

PALMETTO LITERACY COUNCIL

BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY THROUGH LITERACY



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A Message From The Director

Happy June! The beginning of summer is officially here!

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.

It is official! We will open our new Adult English Language Learner (ELL) Program on June 16! We will need tutors and students. Please contact us to get started!

We welcome our two new volunteer Screening Coordinators, **Dr. Betty Brown** and **Dr. Noreen McAloon**. Betty is a former professor at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, and Noreen is a retired reading specialist from Horry County Schools. They join JoAnne Murray as Screening Coordinator extraordinaire! We would especially like to thank JoAnne Murray and Veronica DeCicco for providing Betty and Noreen with outstanding guidance on our screening tools.

We are looking for Volunteer Liaisons at the Chapin Library, Carolina Forest Library, and North Myrtle Beach/Little River libraries. If you are interested in this position, please contact me and I'll send you a job description. We would like someone with some education background and/or experience with our program.

Stay safe and healthy!

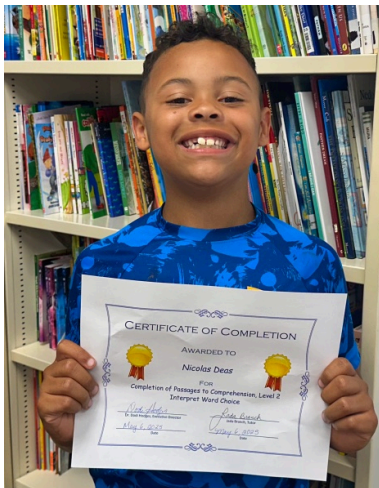
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Remember, our new address is: **1435 Cannon Road, #101, Myrtle Beach SC 29577** ([Click here](#) for a Google Map of this address)

Our Kids Are Making Progress!



Nathalia Capuzzi has worked hard to become a



Nicolas Deas completed another section of his binder!



Claudia Parks has completed her first reading

better learner and reader, and the completion of this unit is a testament to her efforts. Congratulations, Nathalia!

His tutor was Jada Branch, a CCU student who completed her academic year. Nicolas and Jada enjoyed working together, and Nicolas's reading has improved! Nicolas was paired with a new tutor, Tori. He's very excited.

binder. She is a wonderful student and is excited to continue with our next step.

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>

Our Kids Are Making Progress!



Sawyer Campbell received his certificate for reaching *Level 2 - Read Closely*. His tutor is Heather Sussman-Johnson.



Bryana Hipkins received her certificate for completing *Smart Steps - Level K*. She is learning, and we are very proud of her accomplishment. Her tutor is Lee Doty.



Ta'maries Bellamy is just getting started and is already showing progress! He has completed his Touch Math binder. Ta'marie's tutor is John Boyle.

Meet Lana Miller, Our Data Entry Coordinator

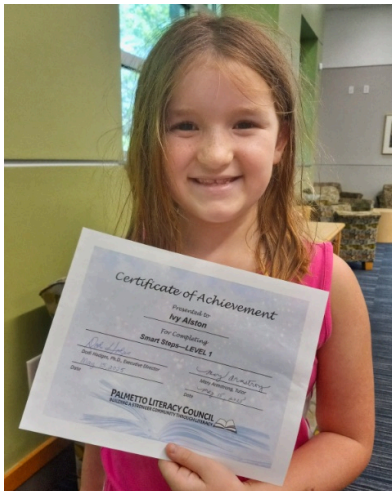
Lana Miller is our part-time Data Entry Coordinator at Palmetto Literacy Council. Two years ago, she came to us asking if she could volunteer with “back-end” administrative work. Lana was trained on how to enter data in the Laces Database and is now our in-house data specialist.

Lana tracks our volunteers, students, pairings, waitlists, and monthly reports. When she started two years ago, PLC had about 30 students and monthly reports. She currently tracks 75 students and monthly reports, which reflect the growth that PLC is experiencing. Lana was officially hired in February and is a vital member of our staff.

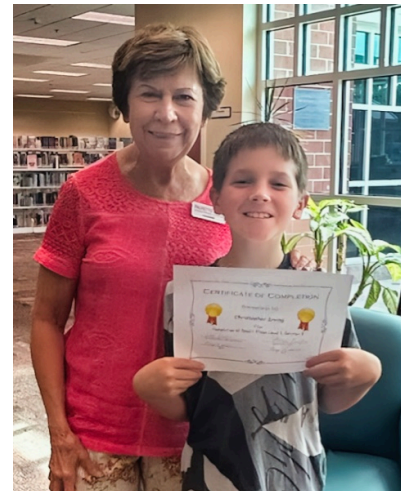
Lana is married, has four cats, and is an avid reader. She also volunteers for the North Myrtle Beach Sea Turtle Patrol. Additionally, Lana has her own business as a personal trainer.



Our Kids Are Making Progress!



Ivy Alston has a great smile and sense of humor. She gets quite animated when defining vocabulary words. She also enjoys sight word flash cards. It was great how she took on these challenges. Ivy's tutor is Mary Armstrong.



Christopher Irving is in the Grade 1 Binder, and the certificate is for the Third Section. His tutor is Mona Prufer. Christopher is a hard-working reader! We are proud of his success!

First Friday Socials

Memorial Day Weekend is over, and summer has officially begun!! Our next First Friday Happy Hour will be **Friday, June 6th, from 4:00 to 6:00-ish pm.**

This month, we're going to hit the north end of the Grand Strand and meet at **SOHO Steak and Seafood Sushi Bar** located at [214 Main Street, North Myrtle Beach](#). [Note: this is not the SOHO location you see on Hwy. 17 in Restaurant Row, Myrtle Beach] Happy Hour menu includes \$5.00 sushi rolls as well as other appies ranging from \$6-\$8.

This social event is a great way to get to know your fellow tutors at PLC in a relaxed, informal atmosphere while enjoying your favorite beverage and a bite. Please RSVP to Sue Walters at swalters@palmettoliteracy.org or text/call [631-786-5088](tel:631-786-5088) so we know to look for you!!

If you can't make it this month, look for information about July's get-together. And let us know if you have a venue you'd like to meet at for future First Fridays.

Hope to see you on the 6th!

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:

Email: info@palmettoliteracy.org

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

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 June 18, 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,

1435 Cannon Road, #101, Myrtle Beach SC. ([Google Map](#))

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!

- **Wednesday, June 25, 2025, 6:00 pm**
- **Friday, June 27, 2025, 10 am** (coffee and treats)

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, June 10, 2025, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**
- **Thursday, June 26, 2025, 5:30 pm – 7:30 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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