

DECEMBER 2024



[DONATE NOW](#)

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.

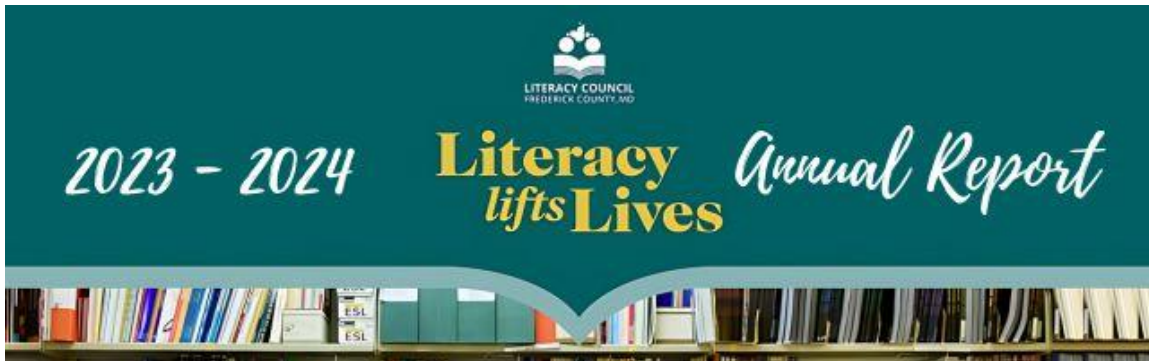
[About Us](#)

[Students](#)

[Volunteer](#)

[News](#)

[Contact](#)



As we enter the final weeks of 2024, take a moment to review our [Annual Report](#) highlighting some of the many achievements we have made over the 2023-2024 year.

We thank you for your incredible support and look forward to partnering with you in 2025 as we seek to expand our reach in our community, Lifting Lives Through Literacy.

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 Lift Lives!

LEARNER Spotlight

Meet: Magda and Hilary

A native of Venezuela, Magda came to the United States seven years ago. Magda and her tutor Hilary began working together in 2021.

"I am 75 years old," she says proudly, "and now I am learning a new language. My passion is to speak English. I feel American!" And with the help of her Literacy Council tutor, Hilary, she has, indeed, become an American.

Read more of Magda and Hilary's inspiring story in this month's [blog](#).



Learn More About Magda & Hilary Here

Holiday Children's Book Drive

PHOENIX MECANO



There Is Still Time To Participate In The Holiday Book Drive Through December 23!

This holiday season the Literacy Council is partnering with [ACNB Bank](#), [Phoenix Mecano](#), and [Curious Iguana](#) for our 18th



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. 15 - Dec. 23):

- 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!](#)

Learn More About The Holiday Book Drive

Still Lifting Lives Through Literacy Reflections of 2024



2024 - A Year In Review

How has literacy lifted your life this year?

Reflecting on the numbers from our annual report, we are humbled by the many hours of sacrifice our students, volunteers, and community has invested into helping to build up others through literacy.

We hope you enjoy this 2024 Reflection video as much as we did making it. Together, we have made such an impact in so many lives, and we look forward to making an even bigger impact.

See you in the New Year!

2024 Reflection Video

UPCOMING Events

Save These Dates!!

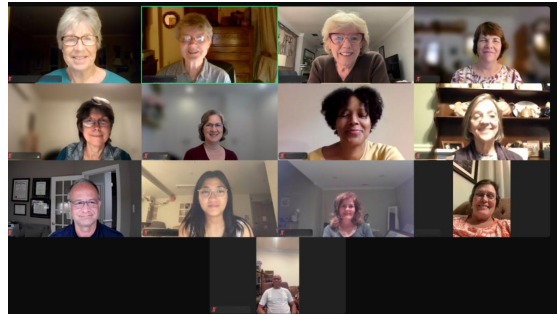
- Holiday Children's Book Drive - Monday, November 15th - Friday, December 23rd
- 2024 Holiday Book Fair - Friday, December 13th - Friday, December 20th
- **The Literacy Council Office will be closed Wednesday, December 25th - Wednesday, January 1st. We will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2025.**

Check Out Our Events Calendar!

Recruiting Volunteer Tutors and Community Class Instructors

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 in virtual formats.

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 Winter **Volunteer Training Schedule**. Please register [HERE](#) or contact us at: info@frederickliteracy.org.

Attend a Volunteer Information Session

**Friday, December 20, 2024, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, January 2, 2024 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, January 7 & 9, 2024, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. AND
Tuesday, January 14, 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.*

Volunteer Training Schedule

SPECIAL Thanks

2024 Grantors

Ausherman Family Foundation
City of Frederick
Crimsonbridge Foundation
Delaplaine Foundation
Frederick County Community Partnership
Love of Christ Foundation, Inc.
Maryland Department of Commerce, Office of Tourism
ProLiteracy's Literacy Opportunity Fund & National Book Fund
Rotary Club of Carroll Creek

The CarMax Foundation
The Community Foundation of Frederick County
The Helen J. Serini Foundation
The Joseph D. Baker Fund, Inc.
The Kahlert Foundation
The Laughlin Family Foundation
Tourism Council's Destination Development
United Way of Frederick County
William E. Cross Foundation
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



Looking for a previous issue? Check our [archive](#).



Literacy Council of Frederick County | 110 E. Patrick St. | Frederick, MD 21701 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!