

PALMETTO LITERACY COUNCIL

BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY THROUGH LITERACY



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A Message From The Director

Hello Everyone!

I hope all is well with everyone! I'm back in the office full-time, affected by PT and continued doctor appointments. The knee is doing exceptionally well and the arm is slowly creeping back into place. Except for the stomach bug last Friday, I'm ready to make things happen!

We're changing our office hours this summer! We'll be open 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. On Fridays, we will be open 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Welcome **Sabrina Taylor** as our new Adult English Language Learner (ELL) Program Manager. She comes to us having worked with ELL students and adults. She also brings expertise in curriculum design. We are so excited about having her on our team!

The **Golf Scramble** will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2025, at the Shaftesbury Glen Golf and Fish Club in Conway. September is International Family Literacy Month, and we'll definitely celebrate literacy at this event! Ellen has a plan ready to go, and meetings started on Tuesday, April 29. Look for more information about meeting times and dates for the committee meetings. The more, the merrier!

We are still looking for someone to help as a **Volunteer Screening Coordinator**. The Screening Coordinator will work with JoAnne Murray, who is our fabulous Screening Coordinator and is doing it as one person. We probably need three. For you former or current educators, we use Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System (BAS) for reading. (It is like a running record). I'd be happy to discuss this volunteer position with you just email, text or call me: dodi@palmettoliteracy.org or [843-685-5863](tel:843-685-5863).

Stay safe and healthy!

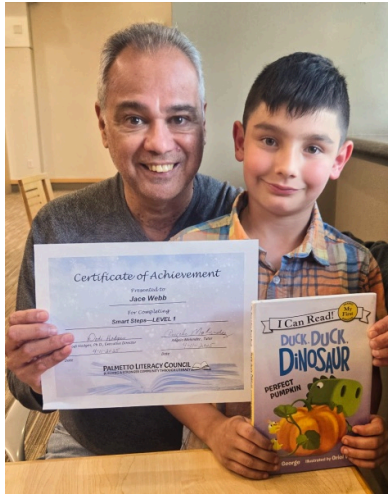
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Remember, our new address is: **1435 Cannon Road, #101, Myrtle Beach SC 29577**
([Click here](#) for a Google Map of this address)

Our Kids Are Making Progress!



Paulina Alvarez Pintado completed the *Determine Key Concepts* section of her level 2 binder. Her tutor is Nancy Glynn.



Jace Webb completed his last book for the 1st grade binder. He begins the new binder next week. His tutor is Angelo Melendez.



London Selwa has completed *Passages to Comprehension, Level 2 - Determine Key Concepts*. London is working hard to improve her writing when answering questions in complete sentences. Her tutor is Kathy Coulom.

North Strand Optimist Club Donation



Dodi was invited to speak at the **North Strand Optimist Club** on December 18, 2024. They were a great group with lots of questions about what our volunteers do for our community. **Rand Waller**, Club President, presented this generous gift to PLC in honor of the work we do to improve the literacy rates in Horry County.

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>

Sennie Sande Graduates!



We want to congratulate **Sennie Sande** on graduating from Palmetto Literacy Council as our fourth graduate of the year! It is so exciting. Sennie is quite the reader, and she is working hard to complete her 20 minutes of reading a day—and it is showing!

In the photo, Sennie holds her latest certificate, *Passages to Comprehension, Level 2*. Her tutor is Deborah Manning.

Meet Sabrina Taylor, Our New Program Manager for Adult ELL

We're excited to welcome **Sabrina Taylor** as our new **Program Manager for Adult English Language Learners!** With over 20 years of experience in education, Sabrina brings a wealth of knowledge and passion for language learning. She has taught Spanish, Language Arts, Reading, and ESOL at every grade level from kindergarten through 12th grade.

She holds certifications in Spanish and ESOL in both South Carolina and Georgia, and earned her Master's in Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment in 2015. Her approach is grounded in the belief that language is a bridge to opportunity, connection, and confidence.

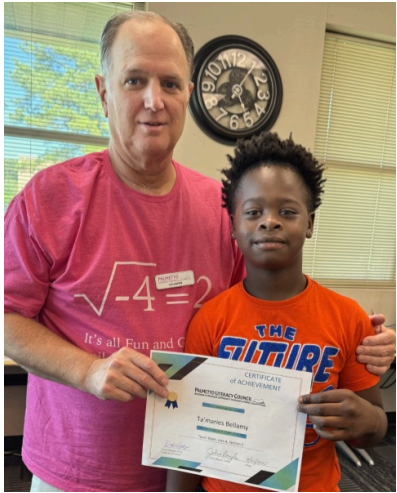
Sabrina has lived in the U.S. for nearly 12 years and recently relocated to Myrtle Beach, where she is enjoying her new chapter by the coast.

She is a proud parent to an almost 21-year-old and lives a full, creative life outside of work. She is a published author and visual artist who runs her own art business and enjoys painting as a form of self-expression and reflection. Her passion for art and mental health, and wellness also led her to create a reverse coloring book series titled *I Draw the Lines: Reverse Coloring for Mindfulness*.

Fun Fact: Sabrina is originally from Jamaica and loves bringing a global perspective to everything she does, plus, she is an amazing chef!



Our Students Are Making Progress!



Ta'maries Bellamy received his certificate for *Touch Math, Unit A, Section 2*. His tutor is John Boyle.

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!

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! Here's a photo from the April First Friday Social. In the photo are Sue Walters, Katie Minehan, Polly Putortik Nora Perron-Jones, Joanne & John Cherry, and first timer Jeffrey Pickens.



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.

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:

2025 Golf Scramble Announcement!



The **2025 PLC Golf Scramble** will take place at **Shaftesbury Glen Golf & Fish Club** on **September 13**. 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. **The next Golf Committee meeting is May 21, 11 AM at the PLC office.** Look for an email from **Ellen Sycks**, Director of Philanthropy and Communications, or let her know you would like to help. ellen@palmettoliteracy.org, or call her, Ellen's office: [\(843\) 839-9102](tel:(843)839-9102).

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!

May Topic: TBD

- Monday, May 26, 2025, 6:00 pm
- Friday, May 30, 2025, 10:00 am

Volunteer Orientations and Training

If you know anyone interested in volunteering to tutor, please let them know about the Volunteer Orientations and Training (VOT).

- Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 5:30 pm
 - Thursday, May 29, 2025, 3:00 pm
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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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