



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.

Literacy *lifts* Lives

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Support our Literacy Programs on March 21st at Scrabble® Mania!

Please join us on Saturday, March 21, 2020, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant for our 5th Annual **SCRABBLE® Mania for Literacy** event! Come play a lively game of Scrabble® with a team of four players to benefit the **Literacy Council of Frederick County**. Visit our **Silent Auction** and enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres, a complimentary glass of wine and cash bar, while supporting adult literacy programs in our community!

Fantastic **Silent Auction** items will be available for bid including a **Hawaiian vacation** retreat, signed, framed prints by local artist **Harry Richardson**, and baskets filled with food and other treats!

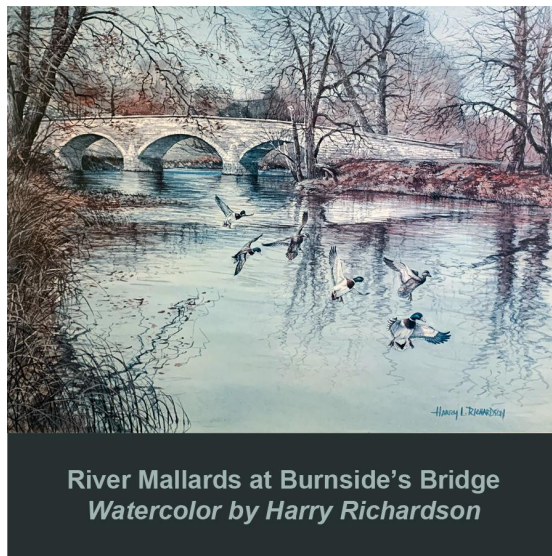


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Sneak peek at our Scrabble® Mania Silent Auction:



Enjoy a week in Paradise!



River Mallards at Burnside's Bridge
Watercolor by Harry Richardson

"River Mallards at Burnside's Bridge"
was selected as cover art for over 8 million 1984

Stay at the 5-Star Kona Coast Resort II
on the Big Island of Hawaii
Sleeps four • Fully equipped kitchen • Ocean view
Amenities galore! • Available in 2021

Maryland phone books. Burnside's Bridge is the
famous stone bridge at Antietam. This limited edition
print has been highly collected. Few are available!

LCFC Board of Directors Celebrate Friends of the Literacy Council

The **Board of Directors** hosted an evening reception on February 5th to celebrate the numerous **Friends of the Literacy Council** whose support enables the organization to provide essential literacy services for the community.

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Frederick County Prepares for Census 2020

Beginning in mid-March, the majority of Frederick County residents will receive a notice in the mail to complete the **2020 Census**. Responding to the census is important because it affects the amount of funding Frederick County receives, how our community plans for the future, and our representation in government. Information and resources will be available at the Literacy Council's office for students and volunteers.

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The Literacy Council is Seeking Qualified Applicants for Part-Time Workplace Literacy ESL Instructors

To support our **Workplace Literacy** initiative, the **Literacy Council** seeks experienced English as a Second Language (ESL) instructors to join a collaborative team who display a high degree of professionalism, intercultural sensitivity, a belief in lifelong learning, and a strong commitment to adult learners.

As part of this capacity-building effort, we are seeking applicants for part-time **Workplace Literacy Program Instructors** to conduct the classes.

Workplace Literacy Program

The **Literacy Council** is expanding its **Workplace Literacy Program** in collaboration with employers in Frederick County from hospitality and restaurant industries to support English language classes for their employees.

The purpose of the program is to empower limited English language proficient employees to find and keep sustainable employment, contributing to greater financial stability, and better lives for their families.

The program will also help employers identify and retain an educated workforce and reduce turnover, thereby strengthening the entire economic fabric of the community.

[Learn More](#)





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 Supporters](#) page, many individuals donate significantly to our cause. Together we are building a better community, one life at a time.

Many Thanks to Our 2019-2020 Grantors!

Ausherman Family Foundation
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Frederick County Government
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The Community Foundation of Frederick County
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The Joseph D. Baker Fund, Inc.
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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!



In Memoriam



In Memory of Literacy Council Volunteers

This past fall and winter marked the passing of five Literacy Council volunteers, **Gay Mullican, Frances Rondum, Mary Elden, Sherry Nicholson, and Samuel Keiter**. All five supported the Literacy Council in a variety of ways over many years, 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 and men.

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

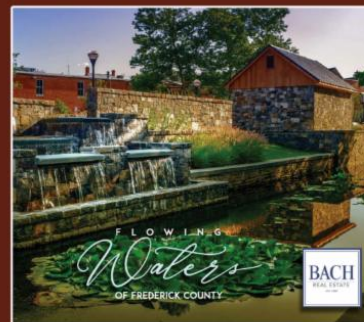
"Flowing Waters"

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 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 Annual Reports/Newsletters.

Would a 25 percent Maryland State tax credit benefit you in 2020?

The Endow Maryland tax credit is available again in 2020. 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 charitable contributions between \$500 and \$250,000 to qualified permanent funds are eligible to receive a 25 percent Maryland tax credit. In addition, your gift may be eligible for a federal charitable tax deduction, depending on your tax status.

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

