. These numbers were correct as of late August. )*

There are now 52 active tutors with 84 one on one students.

Classes:

Monday and Tuesday evenings - with tutors Dorinda Shepley and Andrea Davis.

Thursday morning - with tutors, Denise Dertzbaugh and Irene Romersa.

Friday morning - with tutor Dewey Stewart.

Sunday afternoon - with tutor, Ruth Bruening.

A new small class will be starting mid-September with tutor, Denise Dertzbaugh.

There are presently 23 students on the waiting list with three pairs pending.

Go to our website and check the links for tutor resources. There is a

wealth of information on the web including free lesson plans and goal setting.

Our LCFC office has gotten in many new books and dvd's to aid in your tutoring.

Make time to come in and browse these materials.

## Interview with ESL Coordinator, Freida Pryor

### *How did you first get involved with the Literacy Council?*

A friend of mine, Alice Brouillet, who at the time was President of the Literacy Council asked me if I would be interested in taking on the job of Treasurer since the present one was retiring. I was very familiar with the software that we were planning on using when we computerized our accounting. I said I would and so it began!

### *What do you like about being ESL Coordinator?*

I like the personal contact with each tutor and student and helping them set up their goals and strategy for attaining them. I am a retired Secondary School teacher and I was beginning to miss teaching. So, along with being a one on one tutor, I am helping many on

their journey. It is so rewarding to see a student get their GED, become a citizen, get a job, or just be able to help their child with their homework or read a bedtime story to their grandchild.

### *Describe the kinds of people coming in for help.*

The people who come into the council for help are from 43 different countries, are at all levels of English competency, and have as many goals as there are students. One thing in common is their desire to learn! They are very eager and most appreciative of the help we offer them.

### *How did you first get involved with Mid Atlantic Hispanic Chamber of Commerce?*

One of our long time tutors, Kate Buffer, received a special recognition award from the MAHCC for her

contribution to the Spanish community in tutoring so many non- English speaking people. She contacted me and asked me to call Dr Jorge Ribas about a possible partnership with them. I met with Dr. Ribas and found we could be an asset to one another. Teaching ESL members of our community to speak, read, and write English can only increase the economic stability and cohesiveness of Frederick County.



Freida Pryor—ESL Coordinator



Grandparent finds reading to grandchild fulfilling.

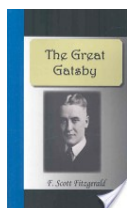
“It is so rewarding to see a student be able to help their child with their homework or read a bedtime story to their grandchild.”

## Board Books: Recommended Books by Board Member, Beth Lowe

Reviews by Beth Lowe

### **The Great Gatsby** by F Scott Fitzgerald –

A classic novel of excess and decadence in the 1920s.



### **State of Wonder** by Ann Patchett -

A pharmaceutical company researcher is sent to the Amazon to

find out what happened to a fellow researcher who died there.

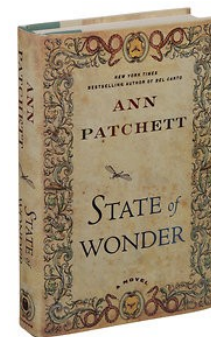
### **A Vintage Affair** by Isabel Wolff –

Connections between the owner of a vintage clothing store in London, the garments she sells and the former owners of the clothes. About friendship and caring for people as

much as it's about the clothing and the shop.

### **The Help** by Kathryn Stockett –

The stories of black maids working for white women in the state of Mississippi of the 60s, with an insiders' view of child-rearing, town gossip, and race relations.





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## Children's Area

Some of our students find it necessary to bring their small children to their tutoring sessions. Otherwise, they would not be able to attend and would miss out on a valuable opportunity. To help out in this situation, we have set up a new "Children's Activity Area" downstairs. There are drawing materials, games, puzzles, etc. to occupy children while their parents are being tutored. We hope this helps tutors and students. Thanks to Freida Pryor for getting this set up!



We're on the web  
[www.frederickliteracy.org](http://www.frederickliteracy.org)

## Wish List

We need your help, or perhaps you know someone who can donate items.

- ~Children's table and chairs
- ~Instructional materials:
  - Projector to be used with computer
  - Portable screen
  - Gift cards to Best Buy, Staples, etc.
- For questions call the office.

*We need you! Become a member, or donate if you haven't already. LCFC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.*



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someone who  
might need our  
help?  
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