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## Literacy Council Welcomes 2021-2022 Board Members & Officers

The Literacy Council of Frederick County's [Board of Directors](#) recently welcomed new officers, new members, and acknowledged the leadership and extensive contributions of the departing President and board members, whose terms recently ended.

This year's Board of Directors will be led by our new Board President, Darrell Batson, and new Vice President, Geordie Wilson. The Literacy Council warmly welcomes our new board members: Michael Cohen, Richard Holley, Peter Shuck, and Carole Southam.

[Learn More about our  
Board](#)

# LEARNER Spotlight



## Meet Olga

"My name is Olga. I am from Russia. I am an opera singer and voice teacher. My career has taken me throughout many of the main opera houses and concert stages across Europe and the United States. I performed with great success in major roles such as Tosca, Mimi (La Boheme), Violetta (La Traviata), Micaela (Carmen) etc. with Teatro Lirico D'Europa.

I am really happy to be part of the Literacy Council. I recommend this excellent school for everybody who wants to improve their English. I really love teachers in this school, and the process of studying here is very interesting, and I learned many new important things. Thank you for this beautiful possibility for me and my new friends, which I found at the Literacy Council."

[Read Olga's Story](#)

# VOLUNTEER Spotlight



## Meet Anna Ondrish Occupational Training Instructor

Last year in 2020, Anna Ondrish decided that she wanted to start volunteering

somewhere. She found out about the Literacy Council through a friend who really raved about it. After going online and checking the website, she attended the winter Tutor Training Workshop.

After she completed the workshop and was certified as a new tutor, Anna responded to an email from the Literacy Council's Program Manager, Jennifer Szabo, asking for someone interested in developing and leading a job skills class.

Anna and Jennifer worked together and developed a syllabus for a seven-week occupational skills training class. She described her students' enthusiasm: *They didn't want it to end. They wanted us to continue. I wasn't only giving out information. I was getting them to talk. It was a safe place with someone who would give them the grace to speak at their pace.*

[Read Anna's Story](#)

## UPCOMING Events



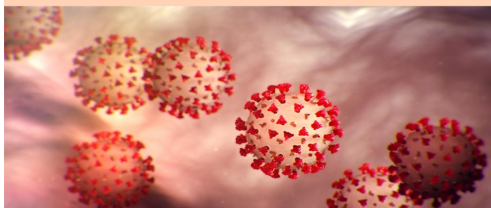
The Literacy Council is a collection site for the United Way's Stuff the Bus School Supply Drive this year!

Drop off donations of new items at the Literacy Council office through **August 4** in the bin at the Patrick Street entrance to the library (the administrative entrance.)

You may also donate online through the virtual drive.

[Learn how you can help](#)

### Literacy Council Coronavirus/COVID-19 Updates



[Latest COVID-19 Updates](#)

Tutors & Class Instructors, YOU are a trusted resource for your students and their families. Thank you for sharing this critical information! Check here for updates:

- [Tutoring & Classes](#) (Yes, you can now meet in public!)
- [Frederick County Vaccination Sites](#)
- [New Online Clinic Request Form](#)
- [Free Vaccine Rideshare Program](#)
- [Food Resource App](#)
- [Maryland Hunger Solutions](#)
- [Housing/Rental/Utility Assistance](#)

- [Teaching Using Online Platforms](#)

Questions: Contact us at (301) 600-2066 or [info@frederickliteracy.org](mailto:info@frederickliteracy.org)



## Volunteer Information Session

July 20 • 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

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

**Register  
Today!**

## Tutor Training Workshops

September 18 & 25 • 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.\*

November 6 • 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. \*\*

November 9 • 7 - 9 p.m. \*\*

November 11 • 7 - 9 p.m. \*\*

*\*Attendance of both September Tutor Training Workshop sessions (via Zoom) is required*

*\*\*Attendance of all three November Tutor Training Workshop sessions is required*

## Student Class Schedule

Summer classes are in session! View our current student [Class Schedule](#) to learn more about the Literacy Council's class instruction program. We offer beginner, intermediate, and advanced level classes. For more information about eligibility and registration procedures, please contact our office at [info@frederickliteracy.org](mailto:info@frederickliteracy.org) or (301) 600-2066.

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