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The *Literacy Council of Frederick County* teaches adults 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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Celebration of Achievements: A Virtual Tribute to Our Students

2020 has definitely been a year full of challenges, yet our **7th Annual Celebration of Achievements**, held virtually, is a tribute to the remarkable achievements of our adult learners this year.

What is normally a **face-to-face evening** shared with Literacy Council students and their families, volunteers, and community members, became a **virtual event** shared by students, tutors, and a wider audience of viewers who tuned in to the [Facebook Premiere](#) on November 18th, “encore” event on November 22nd, previews, and “showings” in between through our [Celebration of Achievements Event Page](#) and [YouTube!](#) Check out our [Tribute Book](#) to see our honorees!

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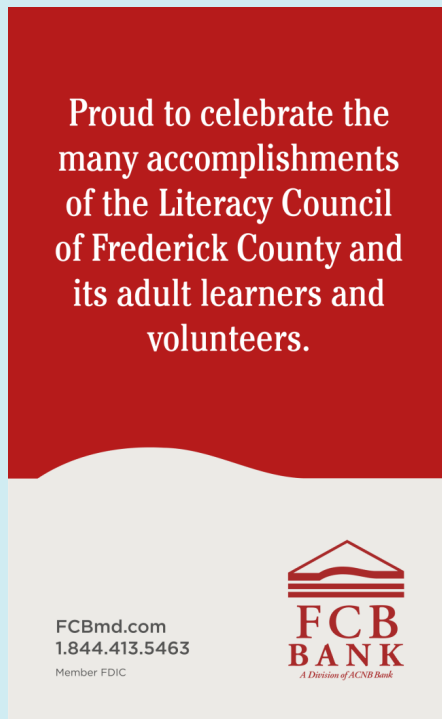
Plamondon Hospitality Partners Receives Business & Industry Partners in Literacy Award

[Plamondon Hospitality Partners](#) collaborated with the Literacy Council of Frederick County to bring English language classes to hotel associates to benefit their lives both at work and at home. A video of the award presentation was shared at the



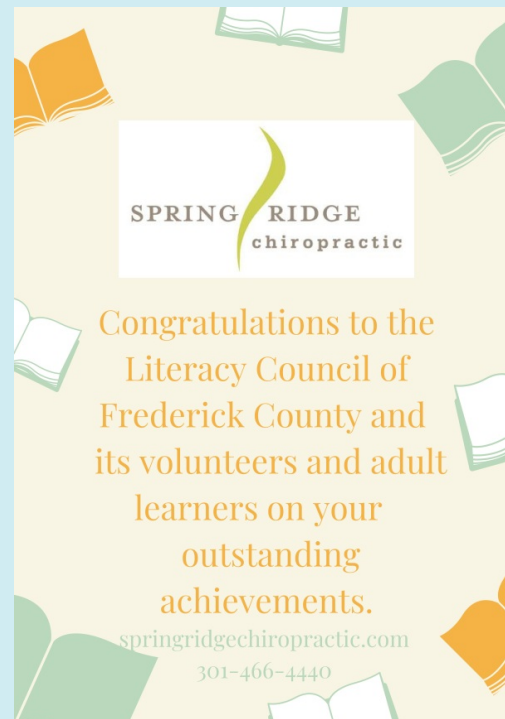
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Thank You to Our Generous Event Sponsors!



[FCB Bank, A Division of ACNB Bank](#)

Thank you for being our Celebration Event Sponsor! FCB Bank's support for this annual event over the years enables us to honor our Literacy Council students and their achievements from the past year!



[Spring Ridge Chiropractic](#)

Thank you for supporting our Annual Celebration of Achievements Event as a sponsor! All of our sponsors provide critical support for the Literacy Council's programs throughout the year.

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VOLUNTEER Spotlight



Honoring Doris Vierbuchen

Doris first began volunteering with the Literacy Council 23 years ago, in 1997, when she attended a [Tutor Training Workshop](#) and became a volunteer tutor.

Doris tutored two adults for almost two years. During that time, she was recruited to help tutor employees at *Liberty Seafood*, an early example of our workplace literacy programs.

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Annual Report



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Literacy Council's Annual Report // July 2019–June 2020

Soon after the Literacy Council's staff and volunteers were forced to work remotely due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, it quickly became apparent that in order to provide much-needed support to adult learners served by our programs, it was time to embrace online learning tools. The Literacy Council team didn't skip a beat and jumped headfirst into switching to a digital platform.

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New Staff Member: Welcome to Victoria dos Santos

The Literacy Council is pleased to welcome its newest staff member to the team!

Victoria dos Santos has joined the Literacy Council's office staff/volunteer team as Program/Office Assistant. This new part-time position will directly support the

Council's growing [Parent Literacy](#) and [Workplace Literacy Programs](#), prospective volunteers during the orientation, and provide day-to-day administrative support.

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Need a Last-Minute Gift?

We have a few remaining items from our Scrabble Mania fundraiser. Your purchase will help support our literacy programs and delight someone on your shopping list (or even yourself)!

If you are interested in any of these items, please contact us at:
(301) 600-2066 or info@frederickliteracy.org



**Sketch, Paint, Draw
Basket
Value: \$130**

*Includes: Wooden art
hanging, paints, brushes,
colored pencils, paper, in
beautiful basket.*



**2 Learn to Ski Packages
Value: \$222**

***Liberty Mountain Resort
for 2020-2021 Season
Valid Sunday through
Friday, or any evening
from 5-10 p.m. non-
holiday. Some holiday
restrictions.***

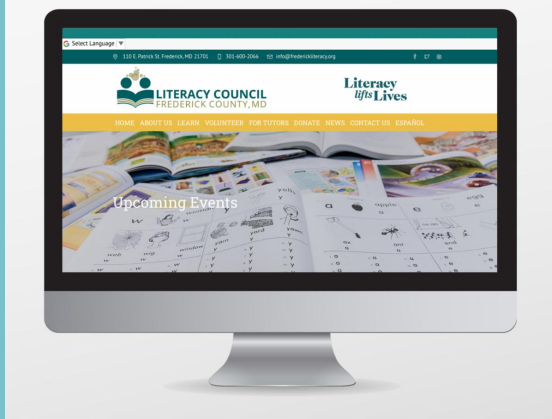
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**Gift Certificate
Value \$50**

***Firestones Culinary
Tavern and Raw Bar, 105
N. Market St., Frederick,
MD***

Upcoming Events at the Literacy Council



• **Volunteer Information Session**
January 6, 2021 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am

• **Tutor Training Workshops**
January 23 & 30, 2021, 9 am - 2:30 pm
or February 16, 18, 23 & 25, 7-9 pm

• **Student Class Schedule**
Winter Classes - Registration opens in January!

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

GIVE LOCAL

The Literacy Council of Frederick County is again partnering with Curious Iguana for our Annual Holiday Book Drive to provide new and gently used books for elementary school aged children (PreK through 5th grade).

Click [here](#) for more information.

curious iguana
Downtown Frederick's independent bookstore
www.curiousiguana.com

Holiday Book Drive
November 14 through December 14, 2020

**2020 Giving Tuesday and Holiday Book Drive:
Thank You For Your Support!**

Thank you to everyone who helped #GiveLocal to the Literacy Council during this year's Giving Tuesday by donating a [financial gift](#), [volunteering your time](#), and/or supporting our [Holiday Book Drive](#). We received such a wonderful response this year!



**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.
- 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.

Many Thanks to Our 2020-2021 Grantors!

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Crimsonbridge Foundation
Delaplaine Foundation
Frederick County Government
Mobile Learning Fund
National Book Fund

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The Helen J. Serini Foundation
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