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## Literacy Council Recognized at 60th Anniversary Ribbon Cutting on International Literacy Day



September is all about literacy and back to school for children and their parents! National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week September 18-22 and International Literacy Day on September 8 became the setting for a month packed with programs and events at the Literacy Council! On September 8th, the [Frederick County Chamber of Commerce](#) honored the Literacy Council

at a ribbon-cutting ceremony in recognition of sixty years of lifting lives through literacy in our community. Board Members, Staff, Volunteers, and many other friends of the Literacy Council joined the ceremony and open house.

Commendations of the Council's work were presented by *Senator Karen Lewis Young's delegation, City of Frederick Mayor Michael O'Connor, County Executive Jessica Fitzwater, Downtown Frederick Partnership Executive Director Kara Norman, and Frederick County Chamber of Commerce* presented by Debbie Streeton. Watch a short video of our special event [HERE!](#)

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# Surelocked In Escape Games & Literacy Council Run Scavenger Hunt

In the Streets attendees participated in a chance to win prizes at the Literacy Council's Scavenger Hunt, run by Surelocked In Escape Games!

Scavenger Hunt competitors searched for clues along North Market Street, and competed to answer the most questions accurately to win prizes.

Many thanks to Surelocked In Escape Games for hosting and to Curious Iguana and Board Members for sponsoring the prizes! Congratulations to winners Danny and Bridget!



## LEARNER Spotlight

### Meet Hilda



We invite you to meet Hilda, our featured student this month in our "Learner Spotlight". Featured adult learners represent the Literacy Council's programs, including authors from Reflections: Voices of English Learners, the Literacy Council's literary magazine, as well as adult learners in other programs. Hilda contributed her story to the fifth edition.

*"My name is Hilda. I am Salvadoran with a degree in chemistry and pharmacy. I started studying English at the Literacy Council in 2019. I was fortunate to be assigned a tutor to whom I am very grateful for his unconditional help."*

We hope you enjoy Hilda's written work, "My First Job in America". Read about Hilda and view all of our students' stories on our Reflections: Voices of English Learners web page!

[Read More Here](#)

## VOLUNTEER Spotlight

## Fall Classes Expand to Meet Increasing Needs

Back to school is for adults too! In response to rising demand for English language programs, the Literacy Council's volunteers and staff have been working hard to expand the Community Class Program to reach more adult learners, and overcome barriers that prevent adult learners from accessing literacy programs.

Thanks to our growing team of volunteer instructors, over 175 adults are enrolled in a diverse selection of Fall Classes at beginning, intermediate, and more advanced levels that are offered in different locations, in-person and remote. Learn more about our volunteer instructor team and classes.



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## Seeking Candidates for Program and Workplace Literacy Coordinator Openings

**Join Our Team!**

We are recruiting candidates for part-time **Program Coordinator** and **Workplace Program Coordinator** positions to support our tutoring, community class and parent literacy programs, and to work with local hospitality and other businesses to provide workplace English classes.

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.

*Does this sound like you or someone you know?*

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## UPCOMING Events

### 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, 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

**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**



## Fall Classes: Welcome Back!

Congratulations to our summer class students! And welcome to all incoming fall class students! View our current student [Class Schedule](#) to learn more about the Literacy Council's classes which include beginner, intermediate, and

advanced-level classes. Classes run for 10 weeks until November. Our Winter class session will begin in January.

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

*For more information, contact our office  
at [info@frederickliteracy.org](mailto: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!***

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



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