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VOLUNTEER Spotlight

Meet Lisa: Volunteer Treasurer

This month's Volunteer Spotlight recognizes Lisa, who has served as the Literacy Council's Treasurer since 2012. Volunteers are the heart and soul of the Literacy Council, and the majority serve as tutors. A smaller but mighty group of volunteers also contribute their expertise in ways that are just as critical but far less visible.



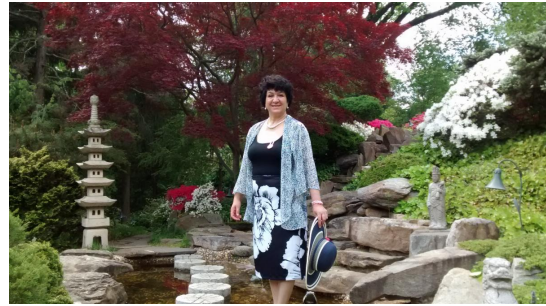
Lisa Myers is one of those exceptional individuals. Her professional expertise in accounting "behind the scenes" has been a quiet and steady force guiding the Literacy Council in ensuring a sustainable financial position from which its programs have grown to meet changing community needs.

[Read Lisa's Story](#)

LEARNER Spotlight

Meet Naylya

"I recently began to learn English. My granddaughter is still little. I became a student at the Literacy Council to better understand her, my family, and others around me. I am grateful for this wonderful opportunity to learn English. Thank you to my teachers who help me improve my language skills."



Read Naylya's story in the 3rd edition of ***Reflections: Voices of English Learners***.

[Read Naylya's Story](#)

UPCOMING Events

SCRABBLE MANIA Save The Date: April 27, 2022

We are excited to partner again with Chris Sparks from [Surelocked In Escape Games](#) to emcee this year's Scrabble Mania for Literacy and auction fundraiser, held at a new location in Downtown Frederick: [Olde Mother Brewery](#). More details to come!



Sponsor opportunities are available!
Contact Laurie Fisher at (301) 600-2066 or lauriefisher@frederickliteracy.org for more information.

Check out our 2020-2021 Annual Report

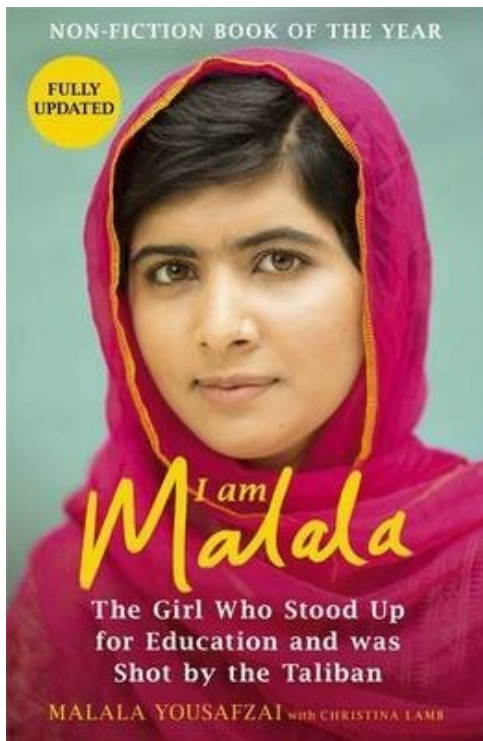
We are excited to share our latest annual report with our community! Check out program highlights and our financial report summary.

We are incredibly grateful to all the individual, business, and organization donors from our community who supported the Literacy Council's work this past year and acknowledge them in the



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Read It Here



Winter Book Club

The Literacy Council's Winter Book Club for adult learners and tutors read ***I Am Malala, by Malala Yousafzai***. Eight students and three tutors attended the sessions. One participant, Sara, shared: "It has been very interesting to hear your presentations and to hear everyone's comments and thoughts in the discussion. I learned so much about Malala and the many other things you supplemented with to enrich understanding."

Many thanks to volunteer ESL coordinator and writing instructor Catherine Coundjeris for organizing our book clubs held twice a year, winter and summer!

15th Annual Holiday Book Drive: THANK YOU

We want to thank our generous community for participating in our Holiday Book Drive. Over 100 new and over 300 gently-used books were received during the drive!

Colorful book bundles were assembled for each family based on their children's ages for curbside pickup before, during, and after the holidays!

The Holiday Book Drive has grown into a year-round community outreach program to provide children's books at family literacy events at FCPS elementary schools and the Judy Center!





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

January 18 • 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

January 19 • 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

February 3 • 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

February 16 • 3:00 - 4:00 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.*

February 23 & 24 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. AND March 2 & 3 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

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

***Attendance at all four February/March sessions (via Zoom) is required.*

Student Class Schedule

Winter class registration is underway!

View our current Winter 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, contact our office at info@frederickliteracy.org or (301) 600-2066.

SPECIAL Thanks

2021-2022 Grantors

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William E. Cross Foundation
Women's Giving Circle of Frederick County

The Gift of Literacy: Ways to Give

Thank you for considering a gift to the Literacy Council! 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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