

PALMETTO LITERACY COUNCIL

BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY THROUGH LITERACY



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Palmetto Literacy Council Day In Conway



Conway Mayor Barbara J. Blain and the Conway City Council proclaimed October 6, 2025, as *Palmetto Literacy Council Day* in Conway!

We are delighted that Mayor Blain and the City Council appreciate the work of all our volunteers, Board Members, and staff, and support our literacy programs!

Pictured with Mayor Blain are PLC Board Member **Tonya Robinson** and PLC Founder and Executive Director **Dr. Dodi Hodges**.

Holden Beard graduates from PLC!

Holden's graduation was full of excitement and jubilation. Attending the event were Holden's twin brother, his Mom and Dad, Ms. Chelsea Murray-Tutor, Ms. Joanne Murray, Volunteer Liaison, Madison Enderle, CCU Intern, and Dr. Dodi Hodges, Executive Director.





Our Students Are Making Progress!



Congratulations to **Thomas Maynard**, who just completed Milestone 1 of his Reading tutoring! Tom has been making great strides in vocabulary, finding inferences, and using text evidence! His penmanship has also improved! Keep up the great work! Thomas's tutor is Matthew Harlow.



Ta'maries Bellamy received his certificate for completing *Mammoth Math, Level 2, Chapter 5*. His tutor is John Boyle.



This is **Braylen Lucky's** first certificate. He is so happy. Braylen's tutor is Stephanie Chaharbaghi.



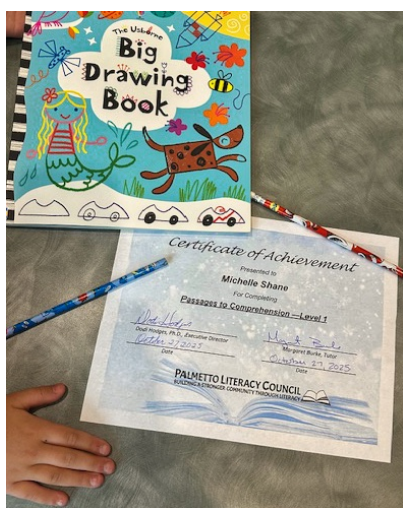
Congratulations to **Jeremiah Smith** for completing the Read Closely section! His hard work and positive attitude have helped him become an even stronger, more thoughtful reader. Jeremiah's tutor is Martin Ryan.



Mr Scott is proceeding with his lessons so well! His tutor is Barbara Rothfork.



Greysen Rapazzo has completed *Smart Steps - Level 1*. His tutor is Carol Westbrook.



Michelle Shane is an absolute delight. She is a ball of unbridled energy, creativity, and joy. She received her certificate for completing *Passages to Comprehension - Level 1*. Michelle's tutor is Margaret Burke.

Our students progress in their reading and math journey by filling out the worksheets and assignments in a thick 3-ring binder. These binders are fairly expensive to create because each student starts with a new one. You can help PLC with the cost by making a donation. [Click here to donate!](#)



South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster announced the activation of the **Central Carolina Community Foundation's One SC Fund** and directed the South Carolina State Guard to assist food banks across the state in response to the upcoming halt of federal SNAP benefits. [Click here to read more](#) about this story at WPDE News.

PLC Visits Medieval Times!

These are some photos from the **Treats for Special Kids** held on Halloween morning at **Medieval Times**. PLC handed out books and gummy bears to children and adults who are differently abled. The event had around 1,000 participants.

Our volunteers manned the booth - **Lois Wood** (Cat in the Hat), **Gail Arsenault** (Hippie), **Toni-Marie D'Ambrosio** (Pink Fairy), and **Erica Erwin-Corntassel** (Spider Lady). Board member **Tonya Robinson** stopped by to say hi - she was manning the Junior League Table.



Our Second Annual Adult Spelling Bee is Coming!



ADULT SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

The Adult Team Spelling Bee committee is planning...come join!
Contact Ellen Sycks at [\(843\) 839-9102](tel:8438399102) or ellen@palmettoliteracy.org

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:(843)839-9102) or ellen@palmettoliteracy.org

Toys for Tots

We have a **Toys for Tots** box at the office. We are collecting new, unwrapped toys to be distributed to kids this Christmas.

Sliding Fee

We have implemented a sliding scale tuition fee for students starting September 1. **Our current students and those who have completed their screenings will not be a part of this new program**, unless they would like to help us out. Tuition fees for PLC tutoring services are \$50/hour, unless the student is in the Sliding Scale Tuition Fee program. In that case, the fees will be from free to \$10/hour, \$20/hour, \$30/hour, or \$40/hour, paid monthly, and dependent on family income.

A Message From The Director



Hello!

We hope all of you are enjoying our beautiful, new autumn season and give thanks for all the truly good things that have arrived for you, your family, and friends. We are eternally grateful to all of our volunteers and staff who make Palmetto Literacy Council the stellar organization that it is. We've had a few Volunteer Orientations that the people attending have said they observed you tutoring and decided they wanted to tutor. THANK YOU!

We are slowly and surely refining the Sliding Scale Tuition Fee program. It will be good for PLC, and I think students/families who can afford to pay the small tuition payments understand that this is what we need for the organization to continue.

We are excited to announce that Margaret Burke is our new Volunteer Liaison at the Socastee Library! She is a joy to work with and will be very helpful.

Stay safe and healthy!

Dodi

Volunteers

We have almost our largest number of students being tutored. We still have over 50 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,

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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.

- Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
- Monday, November 17, 2025, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, December 3, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
- Wednesday, December 17, 3:00 pm to 5:00 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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