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It is [National Literacy Month](#)! We hope that this edition will encourage you to read and foster a love of reading amongst your loved ones. If you are not already, please consider becoming a sponsor and supporting our programs to help us Lift Lives Through Literacy within our community.

**LITERACY  
Spotlight**



# Parent Literacy Program



Founded in 2017 with three schools, the [Parent Literacy Program](#) has now doubled the size of its reach out to six Title I elementary schools, helping parents learn how to speak, write, and read in English.

We are currently serving 195 FCPS parents across all its programs!

Read more about our impact in this month's blog post.

[Read The Full Story Here](#)

## LITERACY Highlight



## Throwback: 60th Anniversary Ribbon Cutting!

Last year on International Literacy Day (September 8th), the [Frederick County Chamber of Commerce](#) honored the Literacy Council at a ribbon-cutting ceremony in recognition of sixty years of lifting lives through literacy in our community.



Read more about our ceremony as we walk through memory lane and consider what the next 60 years has in store!

[Read More About Our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony](#)

# Lifting Lives Through Literacy For Over Sixty Years! 1963-2024



Did you know that the legacy of the Literacy Council was started over 60 years ago as a ministry to serve the needs of seasonal migrant workers who were native English speakers within our community?

Learn more about the historical legacy of the Council and how we have worked over the years to lift lives through literacy serving so many within our community.

## UPCOMING Events

### *Save These Dates!!*

- Frederick Community Health Fair - Saturday, October 5th (9:00am - 3:30pm)

## 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 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

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.*

## Welcome Back to all our Fall Classes!

Welcome to all incoming fall class students! View our [Fall Class Schedule](#) to learn more about the Literacy Council's classes which include beginner, intermediate, and advanced-level classes. Classes run for 10 weeks until November. Our Winter class session will begin in January.



***Interested in teaching an ESL class at the Literacy Council?  
Check out our [Fall Volunteer Training schedule](#) below!***

## Volunteer Training Schedule

## SPECIAL Thanks

### 2024 Grantors

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



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