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What is the Literacy Council? How Can the Literacy Council Help My Business?

The Literacy Council is a local mostly volunteer organization dedicated to improving the literacy in adults associated with Carroll County either as employees, residents or friends.

Improving literacy means:

- Increasing reading levels to better understand written words, directions
- Increasing math levels to better understand basic math concepts particularly in financial transactions- personal and business related
- Increasing spoken/written English for those not native English speakers
- Increasing work place certifications
- Increasing the ability to pass the written drivers' license test both class C and CDL

and more

Do you know someone who would like to advance but is held back because they need to communicate better or understand written material better?

Do you know someone who wants to enter an apprenticeship program and needs to pass the test?

Do you have employees who need to learn English to help your business? Or for their personal lives?

Example: The Literacy Council was contacted by Lehigh Cement regarding communication problems on their yard radios by employees who spoke with accents. Literacy tutors, Vicki Mayo and Kit McCullough, developed an intensive program, 5 days a week at the job site, which works on pronunciation clarity using radio transmitted language. Kudos to Vicki and Kit for their success.

We have a proven track record in helping in these areas and more. Our tutoring is free, one on one tutoring or classes, and available on a flexible time schedule. Tutors and employees meet at public locations like libraries, Literacy offices or business work sites.

At the 40th Anniversary of the Literacy Council

The Council received 2 awards, one from the Board of County Commissioners and a second from the state of Maryland recognizing the significant work it has accomplished in Carroll County.



The first was from the Board of County Commissioners of Carroll County and was presented by Stephen Wantz, president of the County Commissioners, and Dennis Frazier of the County Commission.

The proclamation noted that “literacy was a human right and is essential” in today’s world.



The second was awarded by Haven Shoemaker from the General Assembly of Maryland in recognition of “our continued commitment to the community”.

Our State Senator Justin Ready could not attend due to a previous commitment but sent this acknowledgement of the work we have done. “I’m sorry that I can’t be with you today for your 40th anniversary. I am awed thinking about the countless lives that you have changed. From Sister Rosalie in 1979 up to Edie Haschert and Sam Greenholtz, and all the amazing leaders and volunteers in between, your tremendous efforts are a big part of **why I am proud to call Carroll County my home.**”

PLEASE NOTE: We have split our newsletter distribution into 2 non-overlapping email lists. This one directed toward the community, and the other directed toward teaching and tutoring. If you wish to receive the tutoring version, please, call the office and you will be put on the other list.