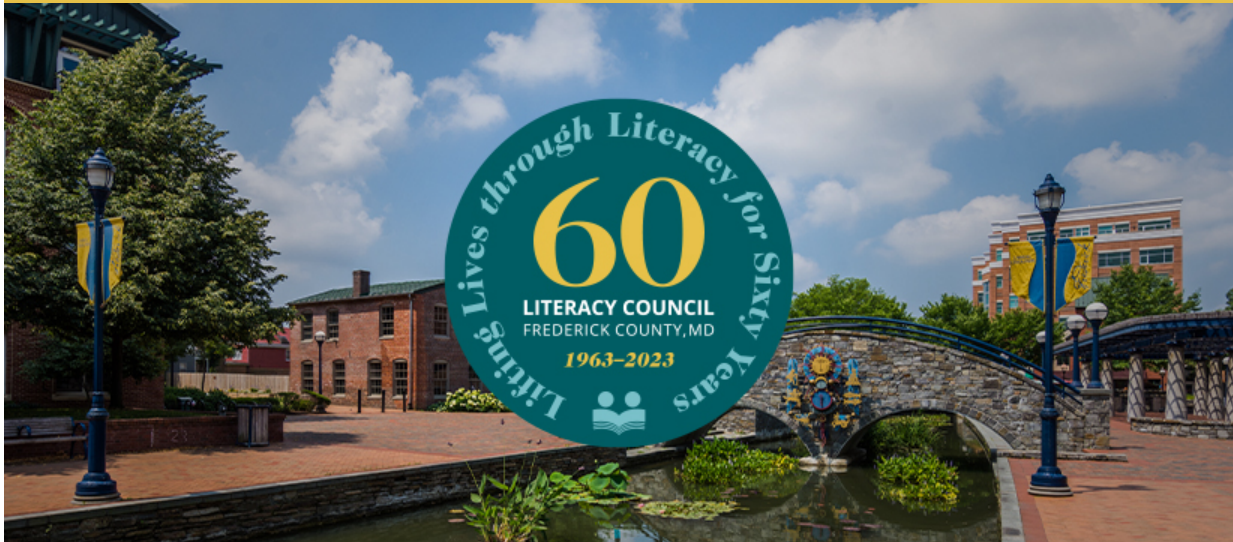


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LEARNER Spotlight

Meet Flor



We invite you to meet Flor, our featured student this month. Flor contributed her story to the fifth edition, and shared her writing at the Reflections launch event in March.

"My name is Flor, and I am from Guatemala. I am the second of the family. I have 3 brothers and one sister; we are 5 children. My parents always teach me that you have to work hard to achieve what you want."

We hope you enjoy Flor's written work, "Make a Reality Out of Our Dreams." Read about Flor and view all of our students' stories on our [Reflections: Voices of English Learners web page](#)!

[Read More Here](#)

VOLUNTEER Spotlight

Welcome New Board Members & Officers



This month's Volunteer Spotlight recognizes our new Board Members **Cyndi McNamara** (left) and **Silvia Muñoz** (right) and Officers **Sharon Jacko (President)**, **Catherine Mock (Vice President)**, **Geordie Wilson (Past President)**, **Carole Southam (Treasurer)**, and **Carmen Hernandez (Secretary)**.



Please join us in giving everyone a warm welcome!

We celebrate our outgoing leadership volunteers who have helped guide our programs and services this past year.

We are incredibly grateful to our retiring board member **Jim Grissom**, and **Treasurer, Lisa Myers** for your incredible and many years of service!

[Learn More Here](#)

Literacy Council Awarded Federal Grant to Expand Workplace Classes for Hospitality & Tourism Businesses

The [Literacy Council of Frederick County](#) has been awarded a multi-year grant through the [Maryland Department of Commerce, Office of Tourism](#), to expand workplace English classes for hospitality and tourism businesses as part of its [Workplace Literacy Program](#) which teaches job-related English language skills to Frederick County employees in all business sectors. This initiative is based on the vision that a more English-fluent and literate staff results in lasting benefits for the businesses,



“This is a great partnership between the tourism community, Maryland Commerce, and our federal partners at the U.S. EDA.

Maryland Commerce Secretary
KEVIN A. ANDERSON

employees, the Frederick County community, and the overall economic well-being of our region.

The Literacy Council is now recruiting local tourism and hospitality employers interested in joining a cohort to provide classes for their employees. Interested employers should contact the Literacy Council's Workplace Literacy Program representatives at (301) 600-2066 or info@frederickliteracy.org.

[Learn More Here](#)

Recruiting Program Manager, Office/Program Administrator, Community Outreach Coordinator

Join Our Team!

The Literacy Council of Frederick County is recruiting for several positions on our team: **Program Manager, Office/Program Administrator**, and a part-time **Community Outreach Coordinator** for the Workplace Literacy Program in the hospitality/tourism industry.

We are seeking candidates who are interested in joining a team of nonprofit professional staff and volunteers who are dedicated to supporting adult basic education and literacy programs for a diverse community of adult learners and their families in Frederick County.

Do these sound like you or someone you know?

[Learn More Here](#)

UPCOMING Events

Help Us Stuff the Bus: June 12 – July 31

This year, the Literacy Council will be a participating collection site for the United Way's Stuff the Bus School Supply Drive.

Stuff the Bus is an opportunity for the community to come together in helping



young people succeed in school and for the Literacy Council to support family literacy.

In-Person Collection Drive

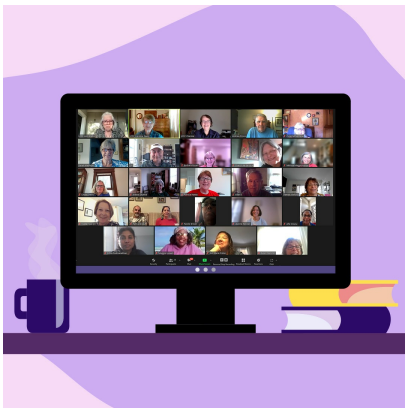
June 19 - July 31: Drop off donations at the Literacy Council office located at 110 E. Patrick Street (next to the C. Burr Artz Administrative Entrance) between 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

United Way Virtual Collections Drive: June 12 - July 17

The virtual drive allows for cash donations to purchase school supplies.

[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 recent Tutor Training

Workshop Graduates!

For upcoming **Volunteer Information Sessions** and **Tutor Training Workshops**, check out our Summer **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

Thursday, July 13, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 2, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, August 17, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 6, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 14, 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

Monday & Wednesday, July 17 & July 19, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

and Monday, July 24, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Virtual (Must attend all three

sessions)

Tuesday & Thursday, September 19 and Tuesday, September 26, 6:30 - 8:030 p.m. Virtual (Must attend all three sessions)

**Saturday, September 23, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. In-Person
Trinity Lutheran Church, 15 Randolph Avenue, Hagerstown**

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 & Summer Programs

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. Summer Classes are underway!

Fall Class registration will be sent to current and waiting students in August. 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! We need more instructors for fall classes!

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

SPECIAL Thanks

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Thank you for considering a gift to the Literacy Council! Your financial contribution supports critical adult literacy programs in our community!

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- 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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