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As we enter the season of giving, we wanted to highlight just a few of the wonderful accomplishments so many of our learners have achieved this past year. Join us as we celebrate! If you are not already, please consider [supporting our programs](#) to help us *Lift Lives Through Literacy* within our community.

**FROM THE DESK
OF...Development**



Recently, the Literacy Council hosted its 10th annual Celebration of Achievements, which showcased the accomplishments of our adult students over the past year. As we reflect on the achievements of our students during this time, we also want to express our gratitude to those who have supported the Literacy Council through volunteering and donations this past year. Supporting adult literacy doesn't just impact individuals, it strengthens entire communities. And your ongoing support helps achieve this in Frederick County for the individuals that we serve.

Adult literacy programs help adults become active citizens, engaged parents, and capable employees. When you support adult literacy, you're helping to empower individuals and build a more resilient community for everyone.

Please consider making the gift of supporting adult literacy by contributing to the Literacy Council of Frederick County. Through the many ways to [donate](#), such as through [Giving Tuesday](#), one-time [donations](#), recurring donations, sponsorships, employer matching programs, and the gift of your time through volunteering, you can help adult learners in our community achieve their goals. And please remember that every gift, no matter the size, has the power to create positive change in our community.

For more information about the ways to support the Literacy Council, please contact [Maggie Clingman](#), Development Coordinator at mclingman@frederickliteracy.org or (301) 600-2055.

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VOLUNTEER Spotlight

Meet: Catherine Coundjeris



Catherine Coundjeris wears many hats! She is a volunteer coordinator, class instructor, and book club facilitator. But also very dear to her heart is the time she gives as an editor for the *Reflections: Voices of English Learners* magazine. Catherine started the magazine back in 2018. She believed that, beyond the Literacy Council's students, tutors, and staff, "*Reflections* would have an impact on people who are supporting the council and give them some insight into what we do here."

On October 17, an event allowing a continuation of the earlier *Reflections: Voices of English Learners* sixth edition launched in February was held at the Frederick News-Post. The evening provided student authors who hadn't read their stories during the earlier gathering the opportunity to do so.

Read more about Catherine's love for the magazine in this month's [blog](#).

Read More Reflections Magazines Here

LEARNER Spotlight

We Celebrate All Of Our Learners and Their Achievements!



The Literacy Council held its 10th Annual Celebration of Achievements event on November 4th at the Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ, a joyful occasion recognizing our adult learners who completed classes and accomplished milestones this past year. The evening was enjoyed by

students and their families, volunteer tutors and class instructors, and guests who were present to pay tribute. This year's Literacy Council's Business & Industry Partner in Literacy Award recipient was [Patriot Federal Credit Union](#). [ACNB Bank](#) and Ryan Franko were also recognized with the Parent Literacy Program award.

Holiday Children's Book Drive


PHOENIX MECANO



2024 Holiday Book Drive: November 15 - 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

Giving Tuesday is December 3rd!

#GivingTuesday is a global movement of generosity that is more vital in 2024 than ever. Join us on Tuesday, December 3rd, for a day dedicated to uplifting communities, empowering nonprofits, and celebrating kindness.

GIVING TUESDAY

Ready to make a contribution to support adult literacy programs?

Donate Now

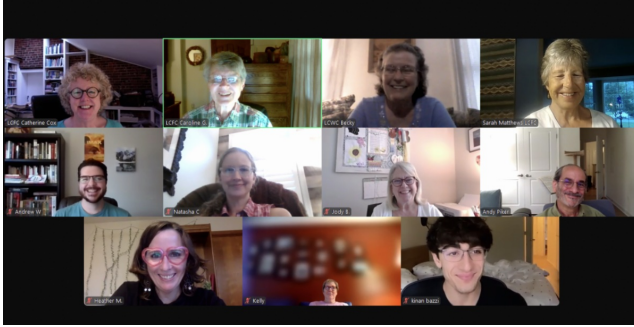
UPCOMING Events

Save These Dates!!

- 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

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. Orientations are conducted for instructors in preparation for upcoming class sessions.

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!

- 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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