

SUMMER 2020

Literacy *lifts* Lives



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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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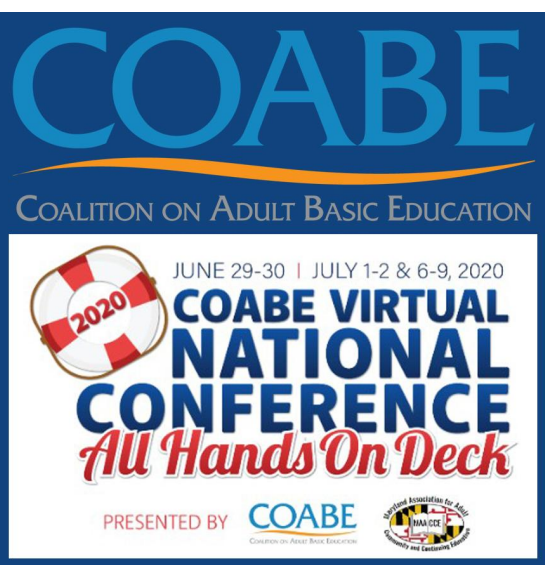
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Workplace Classes Benefit Employees and Hospitality Industry

The **Literacy Council of Frederick County** is partnering with **Plamondon Hospitality Partners** to bring English language classes to hotel associates to benefit their lives both at work and at home. Associates who work at four local hotels attended weekly classes earlier this year. They were recently recognized by **Plamondon Hospitality Partners** for their hard work and dedication in the classes.

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COABE Conference Goes Virtual

The Coalition on Adult Basic Education is the voice of adult basic education nationwide. With more than 15,000 members, its mission is to advance national and international adult education and literacy opportunities through initiatives in the workforce, digital technology and adult literacy. Each year, COABE sponsors a national conference, and this year—in partnership with the **Maryland Association for Adult, Community, and Continuing Education (MAACCE)**—the conference was presented entirely online.

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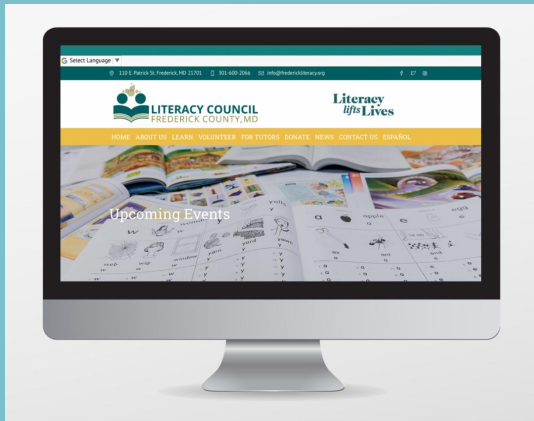


Welcome New Board Members!

The **Literacy Council of Frederick County's Board of Directors** recently welcomed new members, installed new officers and acknowledged the leadership and contributions of its departing President and members whose terms recently ended.

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Upcoming Events at the Literacy Council



- **Student Class Schedule**
Registration is open for Fall Classes
- **Volunteer Information Sessions**
- **Tutor Training Workshops**
- **2020 Virtual Celebration of Achievements - Coming Soon!**

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



Stuff the Bus Successful!

Thank you for supporting the **Literacy Council of Frederick County's** participation in the United Way's annual **Stuff the Bus** campaign, aiding in the collection of school supplies to meet the needs of Frederick County students. For the first time in its 12-year history, **Stuff the Bus** went mostly digital yielding a total of nearly 90,000 individual school supplies.

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In Memoriam

On August 9, 2020, **Ron Adams** passed away at the age of 76. After retiring in 2006, Ron volunteered in many ways in the Frederick community. He began working with the **Literacy Council** in 2008 and was a dedicated ESL tutor who worked with several students over the years and gave over 1,400 hours of his time.

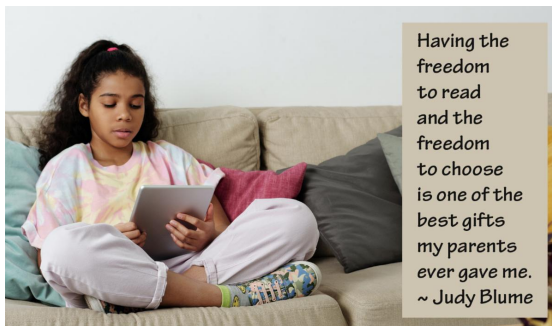
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Thank You for Supporting Our 2020 Scrabble® Fundraiser!

After our March 21st Scrabble™ Mania for Literacy event was cancelled, the Literacy Council transitioned our Silent Auction to BiddingOwl, an online auction management platform. A heartfelt **THANK YOU** goes out to all our sponsors and players who willingly donated their sponsorships and tickets to the Literacy Council, silent auction donors and bidders, and the tireless efforts of our many volunteers, all of whom contributed in making this event a success. Over \$4,100 was raised from the Silent Auction, bringing our total event proceeds to over \$17,000! **THANK YOU!** View our [Tribute Book](#).



Thank You For Your Support!



Having the freedom to read and the freedom to choose is one of the best gifts my parents ever gave me.
~ Judy Blume

Special thanks to the Delaplaine Foundation and United Way of Frederick County for COVID-19 Emergency Grant Funds. 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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International Literacy Day is Tuesday, September 8.

National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week is September 20-26.

Please consider a donation to the Literacy Council of Frederick County.

Your financial gift 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.
- Gifts can be made by [cash](#) or online by [credit card](#).
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- [Retirement Plan Giving](#) for those age 70½ and over may provide substantial tax benefits.
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- Our [Giving Societies](#) are special charitable opportunities to champion the Literacy Council's mission.
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