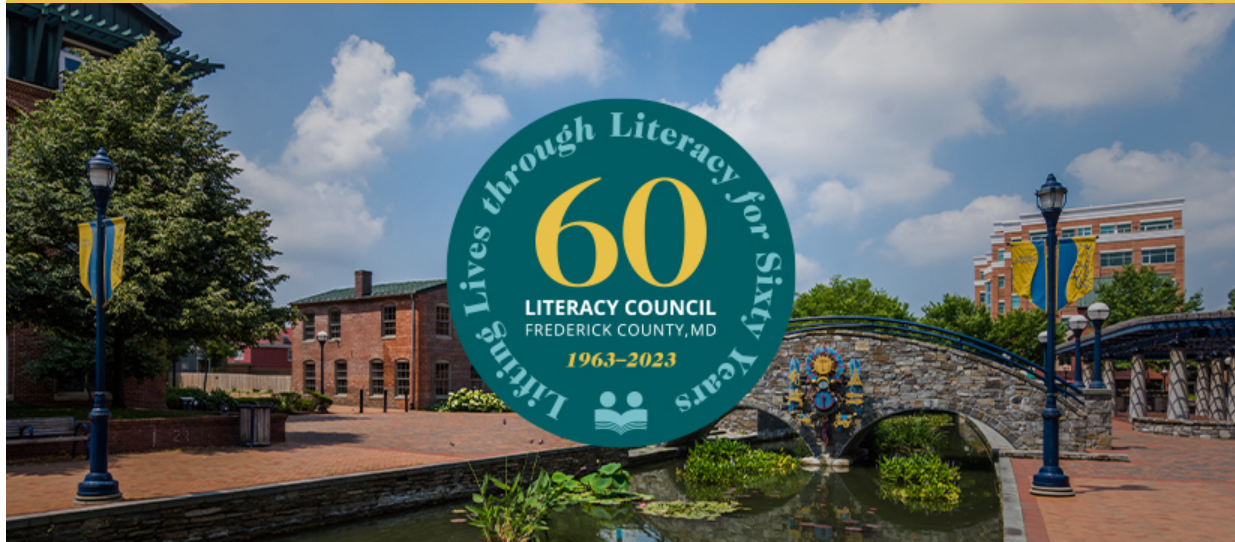


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LEARNER Spotlight

Meet Joselyne



We invite you to meet Joselyne, 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. Joselyne contributed her story to the fifth edition.

“My name is Joselyne Mary N. I am from Burundi, and I’ve been living in the U.S.A. since 2015. I want to know English like a native American and be able to communicate with my friends, coworkers and my children’s teachers. I’m very lucky to find the Literacy Council for help. It’s a

great place for learning English with friendly and nice teachers who help me to level up my English.”

We hope you enjoy Joselyne’s written work, “An Unforgettable Moment”. [View](#)

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VOLUNTEER Spotlight

60th Anniversary Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

Long-time and more recent volunteers, board members, and staff gathered for a beautiful afternoon of Literacy Council fellowship at Middletown Park on October 1st.

Organized by the Council's volunteer Events Committee, the informal outdoor picnic is one of a series of events around the organization's 60th anniversary this year and resulted in a day of connecting and sharing experiences, including a symbolic cake-cutting ceremony between long-time and new volunteers.



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Seeking Candidates for Program and Workplace Literacy Coordinator Openings



Welcome to our new Workplace Program Coordinator, Anna Maestri!

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

English classes, as well as **ESL Workplace Instructors**.

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

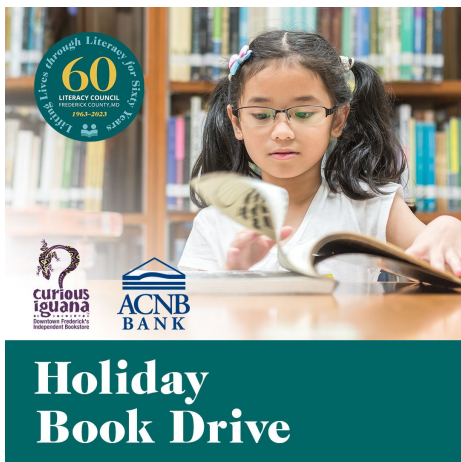
9th Annual Celebration of Achievements

We kick off the busy month of November with our annual Celebration of Achievements event to recognize the accomplishments of our adult learners this past year in the tutoring and classes.

This year's Literacy Council's Business & Industry Partner in Literacy Award and Elizabeth H. Seligmann Award recipients, the Council's highest volunteer award, will be recognized. Many thanks to Patriot Federal Credit Union, this year's Event Sponsor!



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Holiday Book Drive November 3 - December 22

This holiday season the Literacy Council is partnering with [ACNB Bank](#) and [Curious Iguana](#) for our 17th Annual Holiday Book Drive to provide new and gently-used books for elementary school aged children.

Donated unwrapped books can be dropped off at these ACNB Bank locations (Nov. 3 - Dec. 20):

- 2 North on the Square: 2 North Market Street. Frederick, MD 21701
- Aspen Ridge: 165A Thomas Johnson Drive, Frederick, MD 21702
- Crestwood: 6910 Crestwood Boulevard, Frederick, MD 21703
- Walkersville: 200 Commerce Drive, Walkersville, MD 21793

Books can be purchased from Curious Iguana in downtown Frederick, 12 N. Market Street (please designate the Council's Holiday Book Drive) or you can shop online through their [Bookshop link to browse a collection of recommended children's titles selected for this year's Book Drive](#). Books can be delivered to your home or directly to the Literacy Council (mailing address: Literacy Council of Frederick County, 110 E. Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21701).

Help spread the word! Share this [Holiday Book Drive flyer](#)!

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Get Ready For Giving Tuesday: November 28

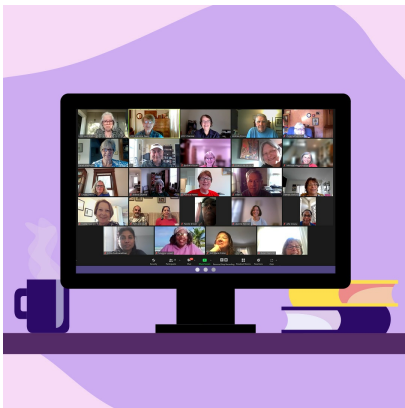
#GivingTuesday is a global movement of generosity that is more vital in 2023 than ever. Join us on Tuesday, November 28, for a day dedicated to uplifting communities, empowering nonprofits, and celebrating kindness.

GIVING TUESDAY

Ready to make a contribution to support adult literacy programs?

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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. We have just added more sessions and workshops for fall!

Attend a Volunteer Information Session

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, 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

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.

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- 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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