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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 Catherine: Writing Instructor, Co-Editor & ESL Coordinator

This month's Volunteer Spotlight recognizes Catherine, who has volunteered with the Literacy Council since 2011. Catherine teaches two writing classes each session, supports the Student-Led Conversation Class, and book clubs. In addition, she helps students and tutors as an ESL Coordinator.

She is also Co-Editor of the literary magazine [Reflections: Voices of English Learners](#), which just celebrated the publication of its fourth edition.



[Read Catherine's Story](#)

LEARNER Spotlight

Meet Joseph

"I'm Joseph from Cameroon in Central Africa. My first language is French. I arrived in the United States for one and half years and I live in Frederick. I am married and have three kids. My goal is to be a network and computer systems administrator. To achieve my goals, I plan to go back to college."

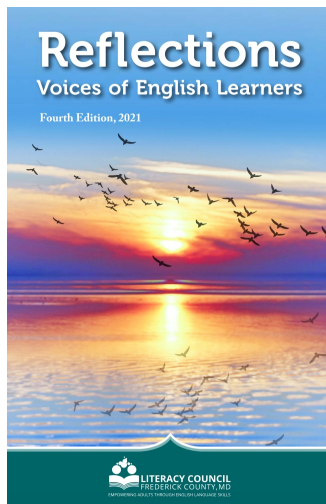
"To graduate from college, I have to speak, to listen and to read English. In my first year at the Literacy Council, I attended several classes ... More and more, I feel more confident using English. These classes helped me to speak with my coworkers."



Read Joseph's story in the newly published ***Reflections: Voices of English Learners***.

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Reflections: Voices of English Learners 4th Edition Celebration



Student authors, tutors, Board Members, and sponsors gathered virtually for an inspiring Celebration and Book Launch on January 26th for the fourth edition of [Reflections: Voices of English Learners](#).

Darrell Batson, Board President, gave his opening remarks, recognizing the significant accomplishments of our students despite the challenging past two years. Nine students shared stories highlighting their experiences and heartfelt memories.

Read More Here

Seeking Applicants for Part-Time Development Coordinator

The Literacy Council of Frederick County is seeking a candidate with development and fundraising

experience to join a growing team of nonprofit professional staff and volunteers dedicated to supporting basic education and literacy programs for adult learners and their families.

Join Our Team!

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UPCOMING Events

Unity Campaign: March 9-20

The Literacy Council is one of 34 nonprofits in the **Unity Campaign for Frederick County**, led by the United Way of Frederick County. 100% of individual contributions go to the designated nonprofit and every gift will be matched by the Incentive Match Fund.

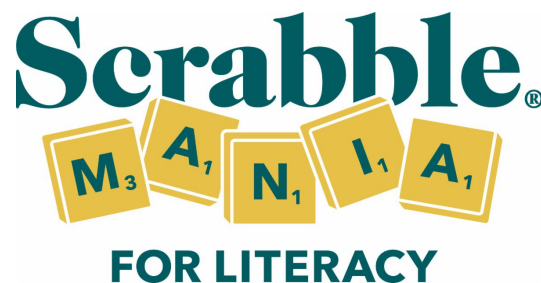


The campaign is now accepting donations! To donate online, [please visit our Unity Campaign page](#). You may also donate by texting **2022Unity46 to 71777** or [download the mail-in donation form](#) to send a check.

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Scrabble Mania: April 27

We are excited to partner again with Chris Sparks from Surelocked In Escape Games as our Game Master at our new location Olde Mother Brewing Company, in Downtown Frederick. Team/Player registration opens in March. More details are coming soon!



Sponsorship opportunities are now available! Check out our [sponsor levels and benefits](#). We are also seeking donations for our auction!

Contact Laurie Fisher at (301) 600-2066 or lauriefisher@frederickliteracy.org for more information. Help share this [flyer](#) with friends and family!

[Learn More Here](#)



Volunteer Tutors & Class Instructors Needed

Join the Literacy Council to 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, check out our Winter/Spring [training schedule](#) or contact us at: info@frederickliteracy.org.

Volunteer Information Sessions

February 16 • 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

March 9 • 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

March 21 • 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

February 23 & 24 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. AND March 2 & 3 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.*
March 26 • 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. AND March 29 & 31 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

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

***Attendance at all three sessions the end of March (via Zoom) is required.*

Student Class Schedule

Winter classes are 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

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United Way of Frederick County
Visit Frederick TRIPP Program
William E. Cross Foundation
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The Gift of Literacy: Ways to Give

Thank you for considering a gift to the Literacy Council! Your financial contribution 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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