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LITERACY COUNCIL
FREDERICK COUNTY, MD

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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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Scrabble® Mania Online Silent Auction

The Literacy Council's **Scrabble® Mania Online Auction for Literacy** opened for bidding at noon Sunday, May 17 and runs through 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 23! Over 90 fantastic items are available for bid including dining, winery and brewery tours and tastings, art, crafts, sports, and travel! We are celebrating our Scrabble sponsors and auction donors in this special **Tribute Book**.

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Distance Learning Tools Expand Access for Learners & Tutors

Literacy Council staff, volunteers, and students have been using various online communication platforms to connect, and continue tutoring and classes. The Literacy Council is also offering a new mobile learning option called **Learning Upgrade®** which is a fun and engaging digital solution adult learners can use to build their English, math, and digital literacy skills.

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Volunteer Appreciation Week

The Literacy Council celebrated **Volunteer Appreciation Week** April 19-25 by paying tribute to our 150+ wonderful long-time and new volunteers! You know what it takes to serve our community seven days a week!

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Literacy Council's COVID-19 Updates

The Literacy Council's office remains closed to the public with staff and volunteers working remotely to provide assistance. Contact information and COVID-19 emergency resources and online tools to support our students are available here! Check back for updates!

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Census Frederick County 2020

What matters to you? Hospitals? Schools? Senior Centers? Data from the @uscensusbureau helps inform planning efforts for all these important community resources. To learn how census data impact you and your community, visit 2020census.gov. #2020Census

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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!

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Upcoming Events at the Literacy Council



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

Due to the current restrictions in place, sessions are only offered online via Zoom or other online communications platforms.

Please consider a donation to support our Spring Literacy Appeal! Your financial gift to the Literacy Council is vital to help sustain our programs during these unprecedented times! Thank you!

- **CARES Act: New Charitable Giving Incentives:** Above-the-Line Deductions: Available to all individual taxpayers, \$300 donation in 2020 tax year, Lift AGI Cap (for itemizers). Corporate donations: raises cap to 25% of taxable income.
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- 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.
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