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## LEARNER Spotlight

### Summer Book Club: *The Beekeeper of Aleppo*



This summer, the book club at the Literacy Council met for three sessions and tackled the heartbreaking story of Christy Lefteri's, *The Beekeeper of Aleppo*.

Lefteri's prose reads like poetry. She invites her readers to open their hearts and minds to understanding the agonizing circumstances that refugees find themselves in.

Literacy Council students met on Zoom for all three sessions, with a final culminating meetup at Delizia Cafe (see photo).

We are so proud of our learners who are already looking forward to the Winter book study.

Read What Participating Learners Had To Say

# VOLUNTEER Spotlight

## Meet Catherine: Our New Board President

### Catherine Mock

This month's Volunteer Spotlight focuses on our new Board President, Catherine Mock. Catherine participated on the Board as Vice President last year and is excited and enthusiastic about the year to come.

Specifically, Catherine is seeking ways to make our programs more effective using the "magic" of literacy. You can read more about Catherine's background and her passion for the work that we do in this month's [blog](#)



[Learn More About Catherine](#)

## Thank You For Helping Us Stuff The Bus!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's Stuff The Bus school supply drive!

This year's campaign was a huge success. 300 bins full of school supplies were generously donated by the community and picked up from 115+ unique Frederick County businesses to provide over 3,000 backpacks stuffed with school supplies to FCPS to distribute to their students!



A special thank you to all the volunteers and bus drivers who donated their time and energy on pick up day to help load and sort the supplies. Well done Frederick!

## See You Next Year At The Block Party!

We had so much fun greeting many of you at the Asbury UMC Block Party last month!

We always love the opportunity to share free children's books and other resources with

Frederick County community members. Special thanks to all of you who have donated children's books to make this possible for local children and their parents.

And thank you to Carroll Creek Rotary Club for providing us with a grant that allowed us to purchase a tent to help us stand out in the crowd and get our services to those who need it most!



Check out our upcoming events below to see where we will be next. We would love for you to stop by and say hi!



### Laurie Fisher: (Outgoing) Executive Director

"Together, with all the volunteers and supporters over the past sixty years, we have built a foundation that will continue to support and empower those we serve for years to come.

The Literacy Council will always hold a special place in my heart. I look forward to watching the organization grow and thrive."

Thank you Laurie for the ten year investment you have made into the lives in our community. We are forever grateful.

[Read Laurie's Farewell Here](#)

## PHP Shouts "Cheers" To Laurie's Retirement

One of our Workplace Literacy program partners, Plamondon Hospitality Partners, took the time to thank Laurie for all of her



instrumental contributions which helped make bringing the program to their employees a reality which began over five years ago.

We join them in saying "Cheers" to Laurie on her well-deserved retirement!

## UPCOMING Events

### *Save These Dates!!*

- "In The Streets" - Saturday, September 14th (11am - 5pm)
- RAK Brewing Fundraiser - Wednesday, September 18th (5:30pm - 7pm)

### Support Our Local Community

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or (301) 600-2066 if interested!**

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

## Attend a Volunteer Information Session

**Tuesday, September 3, 2024, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, September 24, 2024, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, October 10, 2024, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Friday, October 18, 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, September 10 & 12, 2024, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. AND**

**Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

**(Must attend all three sessions) Virtual.**

**OR**

**Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. AND**

**Monday & Wednesday, October 28 & 30, 2024, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

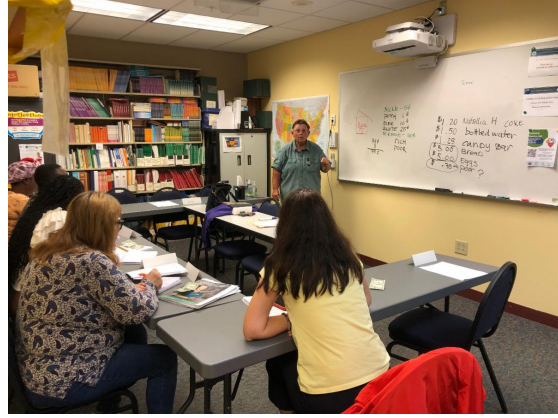
**(Must attend all three sessions) Virtual.**

*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](mailto:info@frederickliteracy.org). Orientations are conducted for instructors in preparation for upcoming class sessions.*

## Summer Classes Have Ended

We are so proud of how hard our learners have worked over the summer!

Stay tuned for our Fall class schedule that will come out in September offering beginner, intermediate, and advanced-level classes. Any questions, please contact LCFC's Office at [info@frederickliteracy.org](mailto: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 [Fall Volunteer Training schedule](#) below!***

## Volunteer Training Schedule

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



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