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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

2021 Elizabeth Seligmann Award & Volunteer Appreciation

On November 11 and 12, The Literacy Council's entrance was transformed into a curbside celebration for a surprise presentation of the Elizabeth H. Seligmann Award and to thank our volunteers who donated their time.



[Read About Our Surprise Award & Volunteer Appreciation](#)

LEARNER Spotlight



Meet Maria

"I have written these words with great thanks to the Literacy Council program and to the kind people who work arduously for us, the students. Thanks to this help, I was able to prepare for my citizenship exam ... now my goal is to achieve a high level of fluency in English, both written and spoken.

Read more of Maria's stories in the 3rd edition of ***Reflections: Voices of English Learners***.

Read Maria's Story

National Philanthropy Day: Literacy Council Volunteers Honored



National Philanthropy Day®

Board Member Emeritus, Caroline Gaver and **Past President, Richard Haney**, were among the 2021 Distinguished Volunteers honored by the **Association of Fundraising Professionals Western Maryland Chapter**. The event celebrated their passion and commitment to the organizations they serve.

[Learn More](#)

UPCOMING Events

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

The Literacy Council's 15th Annual Holiday Book Drive runs until December 13. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far! Families are picking up book bundles curbside, beginning December 6th! 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](#)

Frederick County Health Priorities Public Input Session

Registration is open for the **2022 Frederick County Health Priorities Public Input Session, to be held in a virtual format using Zoom**. This event is hosted by The Frederick County Health Care Coalition, Frederick Health, and the Frederick County Health Department, and will discuss the top five public health priorities that were selected through a robust assessment process. The community's participation and feedback will help determine the final public health priorities for the next 3-year cycle.

Frederick County Health Priorities **PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

January 19, 2022

2:00pm – 4:00pm

Join us to learn about top health concerns in Frederick County and help select the priorities for the next 3 years.

To Register: Registration is required by January 12:

[Register Here](#)

Please share this information with others who may be interested in providing input on health improvement in Frederick County.

[Learn More](#)



Volunteer Tutors & Class Instructors Needed

Join the Literacy Council and help support adults in our community! We are looking for tutors and volunteers with teaching experience 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.

Volunteer Information Sessions

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 Workshop

January 22 & 29 • 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. *

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

Student Class Schedule

Winter class registration is underway!

View our current Fall student [Class Schedule](#) to learn more about the Literacy Council's class instruction program. Our Winter Class Schedule will be available later this month. We offer beginner, intermediate, and advanced level classes. For more information about eligibility and registration procedures, contact our office at info@frederickliteracy.org or (301) 600-2066.

SPECIAL Thanks

**Giving Tuesday:
Thank You!**

Thank you for supporting the Literacy Council on #GivingTuesday!



2021-2022 Grantors

Ausherman Family Foundation
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Frederick County Government
Mobile Learning Fund

The Community Foundation of Frederick County
The Helen J. Serini Foundation
The Joseph D. Baker Fund, Inc.
United Way of Frederick County
Visit Frederick TRIPP Program

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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