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LEARNER Spotlight

Meet Patrik



We invite you to meet Patrik M., our featured student this month in our "Learner Spotlight". Patrik came to the United States from Cameroon in January 2023. His mother-in-law introduced him to the Literacy Council of Frederick County in March 2023.

He was matched with his tutor Cyndi M. and the two developed a special bond. Patrik refers to Cyndi as "my

tutor, my teacher, she's my second mom." They share their experience in their own words in this month's Learner Spotlight vlog.

Special thanks to Shira K., one of our volunteers, for all the hard work she invested into creating this video.

[Learn More About Patrik Here](#)

Hispanic Heritage Month



Hispanic Heritage Month was September 15 - October 15, 2024.

Did you know that 12% of Frederick County residents are Hispanic? And each person brings something invaluable to our community.

Here at the Council we chose to honor the heritage of some of our Hispanic learners through *this video*. We hope you enjoy and learn something new!

Thank you for sharing the diversity of your culture and the resilience of your people. Every story counts!

Learn More About Hispanic Heritage In Our Community

National Friends of Libraries Week October 20-26!

October 20-26 is National Friends of Libraries Week and here at the Council we are always excited to celebrate the magic that books can bring!

Our Office and Program Administrator, Jenna Caruso, recently took on the challenge of reorganizing our in-house library. This was no easy feat as this required her to account for 6000+ books!

Jenna was not shaken by the challenge and was able to successfully divide and conquer!

Did you know that you can check out books from our library? We invite you to visit



us and browse our collection. If you find a book you'd like to use for tutoring, class, or simply for enjoyment, our office administrators are ready to assist you with checking it out. We can't wait to say 'Hello!'

Thank you Jenna for investing your time and talents into helping us lift lives through literacy!



Join our Team!



Seeking An Executive Director

The Executive Director is primarily responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the Literacy Council. This person also works toward fulfilling its mission of increasing literacy in our community by serving more people and increasing its impact.

If you are a dynamic leader who thrives on growth and impact, we encourage you to apply!



Does this sound like you or someone you know?

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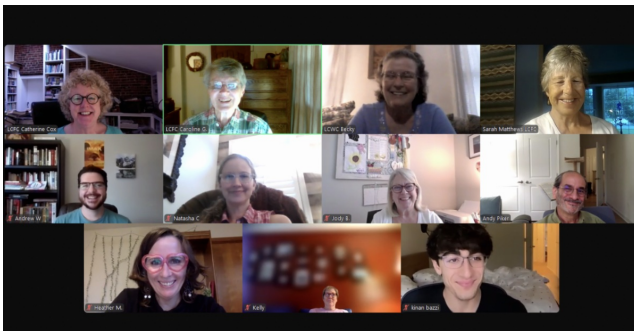
UPCOMING Events

Save These Dates!!

- Frederick Community College Virtual Information Night - Tuesday, October 30th 5:30pm - 6:30pm
- Celebration of Achievements Event - Monday, November 4th 6:00pm - 8:30pm
- Giving Tuesday - Tuesday, December 3rd
- Holiday Book Drive - Monday, November 15th - Friday, December 23rd

Check Out Our Events Calendar!

Recruiting Volunteer Tutors and Community Class Instructors



We are seeking **volunteer class instructors** with ESL teaching experience for our growing community class program. We are also recruiting **volunteer tutors** to work with adults one-to-one or in small groups. Tutoring and classes are

conducted in person as well as in virtual formats. You do not need previous experience. We will give you the training and teaching materials you need!

Join the Literacy Council to help adults in our community gain literacy skills!

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.

Attend a Volunteer Information Session

Tuesday, November 5, 2024, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 14, 2024, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Friday, November 22, 2024, 10:00 - 11:00 a.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, December 3 & 5, 2024, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. AND
Tuesday, December 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.

Volunteer Training Schedule

SPECIAL Thanks

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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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- Gifts of [Appreciated Securities](#) can provide tax advantages.
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- Consider a [Planned Gift](#) to the Literacy Council.
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- 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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