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# 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

### Celebrating Volunteer Appreciation Week: April 17 - 23, 2022

"During National Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 17 - 23rd, the Board of Directors and the entire staff of the Literacy Council of Frederick County wish to express their sincere thanks to all those volunteers for what you do to reach our collective vision of a community where literacy is attainable for everyone. Literacy does indeed 'lift lives' because volunteers like you put forth the effort."  
-Darrell Batson, President, Board of Directors



From our Board, students, and community, we'd like to thank our 120+ wonderful volunteers! Adults in our programs are impacted every day by the time you contribute as volunteer tutors, class instructors, mentors, advocates, and many other ways. This past year you contributed over 13,000 hours of your time to help members of our community.

# LEARNER Spotlight

## Meet Lily

Lily is originally from China. She has been studying at the Literacy Council for a few years. She knows that it is not easy to learn a language, but she never gives up. Her goal is to speak English more fluently.

"COVID-19 was prevalent in the world, and I hadn't been out for quite a while. Last April, after some hesitation, I went to Lowe's, bought two pots of pink carnation, then hung them on my porch. One morning, when I opened the front door,

suddenly a bird flew out from my carnation. Then I found a nice nest right in the pot. I called out, "Look! There are five eggs in our flower!"



[Read Lily's Story](#)

## Unity Campaign: #togetherinunity Thank You

Over 1200 donors joined **#togetherinunity** to support our community organizations raising over \$525,000. Thanks to your generosity, the Literacy Council raised over \$21,000 to support adult literacy programs.

This wouldn't be possible without our incentive fund sponsors: Ausherman Family Foundation, Delaplaine Foundation, Inc., the Randall Family Foundation, and Natelli Communities.



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## Welcome to our Newest Team Member



We are excited to announce the addition of Maggie Clingman to our staff team as the part-time Development Coordinator!

Maggie brings previous experience in library technical services, communications, IT systems, and as a literacy volunteer tutor. She will be coordinating the Council's development work with the Development-Marketing-Communications Committee and Executive Director.

# UPCOMING Events

## Scrabble Mania: April 27, Get your tickets now

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.



**FOR LITERACY**

Registration is open through [SureLocked In Escape Games](#).

- Find tickets [HERE](#).
- 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.
- Our online auction launches on April 27th!

### Triple Word Sponsors



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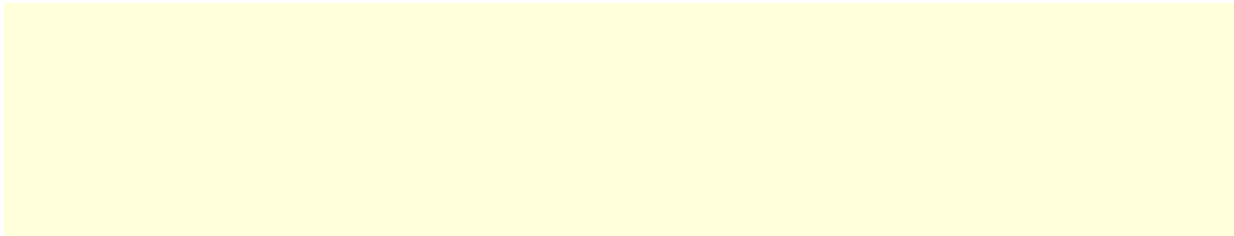
**The Frederick News-Post**

### Thank You to our Scrabble Sponsors!

[Sponsorship opportunities are still available!](#)

All event proceeds support the Literacy Council's programs.

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## Volunteer Tutors & Class Instructors Needed

Join the Literacy Council to help support adults in our community! We are looking for volunteers with ESL teaching experience to tutor or lead classes and those without teaching experience to help tutor adult learners. Currently, most of our community classes are virtual via Zoom. For more information, check out our Spring [training schedule](#) or contact us at: [info@frederickliteracy.org](mailto:info@frederickliteracy.org).

## Volunteer Information Sessions

April 28 • 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
(Check back for May 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

May 4, 5 & 11 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.\*  
(Check back for summer workshop dates)

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

## Student Class Schedule

Spring classes are starting!  
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, contact our office at [info@frederickliteracy.org](mailto:info@frederickliteracy.org) or (301) 600-2066.*

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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](#).
- Become an [event sponsor](#)
- Gifts of [Appreciated Securities](#) can provide tax advantages.
- [Retirement Plan Giving](#) for those age 70½ and over may provide substantial tax benefits.
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- Contribute to [The Betty Seligmann Literacy Endowment Fund](#)
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**Questions: Contact us at (301) 600-2066 or [info@frederickliteracy.org](mailto:info@frederickliteracy.org)**



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