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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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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE UNITY CAMPAIGN!!

Thanks to generous support from our community, the United Way's [Unity Campaign for Frederick County](#) raised over \$669,900 to support 31 nonprofits and **one in three households** in Frederick County that struggle to afford basic human necessities!

Many, many thanks to everyone who contributed to the Literacy Council's programs and helped us raise over \$21,500!

Thank you to all of the nonprofits, donors, and members of the community that have participated in this year's Unity Campaign!

Please view this amazing video produced by Troyce Gatewood & Partners!



[THANK YOU ... THIS VIDEO IS FOR YOU](#)



National Volunteer Appreciation Week: April 18-23, 2021

The Literacy Council is celebrating Volunteer Appreciation Week from April 18-24 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. We couldn't meet our community's needs without you!

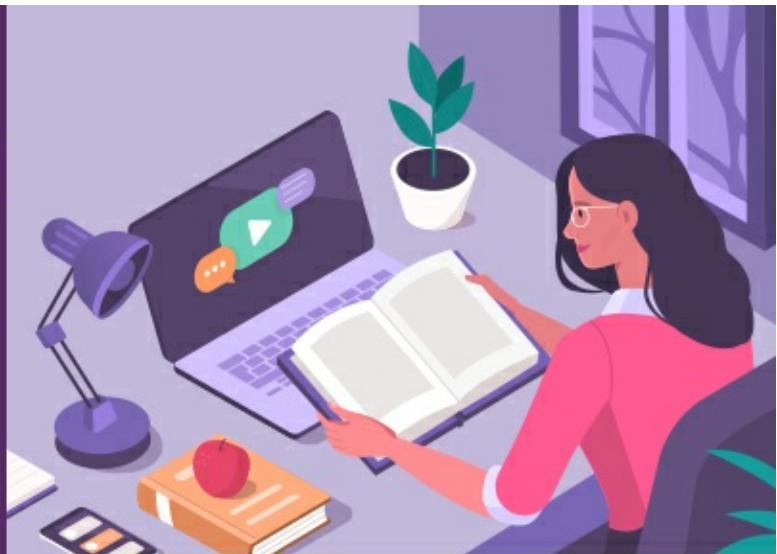
Next week, we will highlight three characteristics that stand out among so many others ... your **compassion**, your **perseverance**, and your **generosity of spirit**.

We hope you enjoy our special tribute to YOU, our Literacy Council superheroes, who make this organization a powerful force in our community to Lift Lives through Literacy.

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**LEARNER
Spotlight**



We invite you to meet Marina

"My name is Marina. I came to the United States six years ago from Uzbekistan. In my country I graduated from the University of Foreign Languages. By profession I am a teacher of French and foreign literature.

Currently, my main goal in life is to get a profession that will be associated with children. To make my dreams come true, I



need to learn English very well. Therefore, I've started to attend ESL lessons at the Literacy Council. Here I found very experienced teachers who are truly dedicated to teaching.

In the class students learn to express our opinion on the subject, as well as speak and write competently. I am very glad that I found this educational center. I'd like to share my new good experiences with my friends about this program."

Read Marina's story **The National Monument** from *Reflections...*

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VOLUNTEER
Spotlight



Volunteer Spotlight: Meet Patrick Kennedy, ESL Program Tutor

Patrick Kennedy (Pat) sought out the Literacy Council after retiring in 2012 from his work with Health and Human Services and the Social Securities Administration.

Pat's wife, Therese, referred him to the Literacy Council when she was volunteering at their church and received

an email that the Literacy Council was looking for tutors, saying ... "You can do this!".

Pat attended a Tutor Training Workshop and realized this was a good counterbalance to all the physical activity he was involved in through his volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity. Since becoming a tutor, Pat has tutored four students over the years.

Read about Pat's experiences tutoring his student Thierno, their work, and friendship together. You can also hear their interview on [YouTube](#).



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Upcoming Events at the Literacy Council



Volunteer Information Session

- Friday, May 7 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Monday, May 24 from 10 a.m.-11 a.m.

*****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 from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (must attend both sessions)
- Saturday, June 5 from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 8 & Thursday, June 10 from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. (must attend three sessions)

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

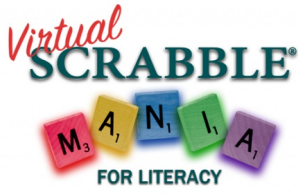
You will receive registration instructions for workshops after attending a Volunteer Information Session.



Student Class Schedule


- Spring classes begin this month. Contact our office to inquire about class registration!
 - View our [Spring Class Schedule](#) for general class information.

****New and returning students, contact info@frederickliteracy.org or (301) 600-2066**



PRESENTED BY
**The Literacy Council &
SureLocked In Escape Games**

MAY 15, 2021
Two chances to play!
2-5 P.M. & 6-9 P.M.



**TEAM
REGISTRATION
IS OPEN!**

***Saturday, May 15 • Two Sessions Available!
2 p.m.-5:00 p.m. OR 6 p.m.-9:00 p.m.***

***The Literacy Council is partnering with
Surelocked In Escape Games
to bring you VIRTUAL Scrabble® Mania for Literacy!***

***Scrabble® Mania* is VIRTUAL this year, **BUT** you still get to play as a team and have **FUN**, all while supporting adult literacy programs in our community!**

We hope you'll join us for...

- Fast-paced Scrabble® play for teams*
- Suggested appetizer & meal options
- Fun prizes!
- Sponsor opportunities available
- Family play is encouraged, but each team must have at least one adult 18 or older
- Help spread the word to family and friends! Please share this **FLYER**

Online auction: Help support local businesses! Donate gift certificates to the Literacy Council or bid when our auction opens!

EARLY BIRD PRICES THROUGH APRIL 15!

REGISTRATION FEE: Early Bird Discount of \$25/team through April 15.
Starting April 16, the price will be \$30/team.

****Each team or household will receive one login to virtual event,
this login cannot be shared with other individuals.***

REGISTER YOUR TEAM ONLINE through SureLocked In Escape Games:

- Register [HERE](#) to purchase your ticket to play at 2:00 p.m.
- Register [HERE](#) to purchase your ticket to play at 6:00 p.m.
- Or you can register your team by mail with this [FORM](#).

Please register by team, not by person. You will only need to book one ticket for your whole team to play**!

**Each team must provide own Scrabble® board. If you don't own one, support local by buying one from [Dancing Bear Toys and Gifts](#).

A % of sales between April 15-May 15 will benefit the Literacy Council! Place your online order [HERE](#).

QUESTIONS? Contact the Literacy Council at (301) 600-2066 or info@frederickliteracy.org

Click [HERE](#) to read past issues of our e-newsletter!

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

Your financial gift is vital to help sustain our programs during these challenging 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](#).

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