

PALMETTO LITERACY COUNCIL

BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY THROUGH LITERACY

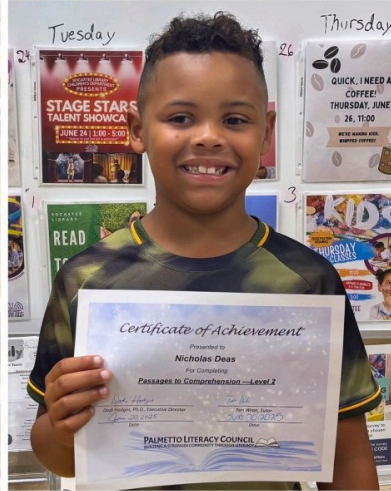


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Our Kids Are Making Progress!



Ta'maries Bellamy received his certificate for *Math Binder MT-02 Chapter Clock*! He works with tutor John Boyle at the library in Little River.



Nicholas Deas is an outstanding student who has completed *Passages to Comprehension, Level 2*, and is now embarking on a new adventure, starting *Passages to Comprehension, Level 3*! His tutor is **Tori Wran**.



Claudia Parks has completed *Section 1* in her *Level 2 Binder*. She is a great student and a pleasure to work with. Her sparkling personality makes tutoring fun!

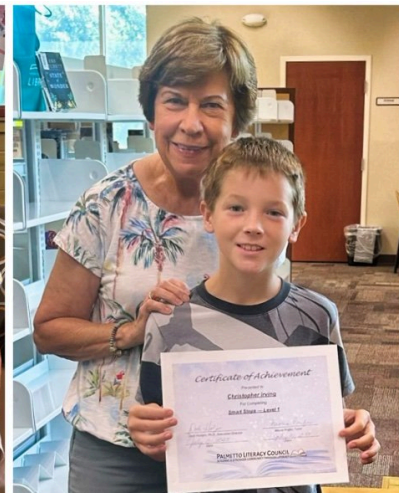
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Kali Borjas now does a great job of sounding out most words with little to no guidance. She is reading at a much faster pace and has



London Selwa completed 2nd grade Analyze Text Elements. London has a positive attitude and is eager to learn. She asks great



We're so proud of **Christopher Irving** for completing a binder! He has moved up to the next binder, and we know he will be a

improved in her comprehension. Her tutor is Taylor Dawson.

questions when she reads nonfiction passages. London's tutor is Kathy Coulom.

great success. His tutor is Mona Prufer.

Our Students Are Making Progress!



Mr. Willie Scott received his certificate for achieving the goal of completing the *Level 2 Binder*. His tutor is Barbara Rothfork.



Aubrey Lorusso continues to progress through the binder. We believe in slow and steady. Her tutor is Carol Oldroyd.

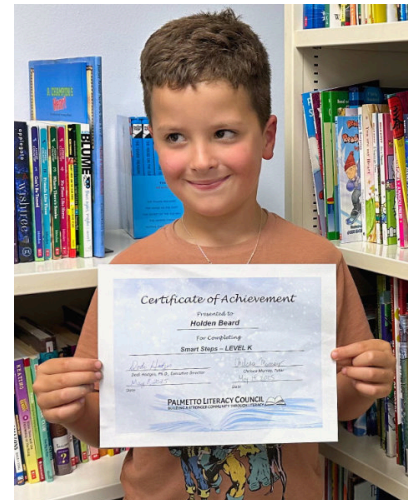


Paulina Alvarez-Pintado received a certificate for completing the *Analyze Text Elements* section of her Level 2 binder. Her tutor is Nancy Glynn.

Our Kids Are Making Progress!



Blake Williams has earned a certificate for completing his second section in his reading curriculum binder with his tutor, Patricia Jabonaski. Blake has demonstrated great improvement in his reading and writing. Keep your



Holden Beard completed Smart Steps, Level K. Ms. Chelsea Murray was his tutor. She was so impressed with Holden's effort and growth!

wonderful smile and keep up the good work, Blake.

Dr. Dodi Hodges Appeared on Grand Strand Today

On July 6, **Dr. Dodi Hodges** was interviewed about the new English Language Learner Program by **Destiny Kennedy** for an episode of *WMBF News Grand Strand Today*. It aired for the first time on Friday, July 25. You can watch the interview [here](#).



Aryia Anderson Graduates from PLC!



Aryia Anderson and **Anita**, Aryia's mom, celebrated Aryia graduating from PLC on Tuesday, July 15, 2025. **Ms. Delilah**, Aryia's tutor, **Ms. Lois**, the volunteer liaison at Conway Library, and **Dr. Hodges** all joined the celebration! We're very proud of Aryia and know she will continue to read every day!



2025 Golf Scramble Announcement!



Hey Golfers! Join us at **Shaftesbury Glen Golf and Fish Club** for our 5th Annual Golf Scramble on **Saturday, September 13 from 7:30am-2:30pm**. All funds raised at this exciting event are used to support PLC's literacy programs.

Early Bird Special - Foursomes are \$400 and \$100 Individuals through August 15th. Lunch and breakfast included. Also, Mulligans are available on-line or at the course on the day of the event.

Sign Up Now! [Click Here!](#)

Please contact Ellen Sycks at [\(843\) 839-9102](tel:8438399102) or ellen@palmettoliteracy.org if you have questions or need additional information.

And More!

As of August 1, 2025, Palmetto Literacy Council is 6 years old!

The Adult English Language Learner program paired its first adult student with a Volunteer Tutor. Jack Peacock is the Volunteer Tutor, and Lourdes Martinez Leal is the student.

The Adult Team Spelling Bee committee is planning...come join.

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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!

We are grateful for any donations. You can donate on the PLC website by [clicking here](#).

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 Ellen Sycks at [\(843\) 839-9102](tel:8438399102) or ellen@palmettoliteracy.org

A Message From The Director



"Every student needs someone who says, simply, 'You mean something. You count.' "
(Tony Kushner, playwright)

Every student at Palmetto Literacy Council has a Volunteer Tutor who says this to them at every session in one way or another. We teach our students the skills they have missed or never received so that they can succeed in reading, writing, or math. Our volunteers dedicate two hours every week, spending time preparing for each session to encourage our students to achieve success.

We change lives and families to help our students become better students, employees, and community members. We are forever grateful to our community for their support through volunteer work and generous donations. You are making a difference.

On August 1, we celebrate our sixth year of being open! Thank you! Thank you for all of the smiles you bring to our students' faces as they learn to read! Also, to the smiles you bring to their families, as the students' confidence grows, and they begin to read on their own.

Stay safe and healthy!

Dodi

Volunteers

We have almost our largest number of students being tutored. We still have close to 40 students on the waitlist. We are looking for volunteers!

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. The next VOT sessions are listed below. We welcome you to bring friends to these sessions.

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](#))

Volunteer Orientations and Training

If you know anyone interested in volunteering to tutor, please let them know about the Volunteer Orientations and Training (VOT). We're willing to work with someone on a different date if these don't work.

- Tuesday, August 5, 2025, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- Tuesday, August 19, 2025, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, September 10, 2025, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- Tuesday, September 23, 2025, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Announcements for **Tutor Talks** will come in an email directly to the tutors.

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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