

# Literacy *lifts* Lives



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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 Martin: Volunteer Tutor



This month's Volunteer Spotlight recognizes Martin. Martin has volunteered with the Literacy Council since retiring in 2011. He tutors adults with various backgrounds, including students from Cameroon, China, Guatemala, and Korea. He has recently been helping Joseph, our February Student Spotlight, since October 2020.

Before retiring, Martin previously worked for the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Postal Service, and Frederick County Public Libraries.

[Read Martin's Story](#)

## LEARNER Spotlight

## Meet Seethalakshmy

"My name is Seethalakshmy (Seetha). I'm from India, where I worked as a teacher for about 32 years. My husband and I moved to USA because of living with my mother and family.

I learned the English language in school and college. I could read and write, but I could not speak fluently. After attending different classes at the Literacy Council, I have improved my language and speaking ability. Now I am so excited.

My goals are to become a teacher in USA. Teaching is my passion. I would like to work and serve in society and help the people."



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

[Read Seetha's Story](#)

## UPCOMING Events

### Unity Campaign's 12 Days of Giving: 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.



To donate online, please visit our Unity Campaign page [HERE](#). You may also donate by texting **2022Unity46 to 71777** or [download the mail-in donation form](#) to send a check. This is our largest fundraiser each year to provide critical support for adult literacy programs.

[Learn More Here](#)

### 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.



Registration is open through **SureLocked In Escape Games**.

- Find tickets [HERE](#) by selecting **Scrabble Mania for Literacy** in the **Scavenger Hunts** dropdown menu.
- Four players make up a team.
- Your ticket includes your first drink from [Olde Mother Brewing](#).
- Food will be available on-site by [Diego's World Food Truck](#) for purchase.

**FOR LITERACY**

**[Sponsorship opportunities are now available!](#)** Find the right level for you.

Support our Online Auction: We are seeking donations of gift cards for restaurants, family outings, activities, themed baskets for our auction!

Help share this [flyer](#) with friends and family! [Thank you to our 2022 sponsors!](#)

All event proceeds support the Literacy Council's programs.

[Learn More Here](#)

## Touching Lives Award Nominations: March 7-28

Help spread the word! The [Frederick County Chamber of Commerce](#) is now accepting nominations for the [Touching Lives in Frederick County Award](#).

This award recognizes non-management staff members (employees) who have demonstrated outstanding involvement, care, and commitment to improving the lives of others.



[Learn More](#)



## Volunteer Tutors & Class Instructors Needed

Join the Literacy Council to help support adults in our community! In addition to

volunteers who may not have previous teaching experience, we are also looking for tutors and volunteers with 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](mailto:info@frederickliteracy.org).

## Volunteer Information Sessions

March 21 • 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
(Check back for April sessions later this month)

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

**Register Today**

## Tutor Training Workshop

March 26 • 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. AND March 29 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.\*  
(Our next workshop will be in May, dates to be announced later this month)

*\*Attendance at both sessions (via Zoom) is required.*

## Student Class Schedule

Winter classes are wrapping up in the coming weeks!  
View our current student [Class Schedule](#) to learn more about the Literacy Council's class instruction program. This will be updated when spring class registration opens. We offer beginner, intermediate, and advanced level classes.

*For more information about eligibility and registration procedures, contact our office at [info@frederickliteracy.org](mailto:info@frederickliteracy.org) or (301) 600-2066.*

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- Consider a [Planned Gift](#) to the Literacy Council.
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