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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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LEARNER Spotlight

Reflections 6th Edition Literary Magazine Highlights Student Authors



An expectant audience of Literacy Council adult learners, their families, event sponsors, volunteer tutors, staff and members of the Board came together for a Sixth Edition Book Launch event on February 22nd to celebrate the publication of the Literacy Council of Frederick County's latest edition of its literary magazine, [Reflections: Voices of English Learners](#).

Held at *The Frederick News-Post* for the second year, student authors shared personal and often emotional events in their lives through their written work.

[Read More Here](#)

VOLUNTEER Spotlight

Meet Hilary: Volunteer Tutor

Enter into a conversation with volunteer tutor Hilary Pettigrew and soon you will find yourself taken by her warmth and humor. “After I retired as a doctor, a general practitioner, we came to Frederick” where the new retiree began her search “for something valuable to do with all my spare time.”

She found it with the Literacy Council. “I’d heard about [the organization] from friends and sought them out. Tutoring wasn’t something I had ever done before,” but she took on the challenge, completing the Council’s Tutor Training Workshop in 2019. When she was paired with a student, Dora, Hilary felt lucky. “Dora was eager to learn, and had a definite goal: becoming a U.S. citizen.”



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JOIN OUR TEAM

Seeking Part-Time Office/Program Administrator!

A graphic for a job advertisement. It features a circular logo in the top left corner that says "60 Years Through Literacy for Students" and "LITERACY COUNCIL FREDERICK COUNTY 1963-2023". The main text in the center reads "WE'RE HIRING OFFICE / PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR". Below this, it says "Send your resume to: info@frederickliteracy.org". The background of the graphic shows a woman with long brown hair sitting at a desk with a laptop, looking down at the screen.

**WE'RE HIRING
OFFICE /
PROGRAM
ADMINISTRATOR**

Send your resume to:
info@frederickliteracy.org

The Literacy Council is seeking a candidate who is interested in joining a growing 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.

Position Type: Part-time, 20 hours/week, \$18/hour
Benefits: Simple IRA retirement plan with 3% employer match, flexible work schedule, parking reimbursement provided.

UPCOMING Events

Final Days to Support the Unity Campaign through March 31!!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the 35 nonprofits participating this year in the Unity Campaign's 10th anniversary!

Thanks to our generous community, the Council has raised \$29,177! We are so close to reaching our goal of \$30,000! This is our 10th year of participating, and we rely on this campaign as our largest fundraiser each year.

The campaign is focused on funding programs directly supporting the health, education, and financial stability of ALICE (Asset-Limited, Income-Constrained, Employed) households.

Through the generosity of our Incentive Match sponsors, **100% of your contribution goes directly to the designated nonprofit. In addition, your individual gift is boosted because a portion of all donations is matched by the sponsors.**

Please consider a gift to the Literacy Council during the Unity Campaign!



HELP GIVE THE GIFT OF LITERACY TODAY



Scrabble Mania for Literacy: May 8th

Early Bird Tickets TODAY - April 11!

Get ready to join us for

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. Help share our event flyer [HERE!](#)

EARLY BIRD PRICING THROUGH APRIL 11, 2024:

\$50/Player or \$200/Team of Four Players

AFTER APRIL 11: \$60/Player or \$240/Team of Four Players.

Register online by clicking the button below. Or register by mail using this [mail-in form](#).

TEAM & SPONSOR REGISTRATION CLICK HERE



LITERACY COUNCIL
FREDERICK COUNTY, MD

Calling for
S P O N S O R S

Support the Literacy Council of Frederick County's 8th Annual Scrabble Mania for Literacy Event!

Your financial support helps

- ✦ Fund our Community Classes and our Parent Literacy, Tutoring, and Workplace programs.
- ✦ Increase access to literacy for vulnerable members of our community.

For more information
info@frederickliteracy.org

Scrabble
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FOR LITERACY

Calling All Auction Contributors & Sponsors!

We are seeking donations of auction items, including gift certificates for family recreation, restaurants, breweries & wineries, theatre and arts events, and more!

Want to become a business sponsor and help support our literacy programs? Game Master Chris Sparks has a special message in the video below for sponsors!

Questions? Contact Vicki French at vfrench@frederickliteracy.org for more information.

Help spread the word! Share our Scrabble Sponsor Flyer!



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

Congratulations to our Tutor Training Graduates!



Sign up to be a Volunteer Tutor with us!



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 Spring **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

Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Thursday, April 18, 2024, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 29, 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, Apr. 9 & 11, 2024, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (Must attend all three sessions) *Virtual*.

Monday & Wednesday, June 3 & 5, 2024, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and Monday, June 10, 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

English Classes for Adults Spring Schedule

Winter Classes are wrapping up and Spring class enrollment begins next week! View our current student [Class Schedule](#) to learn more about the Literacy Council's class instruction program. Current students will receive the spring class schedule and enrollment information by email. Classes begin the week of April 22nd.

We offer beginner, intermediate, and



**Winter 2024
Community Classes**



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 Spring Volunteer Training schedule below!***

[Learn More Here](#)

SPECIAL Thanks

2024 Grantors

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ProLiteracy's Literacy Opportunity Fund
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Maryland Department of Commerce, Office of Tourism
The CarMax Foundation

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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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