

PALMETTO LITERACY COUNCIL

BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY THROUGH LITERACY



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A Message From The Director

Happy Valentine's Day!

We hope you have a lovely February full of hearts, friends, and loved ones! We made it through a very cold January (for you northerners who recently moved here-this was a cold one!) and we are looking forward to a beautiful, flower-filled spring!

This is a BIG THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who make Palmetto Literacy Council so successful and to those parents, family members or loved ones who get to your tutoring sessions on time and every time! Our volunteers appreciate you so much and so do we!

We have our Adult English Language Learner program getting close and look forward to rolling it out in February.

We want to thank Tom Branthover, Toys for Tots, and the Sons of the Shillelagh of the Carolina's for the beautiful new books they raised money for us to purchase and donated.

We also want to thank the St. Michael's Women's Guild for the books they donated. Our tutors now have plenty of books to select from when their students complete their binders and graduate from the program.

We want to congratulate Solana Sende on graduating from Palmetto Literacy Council as our first graduate of the year! Solana showed up and was excited to learn. It paid off for her and she now reports she likes to read!

Every month we are so grateful and excited to see our students progress and as a result learning to love reading or math. Your giving of time and donations helps us make this happen!

I'll be out of the office starting March 12, 2025, until, hopefully, tentatively back on March 19, 2025. I'm having knee replacement surgery on March 12 at MUSC and am hoping to be off heavy drugs soon after! I'm looking forward to a knee that works, walking, and bicycling.

Stay safe and healthy!

Dodi

Remember, our new address is: **1435 Cannon Road, #101, Myrtle Beach SC 29577**
([Click here](#) for a Google Map of this address)

Our Kids Are Making Progress!



This happy young man is **Braxton Simon**, smiling because he just received his first certificate for completing the "Reading Closely" Section of his Level 4 binder. He was pretty happy with the Ticonderoga pencils also!!



Claudia Parks completed section 2 of Smart Steps reading. Claudia is a pleasure to spend time with and seems to genuinely enjoy her sessions. Her progress is evident and she always brings her silly sense of humor to the table.

Donations

We are a nonprofit 501(c)(3). We use grants and donations to provide free tutoring for our children and adults in Horry County who struggle with basic reading, writing, and/or math. Thank you to all who have donated to our organization. Your donations have provided materials for our Volunteer Tutors to use and helped our students learn!

Due to our growth, we need funding to purchase computers, desks, and supplies. If you can, we would appreciate any help you could give us to continue to provide Horry County with high-quality, free tutoring. We are grateful for any donations. You can donate on the PLC website by [clicking here](#), or by clicking on the **Walmart Spark Good** website below.



We are registered for the Walmart SparkGood donation hub. Donors can purchase gift cards or other items we have listed to donate to our organization. This is the donation link on the Walmart website:

<https://www.walmart.com/registry/RR/36fa7082-9cde-489a-a5e8-4d31844ea9a1>

Solana Senne Graduated!



Solana Senne graduated! She's the first in 2025. We're so proud of her! Front row left to right: Jennifer Wingerter, Solana's Tutor; Solana Senne, our graduate, and Solana's sister with her tutor Deborah Young. In the back row are Tracye Watson, Volunteer Liaison for Socastee Library, Lee Brown, Head librarian at Socastee; Fortune Senne, Dad; another librarian; Promise Senne, Mom. The girls put on their graduation dresses for the occasion. It was a great celebration!



ADULT SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

Let's turn up the buzz about the **Adult Team Spelling Bee!** Do you want a night out to play and show off your spelling talent? Your spelling ability is not up to it? **There's a cash bar for beer and wine, a silent auction full of beautiful items, and a 50/50 raffle.**

The champions will have their names put on this beautiful trophy, possess the trophy to display in their offices and have total, outrageous bragging rights! This is a traveling trophy, so the champions will bring it to the next Spelling Bee to present it to the next champions or have their names as the champions put on the trophy for a second year and have to win it! We love competition!

We're also giving awards to the teams:

- Most Likely to Need a Tutor
- Best Team Name (send to dodi@palmettoliteracy.org after registration)
- Most Creative Team Attire
- Biggest Swarm – huge crowd
- Buzzing with Brilliance- the most dramatic or excitable spellers

We'll have some local celebrities judging the competition. It's going to be a loud buzz! Did we mention the cash bar for beer and wine, silent auction, and 50/50 raffle? Bring your cash, after all, you are helping to raise the literacy rates in Horry County!



The Adult Team Spelling Bee is like Team Trivia, only you are spelling as a team! If you want to see the rules, check out our website or the PDF attached to this email.

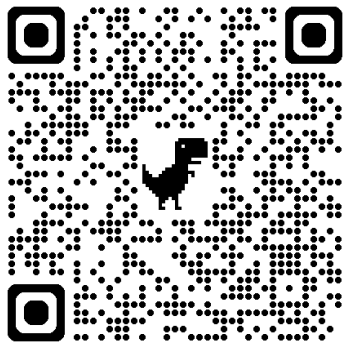
When: Thursday, February 27, 2025, 7:00pm -10:00pm

Where: Bluewater Resorts, 2001 S. Ocean Blvd, Myrtle Beach ([Google Map](#))

Compete by Registering: Teams (up to 4 players) \$250 and \$10 for those who want to watch the spellers try to outdo each other!

Register on the Palmetto Literacy Council website! Click Here:

<https://palmettoliteracy.networkforgood.com/events/68085-plc-1st-adult-team-spelling-bee>



Or use our QR code.

RULES of the game: See the attached PDF.

Here's what we need:

- **Teams** - Businesses can sponsor teams to compete for the Champion Horry County Spellers of the Year!
- **A committee** to get this done! We will meet on **Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room.**

Please contact dodi@palmettoliteracy.org if you would like to help or have a team!

First Friday Socials

Look for emails announcing the location of the **First Friday Socials** for Palmetto Literacy Council. This is a time for you to meet and get to know other PLC folks. We're talking about PLC, our focus here is to get to know each other! **Oh...it's happy hour too!** So, the next First Friday (first Friday of the month) is **FRIDAY, February 7, 2025**, then **FRIDAY, March 7, 2025**.



Our first First Friday was held on December 6th at Doesn't Matter Bar and Grill on 501 in Myrtle Beach. Three social butterflies attended, and Happy Hour was off and running.

For the next First Friday, we met on January 3rd. This time, we met at Kings Street Grille at Market Commons. Our attendance tripled and spouses were even brought along.

The February 7 meeting place will be the Crooked Rooster at 1125 Third Avenue in Conway.



It is the hope of PLC that you can attend some of these happy hours, and share some apps and cocktails while getting to know one another. All tutoring and no play make for a dull day!

Our Kids Are Making Progress!



Paulina Alvarez-Pintado completed the Read Closely section of the Level 2 binder.



Gracie Tilke finished the first section of her Level 2 binder, Reading Closely. Her Tutor is Susan Walters..



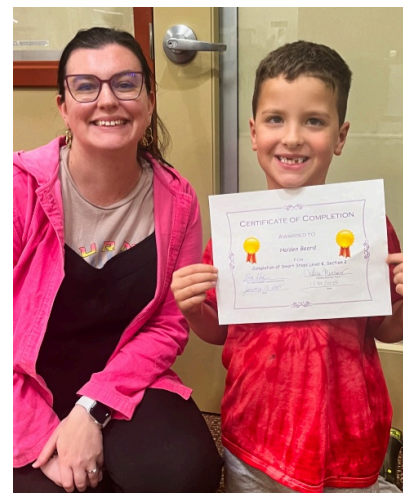
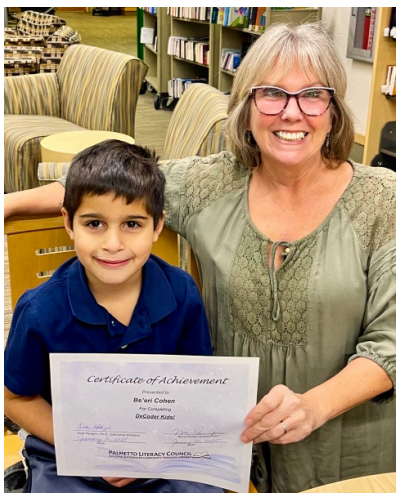
Adrain Armstrong completed Passages to Comprehension Level 5 Read Closely.

Volunteers

Want to give back to your community? It only takes 2 hours each week to tutor a child or adult who struggle with basic reading, writing, and/or math. We provide materials and training which are designed to meet the individual student's needs. We also provide training and opportunities to learn from other tutors (Tutor Talks).

If you can help, please attend one of our **Volunteer Orientation and Training** sessions or give the office a call (843) 945-9278. You can check when the Volunteer Orientation and Training sessions are scheduled on our [Calendar](#) on our website. We welcome you to bring friends to these sessions.

Our Kids Are Making Progress!



Hoden Beard received his certificate for reaching Smart Steps, Level 2. His tutor is Chelsea Murray.

This is **Be'eri Cohen** (student) and Nora Perron-Jones (Tutor). Be'eri is working very hard at learning to read English. He is a motivated student. We are very proud of his success.

Speaking Engagements

If you have a service organization and need speakers, we would be happy to provide your organization with information about the Palmetto Literacy Council. Contact us here:

Email: info@palmettoliteracy.org

Office Phone: [\(843\) 945-9278](tel:(843)945-9278)

Bill's Photo Tips for Tutors - Captions

Your student has achieved a milestone and you need to send a photo for the newsletter, the website, or the PLC Facebook page. Remember that the people receiving the photo may not know who's in the picture and may not know exactly what's going on. Please include one or two sentences that name the student, the tutor, and what level of achievement the certificate represents. Plus, anything else that's going on in the photo.

2025 Golf Scramble Announcement!



The **2025 PLC Golf Scramble** will take place at **Shaftesbury Glen Golf & Fish Club** on **June 14**. The course is located at 951 Shaftesbury Ln, Conway, SC. ([Google Map](#))

More information to come! Lots of competition and just plain old fun! Raffles, games, and more! We have sponsorships available for holes, the event, and even more.

Yes, we're putting together a **committee** for this event. We'll meet on **Wednesday, March 5, at 1:00 pm**.

Much more information will be coming over the next few months. Visit Shaftesburyglen.com for more course photos.

Dates to Note

You can always check the Calendar on the PLC website. [Click Here](#).

These events take place at the office,

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Our sign is above our entrance door. If you find yourself in front of a yellow building, that is the wrong building. We are in the brick and stucco building next door.

Tutor Talks

Tutors share ideas, ask for ideas, and get to know each other! Light refreshments.

Topic: Behaviors and Managing the Tutoring Session Effectively!

- Tuesday February 25, 2025, 6:00 pm
- Friday February 28, 2025, 10:00 am

Always a lot to learn and you get to meet fellow Tutors!

Volunteer Orientations and Training

If you know anyone interested in volunteering to tutor, please let them know about the

Volunteer Orientations and Training (VOT):

- Wednesday, February 5, 2025, 3:00 pm
- Tuesday, February 18, 2024, 5:30 pm

Our Mission:

The Palmetto Literacy Council's mission is to improve the literacy of youth and adults in our community by tutoring literacy skills for those who struggle with basic Reading, Writing and/or Math.

Donate Now!

If you've read this far, you're obviously interested in what we do. Your donation helps pay for student binders, office space, copy machines, paper, and much more. Please donate what you can today!

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