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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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VOLUNTEER Spotlight



Meet Betty Seligmann

For this month's Volunteer Spotlight, we're remembering the many contributions Betty Seligmann made during her 33 years with the Literacy Council.

Thank you to Caroline Gaver, a Literacy Council volunteer for 46 years, who shared her memories with us of working with Betty.

[Read Betty's Story](#)

LEARNER Spotlight

[Meet Ana](#)



"My name is Ana and I come from Perú. I am married and have four children. I am a Registered Nurse in my country and I am passionate about my job. I moved to the U.S. in 2016 and a few months later, I found my first job. I dream that someday I will work at the hospital in the U.S. For this reason, I need to study English, but college is very expensive for me.

One day, my friend Olinda told me about the Literacy Council.

Read Ana's Story

UPCOMING Events

Join Us on November 12: Volunteer Appreciation

CURBSIDE THANK YOU: Calling our Literacy Council volunteers! Stop by the Literacy Council's entrance on Friday afternoon, November 12 anytime between 12 - 2:00 p.m.

This is a special thank you for all your amazing support during the past two years since our last in-person Celebration of Achievements in June 2019!

Three characteristics stand out among so many others ... **your compassion, your perseverance, and your generosity of spirit.**



If you haven't already viewed our special tribute to YOU, our Literacy Council superheroes, go to our post: [Volunteer Appreciation Week](#)

Learn More

15th Annual Holiday Book Drive: Nov. 15 - Dec. 13

The Literacy Council's 15th Annual Holiday Book Drive begins Monday,

November 15. The Literacy Council is partnering with Curious Iguana to provide new books for elementary school-aged children (pre-K to 5th grade). Last year, over 3,000 books were donated!



Holiday Book Drive

[Learn More](#)

Get Ready for Giving Tuesday: November 30

#GivingTuesday is a global movement of generosity that is more vital in 2021 than ever before. Join us on **Tuesday, November 30** for a day dedicated to uplifting communities, empowering nonprofits, and celebrating kindness.

Ready to make a contribution now?

GIVE LOCAL



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Volunteer Tutors & Class Instructors Needed

Join the Literacy Council and help support adults in our community! We need tutors, and we are looking for volunteers with teaching experience and experience working with English Language Learners to lead ESL classes. Currently, our classes are running virtually via Zoom. We do plan to offer in-person classes in the near future. For more information, contact us at info@frederickliteracy.org for details.

Volunteer Information Sessions

November 17 • 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
November 29 • 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
December 2 • 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
December 15 • 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
January 6 • 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
January 18 • 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
January 19 • 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 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

December 6, 8, 13 & 15 • 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. *
January 22 & 29 • 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. **

**Attendance at all four December Tutor Training Workshop sessions (via Zoom) is required.*

***Attendance at both January Tutor Training Workshop sessions (via Zoom) is required.*

Student Class Schedule

Fall classes are underway; many thanks to our volunteer instructors! 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 or (301) 600-2066.

In Memory of Literacy Council Volunteers



The Literacy Council offers sincere condolences to the families and friends of our volunteers:

Bruce Kenworthy: Bruce told people his line of work was "books and kids." He carried that forward by volunteering both at Middletown Elementary School and as a Literacy Council tutor and supporter.

Colonel Richard F. Dyer: Richard was a tutor in the Council's Basic Literacy program and served on the Board.

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SPECIAL Thanks

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End of Year Giving: Ways to Give

*Thank you for considering an end of year donation.
Your financial gift supports critical adult literacy programs in our
community!*

- Gifts can be made in cash or online with a 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.
- Contribute to The Betty Seligmann Literacy Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation.
- Our Giving Societies are special charitable opportunities to champion the Literacy Council's mission.
- Access our Annual Reports/Newsletters.

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



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