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The Literacy Council of Frederick County provides adults with pathways to essential literacy skills. Success for the individuals and families we seek to serve rests on a collective community approach that shapes a full path to a thriving life.

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VOLUNTEER Spotlight

Volunteers Kick Off Fall Classes & Tutor Workshops



September is all about literacy as we celebrate the start of our Fall Community Classes and Tutor Training Workshops.

This month's Volunteer Spotlight recognizes our amazing volunteers who are leading our Community Classes and our Tutor Training Team!

Check out our [Fall class schedule](#) and upcoming [volunteer training workshops](#).

[Learn More Here](#)

LEARNER Spotlight

Adult Learner Graduates from Literacy Council's Tutoring Program

This month we congratulate Thierno on his many accomplishments in the Literacy Council's Tutoring Program! Thierno recently received a graduation certificate presented by his tutor Pat Kennedy and Executive Director, Laurie Fisher, in recognition of his graduation and transition to Frederick Community College.

We will remember Thierno and Pat faithfully meeting each week at the Literacy Council pre-COVID, and then they continued meeting on Zoom to keep the momentum and learning going. And many thanks to Pat for his dedication to his students over the years.



[Read More](#)

Welcome to our New Program Manager



The Literacy Council is excited to welcome Sarah Fowkes as our new Program Manager! Sarah brings experience at multiple levels, teaching English language learners as a secondary education teacher and with volunteers and families at a school program serving a diverse immigrant community. She is in the process of receiving her TESOL certification and holds a Master's degree in Secondary Education.

[Learn More Here](#)

September is Literacy Month!

This month we celebrate International Literacy Day and National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week. Visit Downtown to see our programs and offerings on display for this month's downtown community window at FCB Bank. Learn more about

our upcoming classes and ways you can get involved on our website.

A big thanks to FCB Bank for supporting the nonprofit community through their rotating window displays!



[Learn More Here](#)

Children's Book Drive: Now - October 30



Donate your new or gently used books to support our Parent & Family Literacy students, organized by Girl Scout Troop 81762.

Books will be distributed to parents in the Literacy Council's programs with young children and community organizations supported through our Parent Literacy Program.

Drop Off Locations:
Literacy Council Lobby (M-F) 9-4
Spring Ridge Community Center
(Lingapore/Bartonsville Area)

Our annual Holiday Book Drive kicks off later in November. Stay tuned!

UPCOMING Events

United Way's Day of Action: October 7

Volunteer for this year's Day of Action organized by the United Way of Frederick County! This annual volunteer event brings the Frederick County community together to address the issues that matter the most.

Day of Action 2022 will include a kick-off bash for volunteers hosted at the Frederick Keys stadium, volunteer opportunities to support local ALICE households across Frederick County, and a uniquely designed Day of Action t-shirt for each participant.



Volunteers this year will help support the Parent Literacy Program's Children's Book Drive.

[Learn More Here](#)

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. Our classes are meeting remotely and in person. For more information, check out our Fall/Winter [Volunteer Training Schedule](#) or contact us at: info@frederickliteracy.org.

Volunteer Information Sessions

Wednesday, September 28 • 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, October 11 • 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 2 • 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 17 • 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, October 18 & 19 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. AND
Tuesday, October 25 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.*

OR

Tuesday & Wednesday, November 29 & 30 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. AND
Tuesday, December 6 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.*

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

Student Class Schedule

Fall classes start this week! Registration is currently underway.

Volunteer tutors and instructors, please get in touch with us if you have ESL classroom experience and are interested in teaching a 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.

SPECIAL Thanks

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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.
- 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.
- Access our [Annual Reports/Newsletters](#).

Questions: Contact us at (301) 600-2066 or info@frederickliteracy.org



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