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LEARNER Spotlight

Literacy Council and Phoenix Mecano: Partners in Building Excellence



The Literacy Council of Frederick County's Workplace Literacy Program formally began in 2016 and has been a game-changer, helping people employed in area hospitality-service businesses improve their English-language proficiency. Its success has been recognized with awards and grants from business and government leaders.

And in January, the Council brought to fruition another goal for this ambitious and innovative program: Meeting the needs of businesses outside the hospitality arena. Earlier this month, a class of five students began their second 9-week workplace literacy session held at the Frederick headquarters of Phoenix Mecano, a manufacturer of customized encasements for electrical components.

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VOLUNTEER Spotlight

Volunteer Appreciation Week April 21-27



Dear Literacy Council Volunteers,

As we celebrate Volunteer Appreciation Week, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of our dedicated volunteers. Your unwavering commitment to our mission has a profound impact on the lives of those we serve.

Our literacy programs thrive because of your selfless contributions. Whether you're tutoring, organizing events, or spreading awareness, your passion and generosity shine through. You are the heart and soul of our organization. Thank you for being the driving force behind positive change. Your kindness, patience, and resilience inspire us all.

Let's continue to empower others through literacy, one word at a time. With immense appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sharon Jacko'.

Sharon Jacko, President, Literacy Council Board of Directors

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A New Chapter Begins ... Executive Director's Farewell Message

Dear Friends of the Literacy Council,

I write to you with a heart full of gratitude and a spirit of optimism for the future. After 10 years in this position, and over 40 years in the nonprofit sector, I plan to retire as Executive Director this summer.

My deepest appreciation goes to our amazing adult learners -- whose achievements are a source of inspiration for us all, our dedicated staff and volunteers, our financial supporters, and community partners.



The Literacy Council holds a special place in my heart, and perhaps a new volunteer opportunity! I look forward to watching the organization grow and thrive, and I know our paths will cross in this vibrant, interconnected community. I will be working closely with our Board of Directors during the search process, and to ensure a smooth transition. You will see below that we are hard at work searching for that special person to join our team!

Gratefully Yours,

Laurie Fisher

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JOIN OUR TEAM

Seeking Executive Director and Office/Program Administrator Candidates!



If you are a dynamic leader who thrives on growth and impact, we encourage you to apply! The primary responsibility of the Executive Director is to manage the day-to-day operations of the Literacy Council of Frederick County (LCFC).

The Executive Director participates in external events to increase visibility, credibility, and market brand; develop strategic partnerships to further increase community awareness and expand programs by implementing the policies and

objectives of the Board of Directors, and directs the operations, fund-raising,

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UPCOMING Events



Scrabble Mania for Literacy: May 8th

We are excited to welcome players and teams 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.

TICKETS/TEAMS: \$60/Player or \$240/Team of Four Players. Register online by clicking the button below.

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A graphic with a light yellow background. At the top left is the Literacy Council of Frederick County, MD logo. The main text reads 'Calling for SPONSORS' in a mix of purple and black fonts. Below this, it says 'Support the Literacy Council of Frederick County's 8th Annual Scrabble Mania for Literacy Event!'. A list of two bullet points explains how financial support helps: funding community classes and parent literacy programs, and increasing access to literacy for vulnerable members. At the bottom, it says 'For more information info@frederickliteracy.org' and features the 'Scrabble MANIA FOR LITERACY' logo. On the right side, there is a circular inset image showing a person's hands playing Scrabble on a board, with a 'SPONSOR' sign and a letter 'F' nearby. The graphic is decorated with colorful stars and a wavy line.

Thank You to Our Sponsors & Auction Doors!

We are still 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.

Thank you to Our Sponsors!



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

Attend a Volunteer Information Session

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

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

Spring classes begin this week! 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. 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!***

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



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