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The [Literacy Council of Frederick County](#) provides adults with pathways to essential literacy skills. Success for the individuals and families we seek to serve rests on a collective community approach.

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60th Anniversary Gratitude

We thank you for your incredible support this special anniversary year! We invite you to view this [60th Anniversary Slideshow](#) narrated by long-time volunteer Caroline Gaver!

Your financial support directly impacts our adult learners who are working hard to gain the literacy skills necessary to find new or better jobs, support their children's learning, and participate fully in our community.

On behalf of our staff, board, and the community we serve, we thank you for supporting critical education programs this year and helping to ensure that even more adult learners can access pathways to essential literacy skills.

If you haven't had a chance to make your tax deductible gift, there is still time! Thank you for your [gift today](#) to help *Literacy Lifts Lives*!

With gratitude,



Laurie Fisher

Laurie Fisher
Executive Director

Ready to make a contribution to support adult literacy programs?

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LEARNER Spotlight

Meet Ana: Parent Literacy Student



**LEARNER
Spotlight**

Fourteen years ago Ana A. moved to the U.S. from Mexico with her husband and son. Since moving to Frederick her family has grown to include two daughters, now ten and 8 years old. There are plenty of challenges to starting a new life in another country, including the language barriers that impact every facet of life.

Three years ago, Ana started participating in a parent literacy program hosted by the Literacy Council at Waverly Elementary School, and it's changing her life. Ana was recognized for these

milestones at the Literacy Council's Celebration of Achievements event in November where she shared her story in this video: [Our Literacy Journey with LCFC – Ana and Family](#).

Read More Here

VOLUNTEER Spotlight

Meet Sharon: 2023 Wertheimer Fellow

When Sharon Jacko was recruited in 2019 as a member of the Literacy Council Board of Directors, she shared a memory of her mother: "{She} taught me the importance of reading at a very early age. I know how many doors were open for me because I could read. With my involvement in the community, I see how many doors are closed to those who don't have {basic literacy skills.}"

Sharon's tenure at the Literacy Council spanned the COVID years when all organizations were struggling to navigate the pandemic and still provide services. Last month, the Community Foundation of Frederick County honored Sharon, as one of two Wertheimer Fellows, with the Wertheimer Award for outstanding community service.



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Seeking Candidates for Office/Program Administrator and Development Coordinator!!



Office/Program Administrator (part-time) to support our tutoring, community class and parent literacy programs.

Part-time Development Coordinator (part-time) to expand the development and fundraising capacity of this growing nonprofit, including expanding donor outreach and

stewardship, systems and processes for donor-centered fundraising, and community engagement. This position is perfect for an experienced professional in the development field looking for a part-time job with flexible hours (some of which can be remote). details coming soon!

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.

Do these sound like you or someone you know?

[Learn More Here](#)

Holiday Book Drive Success!

A huge thank you to Curious Iguana, ACNB Bank, Love for Lochlin, Girl Scout Troop 81762, and our generous community for supporting our 17th annual Children's Book Drive, collecting **1,792 children's books to date!**

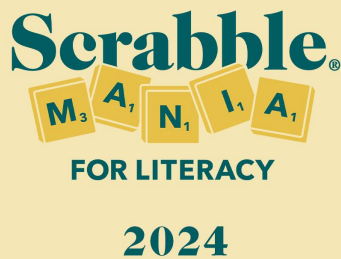


Still interested in supporting this effort? Books can still be purchased from Curious Iguana in downtown Frederick, 12 N. Market Street (please designate

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). Or you can drop them off at the Literacy Council's office starting Tuesday, January 2nd!

[Learn More Here](#)

UPCOMING Events



Coming Soon!

SAVE THE DATE: Scrabble Mania for Literacy May 8!

Get ready to play Scrabble Mania for Literacy 2024 at [Steinhart Brewing Company](#) with Chris Sparks, [Surelocked In Escape Games](#)! Back for another year of fun and games to support all of our literacy programs, we're excited to host teams to compete for prizes during this annual fundraiser.

Want to become a business sponsor and help support our literacy programs? Now's the time to make a commitment before the 2023 tax year ends. Submit payment through our donation page [HERE](#) and indicate sponsorship level. Questions? Contact Laurie Fisher at lauriefisher@frederickliteracy.org for more information.

Help spread the word! Share our [Scrabble Sponsor Flyer](#)!

[Learn More Here](#)

English Classes for Adults Winter Schedule

Winter Class Registration is now open for current and waiting Literacy Council adult learners. Most classes begin the week of January 22nd! Current and waiting students, and tutors have already been contacted by email about next steps for registration.

View our current student [Class Schedule](#) to learn more about the Literacy Council's



Winter 2024
Community Classes



class instruction program. We offer beginner, intermediate, and advanced-level classes. Any questions, please contact LCFC's Office at info@frederickliteracy.org. Many thanks to our amazing volunteer instructors who make it possible to provide these classes!

***Interested in teaching an ESL class at the Literacy Council?
Check out our winter volunteer training schedule below!***

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

Attend a Volunteer Information Session

Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Thursday, January 11, 2024, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Thursday, February 15, 2024, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

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, January 16 & 18, 2024, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and
Tuesday, January 23, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (Must attend all three sessions)
Virtual OR
Monday & Wednesday, February 26 & 28, 2024, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and
Monday, March 4, 2024, 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.

Register for a Volunteer Info Session Today

SPECIAL Thanks

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ProLiteracy's Literacy Opportunity
Love of Christ Foundation, Inc.
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The Community Foundation of Frederick County
The Helen J. Serini Foundation
The Joseph D. Baker Fund, Inc.
The Laughlin Family Foundation
Tourism Council's Destination Development
United Way of Frederick County
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Women's Giving Circle of Frederick County

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.
- 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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