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VOLUNTEER Spotlight

In Memory of Volunteer Tutor Kim Doyle



The Literacy Council is saddened by the recent loss of volunteer Kim Doyle who passed away on July 11, 2022. He was an athlete, scholar, and Vietnam War veteran. After retiring from the Federal Bureau of Prisons, he began volunteering as a tutor for the Literacy Council in January 2018.

He loved working with his students one-on-one and instructing classes. His recent conversation class ran till the end of June, shortly before his death.

We are so thankful for Kim's dedicated and compassionate service to his students and the Literacy Council. His students shared heartfelt messages about how Kim helped them in their efforts to learn English.

The Literacy Council gratefully acknowledges the contributions of Kim and other volunteers who have passed away in this [In Memoriam](#) tribute.

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LEARNER Spotlight

Students & Tutors Reflect on Book Club's *Coming of Age Around the World*

This summer's Book Club at the Literacy Council met for three sessions to discuss the stories from the anthology, *Coming of Age Around the World*. It was a grand journey worldwide as we read pieces about self-discovery and family.

Members shared their coming of age moments and experiences journeying through their lives.



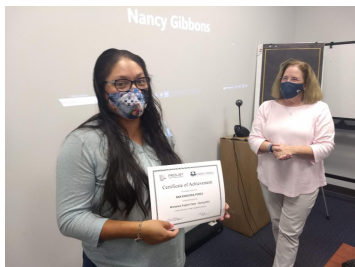
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Welcome to our New Staff Members

Please join us in welcoming the two newest members of our staff team!

Nancy Gibbons has been teaching classes for our Workplace Literacy

Program for the past year and is now joining as a part-time Program Coordinator. Nancy brings years of experience in ESL adult education, intake and assessments, teaching, and MIS.



Rachel Heuver is our new part-time Office Assistant. A recent graduate of the University of Maryland, Rachel has worked with the Esperanza Center in Baltimore as an Adult ESL Volunteer and Client Services Intern and the Latino Student Fund as a K-12 Volunteer Tutor.



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Thank you for supporting Stuff the Bus

Thank you for supporting Frederick County students through United Way's Stuff the Bus. We appreciate

everyone who contributed school supplies in-person and online to this school supply drive. Supplies collected are now being distributed. Get the full recap with this article in [The Frederick News-Post!](#)



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UPCOMING Events

READY for School: Children's Books Needed for Parent Literacy Outreach



The Literacy Council distributes books at our partnership schools and community events throughout the year. We are always collecting books for the community and the children of Parent Literacy Program learners to practice and encourage reading together.

You can donate new or gently-used children's books in our lobby to support these events. Or contact us at info@frederickliteracy.org or (301) 600-2066 to arrange a drop-off.



Volunteer Tutors & Class Instructors Needed

Join the Literacy Council in supporting adults in our community! We are looking for volunteers with ESL teaching experience to tutor small groups 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

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

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

Fall class registration will take place later in August. Students and tutors please watch for an email with the class schedule and registration next steps.

Volunteer tutors and instructors, please contact us if you have ESL classroom experience and are interested in teaching a fall class! 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.

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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!

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- Become an [event sponsor](#).
- Gifts of [Appreciated Securities](#) can provide tax advantages.
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- Consider a [Planned Gift](#) to the Literacy Council.
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Questions: Contact us at (301) 600-2066 or info@frederickliteracy.org



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