



The Literacy Council of Frederick County teaches adults the reading and other English language skills they need to provide for their families and contribute to the well-being and prosperity of our community.

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## Downtown Restaurant Workers Enthusiastic About Learning

Kitchen workers from downtown Frederick restaurants celebrated completion of a new English drop-in class focusing on improving communication skills for beginning English speakers. Vocabulary and conversations centered on the food service industry. The class will continue for another session, enabling the workers to review lessons and continue learning.

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## Students Featured at “Reflections: Voices of English Learners” Event

**Literacy Council** of Frederick County volunteer tutors, students, and members of our community came together at **Curious Iguana** bookstore on October 7th to celebrate the publication of the second edition of the **Literacy Council’s** literary magazine, **Reflections: Voices of English Learners**.

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## Literacy Council Announces New Board Members & Officers

The **Literacy Council** of Frederick County’s Board of Directors recently welcomed new members, installed new officers, and acknowledged the leadership and extensive contributions of its departing President and board members whose terms recently ended. Pictured L to R: New board members Cate Keller, Sharon Jacko, and Brian Guenther.



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## United Way Day of Action Volunteers Paint Study Rooms

Led by Literacy Council volunteer tutor **Pat Kennedy**, a team of 8 volunteers from Frederick County government spent the day at our **Literacy Council** office, painting three study rooms and the entrance to our classroom. Thanks to their help, we can provide a warm, welcoming location for learning.

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## LCFC Participates in #BeAChangemaker Event

70+ nonprofit organizations from throughout the Greater Washington Region, including the **Literacy Council**, were featured at the **#BeAChangemaker** event at Arena Stage. Over 400 members of the philanthropic community engaged with nonprofit representatives, learning about their work through interactive exhibits.

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Holiday Book Drive 2019 is  
November 15 ~ December 13

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Giving Tuesday  
is December 3, 2019

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Save the Date!  
5th Annual Scrabble® Mania  
for Literacy to be held  
March 21, 2020

# *In Memoriam*



## In Memory of Literacy Council Volunteers

This fall marked the passing of four Literacy Council volunteers, **Gay Mullican**, **Frances Rondum**, **Mary Elden**, and **Sherry Nicholson**. All four supported the Literacy Council in a variety of ways, including tutoring adult learners, leading group classes, serving on the Board of Directors, and staffing the office. The Literacy Council offers sincere condolences to the families and friends of these wonderful women.





## Thank You For Your Support!

We are grateful to the generous supporters who help us give the gift of literacy. In addition to the businesses and other donors listed on **Our Sponsors** page, many individuals donate significantly to our cause. Together we are building a better community, one life at a time.

## Many Thanks to Our 2019 Grantors!

Ausherman Family Foundation  
Community Foundation of Frederick County  
Crimsonbridge Foundation  
Delaplaine Foundation  
Frederick County Community Partnership  
Frederick County Tourism Reinvestment  
in Promotion & Product Program (TRIPP)  
Helen J. Serini Foundation  
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Revolution

ProLiteracy National Book Fund  
State Farm Foundation  
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United Way Community Impact Partner  
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## Upcoming Events at the Literacy Council

- [Student Class Schedule](#)
- [Volunteer Information Sessions](#)
- [Tutor Training Workshops](#)
- [Professional Development for Tutors](#)

Our recent Tutor Training graduates proudly display their certificates!



The Literacy Council of Frederick County is honored to be featured on Bach's 35th Annual Calendar

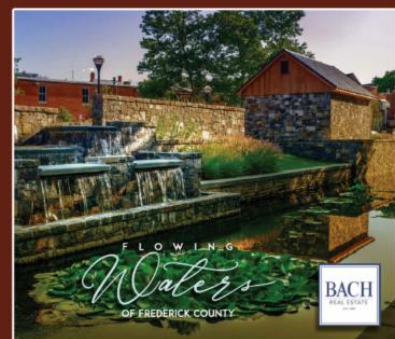
### "Flowing Waters"

showcasing the work of local, veteran photographer

**C. Kurt Holter**

Bach will donate sale proceeds of the 2020 calendar to the Literacy Council. Calendars are \$5 each.

**Find out how to get yours!**



***Your end of year gift to the Literacy Council will help us expand our programs and further our mission in 2020! Thank you!***

- Gifts can be made by cash or credit card.
- Gifts of Appreciated Securities can provide tax advantages.
- Retirement Plan Giving for those age 70½ and over may provide substantial tax benefits.
- Consider a Planned Gift to the Literacy Council.
- Our Giving Societies are special charitable opportunities to champion the Literacy Council's mission.
- Access our 2018 Annual Report.

### ***Would a 25 percent Maryland State tax credit benefit you in 2019?***

*The **Endow Maryland** tax credit is available again in 2019. Maryland community foundations are sharing \$250,000 in tax credits this year, which are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Donors who make a charitable contribution to a qualified permanent fund are eligible to receive a 25 percent Maryland tax credit and a Federal charitable deduction for gifts between \$500 and \$250,000.*

*The Literacy Council of Frederick County has a permanently endowed charitable fund through the Community Foundation of Frederick County, called The **Betty Seligmann Literacy Endowment Fund**. This fund qualifies as an eligible fund for Endow Maryland Tax Credits.*

*If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity and also grow the Betty Seligmann Literacy Endowment Fund, please contact Becki DeLauter, Philanthropic Services Associate at 301-695-7660 or [b.delauter@FrederickCountyGives.org](mailto:b.delauter@FrederickCountyGives.org)*

