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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 Shira: Volunteer Storyteller & Event Planner

This month's Volunteer Spotlight recognizes Shira. Shira has volunteered with the Literacy Council since 2020. The Literacy Council is blessed to have volunteers who bring a multitude of talents and passion for helping others.

Shira is one of the organization's treasures, contributing her event planning professional expertise and her gift of sharing stories that inspire help people to understand the true impact literacy programs have in our community.



[Read Shira's Story](#)

LEARNER Spotlight

Meet Sungheui

Sungheui is from South Korea, where she was a musician. She moved to Frederick at the end of 2010 and joined the Literacy Council shortly after. Learning English has helped her find herself and build confidence. "I love learning English so much at the Literacy Council, even though English is crazy difficult."

"To Me English Is ..."

I feel that you are excessive to me.

I sense that you are extravagant to me.

I observe that you are the vastness to me.

I notice that you are so sophisticated to me.



Read Sungheui's Stories

Touching Lives Award Honors Jennifer Szabo



We are proud to congratulate Jennifer Szabo as one of the 2022 Touching Lives honorees for her work as Program Manager with the Literacy Council!

The [Touching Lives in Frederick County Award](#) offers a moment of public recognition for non-management staff members who have demonstrated outstanding involvement and commitment to touching the lives of others. This year recognizes 19 honorees by the [Nonprofit Alliance](#) from the [Frederick County Chamber of](#)

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Join Our Team: Program Manager

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Team!

We are seeking a candidate who is interested in joining a growing team of nonprofit professional staff and volunteers dedicated to supporting adult basic education and literacy programs for a diverse community of adult learners and their families in Frederick County.

The focus of this full-time [Program Manager](#) position is to oversee all adult literacy programs provided by the Literacy Council of Frederick County.

[Learn More Here](#)

Scrabble Mania: Thank You

Thank you to all who came out to support adult literacy in Frederick County at Scrabble Mania last week. A big congratulations to our winning 1st & 2nd place teams: the "Word Warriors" and FCB Bank's "Pennywise," with the team from Leidos Biomedical Research winning the most creative team name "Literally Scrabbled."

We also want to thank our event partner Chris Sparks from [Surelocked In Escape Games](#) and location host [Olde Mother Brewing Company](#) for another great Scrabble Mania event.

[Thank you to our Scrabble sponsors!](#) This event would not have been possible without you. All event proceeds support the Literacy Council's programs and students.



Scrabble Mania Auction Update

The online auction has closed. Winners can contact the office at (301) 600-2066 to pick up your items either Friday, May 13th or Tuesday, May 17th (or to make other arrangements). Thank you to our generous auction donors and bidders! We still have some items available, including a week in Florida—reach out with your inquiries.

UPCOMING Events



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 Summer/Fall [Volunteer Training Schedule](#) or contact us at: info@frederickliteracy.org.

Volunteer Information Sessions

Thursday, May 26 • 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Monday, June 20 • 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, July 7 • 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 17 • 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 7 • 7:00 - 8:00 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

Wednesday & Thursday, July 13 & 14 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. AND
Wednesday, July 20 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.*

Tuesday & Wednesday, September 13 & 14 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. AND
Tuesday, September 20 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.*

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

Student Class Schedule

Spring classes are underway!
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 or (301) 600-2066.

SPECIAL Thanks

2021-2022 Grantors

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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 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.
- Consider a [Planned Gift](#) to the Literacy Council.
- Contribute to [The Betty Seligmann Literacy Endowment Fund](#)
- Our [Giving Societies](#) are special charitable opportunities to champion the Literacy Council's mission.
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Questions: Contact us at (301) 600-2066 or info@frederickliteracy.org



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