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LITERACY COUNCIL
FREDERICK COUNTY, MD

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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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UNITY CAMPAIGN: March 10-21, 2021

The Literacy Council is again honored to be one of 31 nonprofit organizations participating in the Unity Campaign for Frederick County, hosted by United Way of Frederick County. The Unity Campaign supports **over one in three households** in Frederick County that struggle to afford basic human necessities!

The Unity Campaign is a collaborative project between nonprofit partners, sponsors, and the greater Frederick community to support our most vulnerable neighbors by giving to a nonprofit organization of their choice.

Unity Campaign
POWERED BY UNITED WAY OF FREDERICK COUNTY

Unity Campaign 2021
Proud Partner Organization

DONATE IN UNITY BEGINNING JANUARY 2021

Through the generosity of our Incentive Match sponsors, 100% of your contribution goes directly to the designated Nonprofit. In addition, your individual gift is boosted because a portion of your donation is matched by the sponsors.
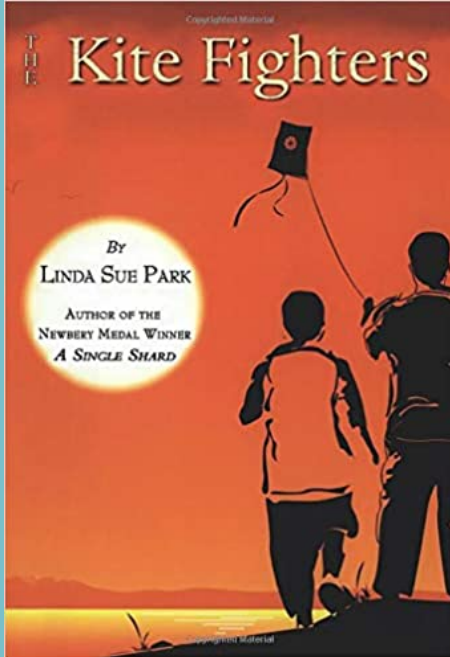
To donate online to the Literacy Council NOW through March 21, please visit our Unity Campaign fundraising page or download the Mail-in Donation Form to send a check.

You may also donate by texting Unity202144 to 71777.

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Book Club Explores "The Kite Fighters"

The Literacy Council's bi-annual **Book Club** met in December for a discussion of *The Kite Fighters* by Linda Sue Park. The book was suggested by student Y R. and led to a wonderful excursion through ancient times in Korea, the frolicking experience, and the inspirational sport of kite flying.

The Club met on Zoom, learned about the author, and prompted a discussion on the themes of family, tradition, friendship, and history.

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LEARNER Spotlight

We invite you to meet "Jinjin"

I am from China. I work for a patent firm. According to my tutor, I am making huge ground in gaining English communication skills. I have two small children and enjoy cooking and biking with my family.

My goal is passing the patent bar exam in August. I am trying to find a job as a patent agent in the USA. Now, I have good listening skills and spoken English. I am happy to see my improvement in English. I will be a better version of myself.

Read Jinjin's story **My Tutor, My Friend, My Mom** from *Reflections...*

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VOLUNTEER Spotlight

Volunteer Spotlight: Meet John Bruton, Basic Literacy Program Tutor

John Bruton joined the Literacy Council in 2019 as a volunteer tutor for the organization's Basic Literacy Program. This program supports native English speaking adults who may have slipped between the cracks while in school and who have a 5th grade reading level or lower.

Read about John's experiences tutoring his student Joey, their work together during the pandemic, and Joey's successful accomplishment of his goal! You can also hear their amazing interview on YouTube.

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Upcoming Events at the Literacy Council

Volunteer Information Session

- Friday, March 5 @ 11:30 am–12:30 pm
  - Monday, March 22 @ 7–8 pm
  - Tuesday, April 6 @ 7-8 pm
  - Friday, May 7 @ 11 am-12 noon
  - Monday, May 24 @ 10–11 am

***Attendance of a Volunteer Information Session (via Zoom) is required prior to registering for our Tutor Training Workshop.**
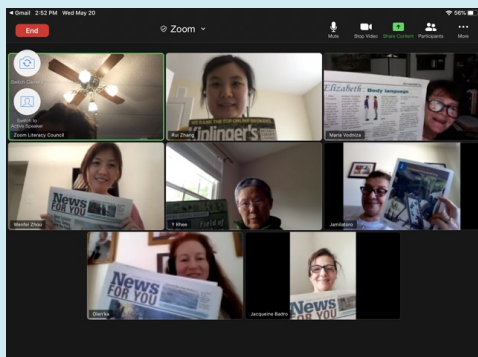
Register HERE!

Tutor Training Workshops

- Saturdays, April 17 & 24 @ 9 am–2:30 pm (must attend both sessions)
- Saturday, June 5 @ 9 am–2:30 pm, Tuesday, June 8 & Thursday, June 10 @ 7-9 pm (must attend three sessions)

***Attendance of all above-mentioned Tutor Training Workshop sessions (via Zoom) is required to become a Literacy Council tutor.**

You will receive registration instructions for workshops after attending a Volunteer Information Session.

Student Class Schedule
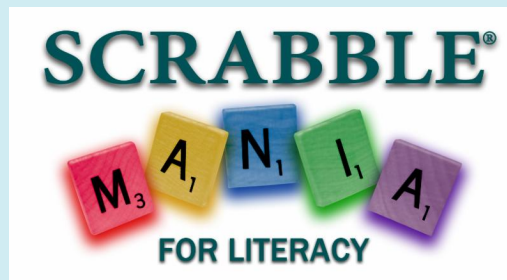
- *Spring Classes* - Contact our office to inquire about class registration!
- View our Winter Schedule for general class information

***For questions about participating in our tutoring or classes, contact info@frederickliteracy.org or (301) 600-2066**

2021 *Virtual* Scrabble Mania!!

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, May 15, 2021

Scrabble Mania will be different this year, but we will still have FUN!

The Literacy Council is excited to partner with **Surelocked In Escape Games** to bring you *Virtual Scrabble Mania for Literacy* this spring!

- Fast-paced Scrabble play for Teams and Players
- Appetizer option
- Silent Auction
- Prizes
- Sponsors welcome!

Details and registration information coming soon!

**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.

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