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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.

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Lifting Lives Through Literacy for Sixty Years (1963-2023)

The Literacy Council is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year! Since its founding in October 1963, our volunteer tutors have instructed over 9,250 Frederick County residents in reading, speaking English, and everyday life skills.

Our new vision, ***Literacy Lifts Lives***, guides the organization's dynamic new mission statement: *To provide Frederick County adults with pathways to essential literacy skills.* The organization's signature tutoring program has grown to include community classes, parent, and workplace literacy programs.



[Learn More Here](#)

LEARNER Spotlight

Book Club Explores "Coming of Age in the 21st Century"



Our Winter Book Club met for three sessions and delved into stories from the anthology, *Coming of Age in The 21st Century*, edited by Mary Frosch.

The stories are written by a variety of first-generation Americans and people of multicultural perspectives. Discussions within the book club focused on inward journeys of self-exploration, pushing the boundaries between family and personal identities, and a personal search for belonging.

[Learn More Here](#)

VOLUNTEER Spotlight

Winter Classes Expand to Meet Student Needs

The Literacy Council is expanding its Community Class Program curriculum to reach more adult learners. This expansion will help those who experience barriers that prevent them from accessing literacy programs, such as transportation, childcare, and changing work schedules.



We are excited to offer a diverse selection of [Winter Classes](#) in-person and on remote platforms to meet the needs of adults in our community.

Meet our class instructors for this upcoming session. These instructors join our amazing volunteer tutor team helping literacy lift lives!

[Read More Here](#)

900+ Books Donated for Children's Book Drive



Thanks to our partners, [FCB Bank](#), a division of ACNB Bank, [Curious Iguana](#), and our generous community—the Literacy Council's Parent Literacy Program received over 900 children's books from our Annual Holiday Book Drive!

If you didn't get a chance to support this drive, you can still shop online through Curious

Iguana's [bookshop link](#) for direct shipment, or drop off books at the Literacy Council's office. We collect children's book donations year round!

[Learn More Here](#)

UPCOMING Events

Recruiting Workplace Literacy ESL Instructors

The Literacy Council of Frederick County is now accepting applicants for experienced ESOL instructors. We are looking to build a collaborative team of people who display professionalism, intercultural sensitivity, a belief in lifelong learning, and a commitment to adult learners.



Instructors will teach workplace classes using a curriculum concentrating on English language literacy and life skills. Each class will be made up of adult English language learners who work for local businesses participating in our Workplace Literacy Program.

Does this sound like you or someone you know?

[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 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.

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

Registration is underway now for Winter classes which begin the week of January 23rd! Current and new students have received registration and scheduling information by email this month.

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 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!

- 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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