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## LEARNER Spotlight

### Summer Book Club Explores: *"All You Can Ever Know"*



This summer's book club at the Literacy Council met for three sessions and had the special treat of reading, *All You Can Ever Know*, by Nicole Chung.

The book presented like a novel, depicts Chung's early life where she experienced racism in her elementary years, and her life as a newlywed, and later as a young mother, searching for her biological family. She discovers that the story of adoption is complicated and multidimensional. Literacy Council students met on Zoom and engaged in lively discussions about the memoir. The club met at [Delizia Cafe](#) for a final gathering (above)!

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# VOLUNTEER Spotlight

## Meet Jim

This month's Volunteer Spotlight recognizes Jim Grissom, who has volunteered with the Literacy Council since 2016. Jim has dedicated his life to serving the community as a medical doctor.

After retiring he chose the Literacy Council as the place to continue making an impact. Jim became a tutor in 2016, his first involvement in the organization.

Jim has since served on the Literacy Council's [Board of Directors](#) for over six years, including as Vice President, President, and Committee Chairman, and whose second board term ended in June. We invite you to read our tribute to Jim's service.



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## Literacy Council Employees Presented Touching Lives Awards



Frederick County Chamber of Commerce CEO Rick Weldon and Literacy Council Board President Sharon Jacko presented Kim Brown and Victoria dos Santos with their 2023 Touching Lives in Frederick County awards.

These awards which honor non-management staff, are honoring two staff members who have demonstrated outstanding involvement and commitment to touching the lives of others.

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## Welcome New Team Members! Seeking Candidates for Workplace Literacy Program Coordinator, Program Manager

We are so excited to welcome new team members, **Andrea Ormsby, Community Outreach Coordinator**, and **Allison Rice, Office/Program Administrator**! We are also recruiting for a part-time **Workplace Literacy**



**Program Coordinator** and full-time **Program Manager**.

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?*

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## UPCOMING Events

### SAVE THE DATE: 60th Anniversary Events

**60th Anniversary Ribbon**

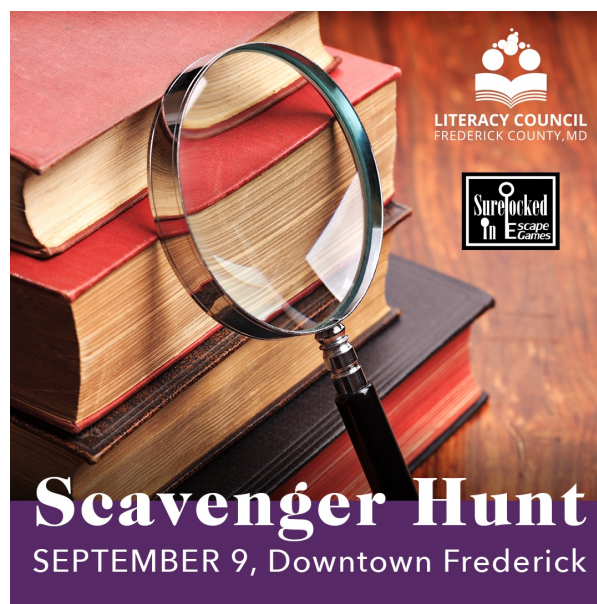
**Cutting:** September 8,  
**International Literacy Day**

**In the Streets:** Literacy Scavenger  
Hunt, September 9, with  
**Surelocked In Escape Games!**

**Volunteer Appreciation Picnic:**  
October 1

**Celebration of Achievements:**  
November 2

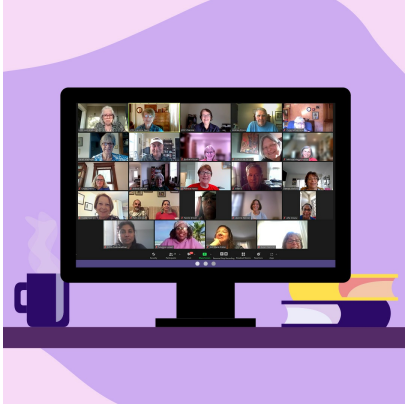
*Discover all the ways we've been  
Lifting Lives Through Literacy  
for Sixty Years.*



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## 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 Fall [Volunteer Training Schedule](#). Please register [HERE](#) or contact us at: [info@frederickliteracy.org](mailto:info@frederickliteracy.org). We have just added more sessions and workshops for fall!

## Attend a Volunteer Information Session

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

**Thursday, September 14, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, Oct. 4, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, Oct. 19, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, November 8, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

**Thursday, November 16, 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 & Thursday, September 19 and Tuesday, September 26, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (Must attend all three sessions) *Virtual***

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

**Monday & Wednesday, October 23 & 25, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and Monday, October 30, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (Must attend all three sessions) *Virtual***

**Tuesday & Thursday, November 28 & 30, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday, December 5, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (Must attend all three sessions) *Virtual***

## 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](mailto:info@frederickliteracy.org). Orientations are conducted for instructors in preparation for upcoming class sessions.*

**Register for a Volunteer Info Session Today**

**English Classes for  
Adults - Fall Schedule**





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. Fall Class registration opens August 25th and classes begin the week of September 11th!

Fall Class registration will be sent by email to current and waiting students on August 25th. Many

thanks to our amazing volunteer instructors who made this summer's schedule possible!

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](mailto:info@frederickliteracy.org) or (301) 600-2066*

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## Thank You for Helping Us Stuff the Bus!



Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's Stuff the Bus school supply drive! Supplies were contributed in our bin at the office, as well as on a remote platform.

This year's **STUFF THE BUS** was a success! On Monday's pickup day, United Way volunteers stuffed eight buses with over 275 bins full of school supplies from over 100 amazing Frederick County donation sites!

Thank you to everyone who donated to Stuff the Bus, the fantastic bus drivers who made pick-up day possible & the volunteers who spent the time to load up the supplies and sort them all!

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



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