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Literacy *lifts* Lives



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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

Girl Scouts & Day of Action Project Support Parent Literacy Program



United Way's Day of Action project at the Literacy Council on October 7th focused on picking up and sorting 400 donated children's books collected by Girl Scout Troop 81762 for the Literacy Council's **READY for School Children's Book Drive!** Thank you to our community and volunteers for your incredible support!

The books will go to families in our community through the Literacy Council's [Parent Literacy Program](#), which supported 23 family literacy events this past year!

[Learn More Here](#)

LEARNER Spotlight

Meet Inok

We invite you to meet Inok, one of our student authors from [*Reflections: Voices of English Learners*](#), the Literacy Council's literary magazine.

"For many reasons, my family has lived in 5 states in the United States. Frederick is probably the best of all because there are good places like the Literacy Council. Thank you for always providing good teachers and being a meeting place for good friends."



Read her and other students' stories in *Reflection's* Fourth Edition.

Read Inok's Stories

ProLiteracy Conference Shares Best Practices



Program Manager Sarah Fowkes participated this past week in [ProLiteracy's](#) national conference on adult literacy in San Antonio, Texas. Literacy providers attend the conference nationwide to share best practices and introduce new resources, research findings, and initiatives to support local communities. The Literacy Council is a member organization of ProLiteracy and benefits from their publishing company New Reader's Press to provide teaching and learning materials for adult learners, tutors, and instructors.

Learn More Here

In Memory of Volunteer Tutor Gene Beall

We are saddened to learn of the passing of Harold "Gene" Beall on September 13 at the age of 96. After retiring from a 42-year career in broadcasting in Washington, DC,

Gene fulfilled his passion for helping others by volunteering as a Basic Literacy and ESL tutor beginning in 1997 and continuing through 2011. Through tutoring, he met lifelong friends. One of his students stayed in touch with him throughout his life. We are thankful for the years he devoted to helping his students and his ongoing support for the Literacy Council's programs.



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

UPCOMING Events

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
(Linganore/Bartonsville Area)

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

Get Ready For Giving Tuesday - November 29

**GIVING
TUESDAY**

#GivingTuesday is a global movement of generosity that is more vital in 2022 than ever. Join us on Tuesday, November 29, for a day dedicated to uplifting communities, empowering nonprofits, and celebrating kindness.

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, 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 are currently underway! It is wonderful to have our classroom buzzing with the sound of our students conversing and learning!

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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