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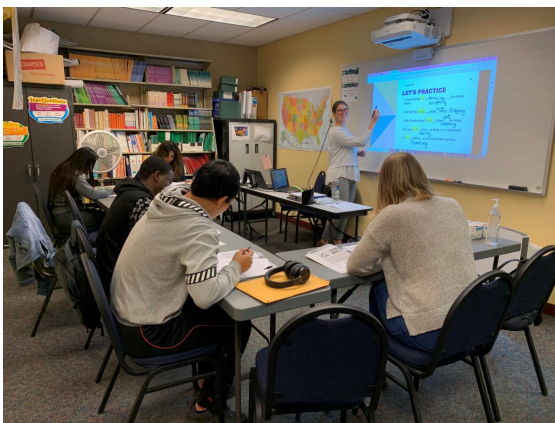
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## LEARNER Spotlight

### Fall Classes Bring Joyful Teaching & Learning



Fall classes were especially joyful as students returned to in-person instruction in the Literacy Council's classroom and other locations.

Classes in Civics, Conversation, Parent Conversation, Listening-Speaking-and-Reading, Ventures curriculum-based, Writing, and Workplace Literacy were conducted for adult learners at beginning, intermediate, and advanced

proficiency levels. Winter class registration begins this month!

[Learn More Here](#)

## VOLUNTEER Spotlight

# Thank You to Our Volunteers

More than 145 Literacy Council volunteers served in multiple roles this past year, helping literacy lift lives in our community for more than 250 adults attending classes and tutoring programs.

This post recognizes the thousands of hours, and sometimes years, these volunteers dedicate to help our students thrive! Volunteers contributed over 13,122 hours of their time this past year, valued at \$460,665!



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## Check Out Our 2021-2022 Annual Report

 [Annual Report](#)



*Literacy lifts Lives*

We are excited to share our latest annual report with our community! Check out program highlights and our financial report summary. We are incredibly grateful to all the individual, business, and organization donors from our community who supported the Literacy Council's work this past year and acknowledged them in the annual report in our Giving Societies and other recognition levels.

[Read It Here](#)

## National Philanthropy Day: Literacy Council Volunteers Honored



Dr. Jim Grissom, Immediate Past Board President, and Lisa Myers, Treasurer, were among the 2022

Distinguished Volunteers honored by the [Association of Fundraising Professionals Western Maryland Chapter](#) on November 15. Also attending was Richard Haney, Past Board President, who was honored in 2021, along with Board Member Emeritus Caroline Gaver.

The event celebrated their passion and commitment to the organizations they serve.



[View the Event Here](#)

## Holiday Book Drive: Ends December 19



## Holiday Book Drive

The Literacy Council is partnering with **FCB Bank, a Division of ACNB Bank**, and **Curious Iguana** to provide new and gently-used books for elementary school-aged children.

### FCB Bank Branch Drop-Off Locations

- 2 North Market Street
- 165A Thomas Johnson Drive
- 6910 Crestwood Boulevard
- 490 Monocacy Boulevard
- 200 Commerce Drive

You can also shop online through Curious Iguana's [Bookshop link](#) for direct shipment. Help share the [Holiday Book Drive flyer](#) with friends and family! Sincere thanks to our wonderful partners this year!!

[Learn More Here](#)

# UPCOMING Events

## Winter ESL Book Club



This winter's ESL Book Club will read *Coming of Age in the 21st Century - Growing Up in America* by Mary Frosch. Facilitated by volunteer writing instructor Catherine Coundjeris, twelve students and tutors will meet during the break between classes in December and January. ESL Book Clubs meet in the summer and winter at the Literacy Council.

Earlier this year, Summer Book Club participants enjoyed a similar book by this author and shared their feedback.

[Read More Here](#)

## Thank You for Giving on November 29

Thank you to everyone who helped Literacy Lift Lives on #GivingTuesday!! Our community's support for adult literacy programs helps our students to thrive!



[You Can Still Support Literacy!!](#)

## 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 lead classes and those who

may or may not have teaching experience to help tutor adult learners. Classes and tutoring are held remotely and in person. For more information, check out our Winter [Volunteer Training Schedule](#) or contact us at: [info@frederickliteracy.org](mailto:info@frederickliteracy.org).

## Volunteer Information Sessions

Wednesday, January 11 • 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, January 17 • 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, February 8 • 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, February 21 • 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 Workshops

Tuesday, January 24, Thursday, January 26 &  
Tuesday, January 31 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. \*  
**OR**  
Saturday, February 25 • 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. &  
Tuesday, February 28 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.\*\*

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

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

## Student Class Schedule

Fall classes are ending soon. Winter classes will begin in late January. Current and new students will receive registration and scheduling information by email this month, in addition to tutors.

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 registration information, contact our office at [info@frederickliteracy.org](mailto:info@frederickliteracy.org) or (301) 600-2066.*

## SPECIAL Thanks

### 2022-2023 Grantors

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



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