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LEARNER Spotlight

5th Edition of Reflections - Authors Celebrated



This month's Learner Spotlight is a tribute to our student authors featured in the newest edition of our literary magazine. Tutors, students, and Board Members joined a welcoming audience at [The Frederick News-Post](#) on March 6 to celebrate the publication of the Literacy Council of Frederick County's fifth edition of [Reflections: Voices of English Learners](#).

Geordie Wilson, Board President, gave opening remarks, celebrating the creative work of the writers. Laurie Fisher, Executive Director, and Sarah Fowkes, Program Manager, joined in welcoming the audience and recognizing the extensive contributions made by the authors and their tutors. Co-editor Catherine Coundjeris facilitated the presentation by seven student authors who read from their work and shared their reflections about the experience.

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VOLUNTEER Spotlight

Volunteer Appreciation Week: A Tribute to Literacy Council Volunteers

We celebrate Volunteer Appreciation Week April 16-22 by paying tribute to our 150+ wonderful long-time and new volunteers! As we celebrate our [60th Anniversary](#), we couldn't have made it to this monumental milestone without our dedicated volunteers providing literacy support to the Frederick County community.



Whether volunteering in the office, community, or online, your impact on our students is invaluable. Volunteers coordinate our programs—tutoring students weekly, teaching classes, providing leadership on our Board of Directors, training tutors, helping with community outreach, serving on committees, maintaining our computers, supporting our Scrabble Mania for Literacy fundraiser, writing grants or any of the many other volunteer tasks.

We couldn't meet our community's needs without YOU!

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Literacy Council History

As literacy awareness grew throughout the nation, it became common for community literacy programs to be housed in local libraries.



In 1982, the Literacy Council moved to the new [C. Burr Artz Public Library](#). Library staff regularly refer adults for tutoring, community classes, and parent literacy programs. Many tutor-student pairs/small groups use study rooms throughout the library system for weekly sessions.

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UPCOMING Events

Scrabble Mania For Literacy - May 3

We are excited to partner again with Chris Sparks from [Surelocked In Escape Games](#) as our Game Master at Steinhardt Brewing Company in Downtown Frederick this year.

JOIN US FOR:

- Fast-paced Scrabble® play for Teams of 4 adults
- A complimentary beverage (beer or soda) from Steinhardt Brewing Company and appetizers from Union Mills Public House
- Door prizes!



[REGISTER HERE!](#)

Can't attend this event? May 3 also kicks off our Online Scrabble Auction.

We are seeking donations for our auction, including gift certificates for family entertainment, restaurants, tastings, and tours at local breweries and wineries. Contact Laurie Fisher at lauriefisher@frederickliteracy.org or Maggie Clingman at mclingman@frederickliteracy.org for more information.

[Learn More Here](#)

Unity Campaign - Thank You

This year's Unity Campaign, supporting 30 local nonprofits, has raised over \$430,000 and counting for our community! THANK YOU to the nearly 1,100 donors for supporting our struggling neighbors with a gift in Unity. This wouldn't be possible without you! The Literacy Council raised over \$28,500 thanks to our community's generosity!

#WorkingTogetherBuildingCommUNITY is what this work is all about, and your support that is shown to these organizations working every day to make a difference in the lives of our struggling neighbors!



None of this would be possible without our Incentive Fund sponsors, **Ausherman Family Foundation**, **Delaplaine Foundation, Inc.**, and the **Randall Charitable Trust Donor Advised Fund!**

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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.

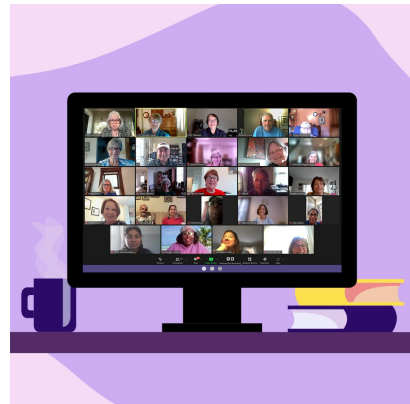
Instructors will teach workplace classes using a curriculum concentrating on English language literacy and life skills. Each class will comprise of adult English language learners working for local businesses participating in our Workplace Literacy Program.

Does this sound like you or someone you know?

Learn More Here

Recruiting Volunteer Tutors and Community Class Instructors

Join the Literacy Council to help adults in our community gain literacy skills! We are recruiting **volunteer tutors** to work with adults one-to-one or in small groups. You do not need previous experience. We will give you the training and teaching materials you need! We are also seeking **volunteer class instructors** with ESL teaching experience for our growing community class program. Tutoring and classes are conducted in person as well as virtual formats.



Congratulations to our March/April Tutor Training Workshop Graduates!

For upcoming **Volunteer Information Sessions** and **Tutor Training Workshops**, check out our Winter/Spring [Volunteer Training Schedule](#). Please register [HERE](#) or contact us at: info@frederickliteracy.org. Additional sessions and workshops will be added to the schedule in the coming weeks.

Attend a Volunteer Information Session

Wednesday, April 19 • 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 4 • 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Attendance of a Volunteer Information Session (via Zoom) is required prior to registering for our Tutor Training Workshop.

Attend a Training Workshop for Tutors

Tuesday, May 9, Thursday, May 11

& Tuesday, May 16 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. *

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

Attend an Orientation for Class Instructors

If you are interested in more information about teaching a class, following attendance at a Volunteer Information Session, contact the Literacy Council at info@frederickliteracy.org. Orientations are conducted for instructors in preparation for upcoming class sessions.

Register for a Volunteer Info Session Today

Student Classes - Spring Class Registration

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. Class registration for the Spring Session is currently underway. Classes begin the week of April 17th. Students will receive registration information in advance.

Many thanks to our amazing volunteer instructors!

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

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



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