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# PALMETTO LITERACY COUNCIL



*Building a Stronger Community Through Literacy*



## ADULT SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

**LIKE GROUP TRIVIA – BUT IT'S SPELLING!**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026**

**7:00 – 10:00 PM**

FOOD CASH BAR RAFFLES  
50/50 SILENT AUCTION

**AT BLUEWATER RESORT**

2001 S Ocean Blvd Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

**To Register Your Team**

**or Join the Audience, [CLICK HERE!](#)**

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Spelling Bee judges include Myrtle Beach Mayor Mark Kruea, Matt Pivarnik, CEO of Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, Pam Dawson of the Horry

County School Board, and Destiny Kennedy, anchor and producer of WMBF's Grand Strand Today.

Join the Spelling Bee Fun! [Click Here!](#)



### Our Students Are Making Great Progress!



Mila



Haleigh



Braylen



I'll bee seeing you!



Nathalia



Lina



Kimeyah



Willie

Your donation  
helps these  
students  
progress.

Please  
Donate Now

Six-year-old Mila Brock's goal is to learn how to read in order to get a job at McDonald's and eat burgers and fries when she is older! We are also talking

about other career goals during our sessions! Mila's tutor is Toni Marie D'Ambrosio.

**Haleigh Tripp** is smart, inquisitive and always gives 100% as we work together to improve her reading skills. Our sessions give both of us plenty of smiles and a feeling of accomplishment. Haleigh's tutor is Lois Wood.

**Braylen Lucky** completed Section 3 of reading binder R1-04. He has made great progress in his reading and comprehension. Braylen's tutor is Stephanie Chaharbaghi.

**Nathalia Capuzzi** has worked hard completing the Reading Closely section of her binder. She established goals at the beginning of the section and met them all. She is proud of herself, as are her parents! Her tutor is Katie Minehan.

**Lina Charkir** is making good progress and is a pleasure to work with.

**Kimeyah Greene** is working hard and staying focused as she learns new skills. She's making steady progress and should be proud of her effort.

**Willie Scott** is making great progress. He's achieving certificates two at a time!



#### Amazon Wish List

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### Volunteer Opportunities

We have several opportunities for volunteering with Palmetto Literacy Council. We still have 45 students on the Waitlist. We need Volunteer Tutors. Please let your friends and neighbors know about us! Look for the dates/times for Volunteer Orientation and Training sessions lower in this newsletter. Specifically, we need volunteers for:

- Fundraising

- Attending events to talk about PLC
- Planned Giving Committee,
- Volunteer Liaisons (checking in on students and volunteers to make sure they have what they need to succeed).
  - Co-Volunteer Liaison at the Socastee Library
  - Co-Volunteer Liaisons, two, at the Carolina Forest Library
  - Co-Volunteer at Surfside Beach Library
  - Volunteer Liaison at the North Myrtle Beach/Little River Libraries.

**Grant Writers.** This position may evolve into a paid, part-time position.

Please contact Ellen Sycks at [\(843\) 839-9102](tel:8438399102) or [ellen@palmettoliteracy.org](mailto:ellen@palmettoliteracy.org) if you would like to volunteer!



## A Message From Our Director

**Happy Valentine's Day!**

Our students are progressing! We are so proud of them. We have a couple of graduations coming up soon, too! What is a graduation from PLC all about? We invite the students, their families, the tutor, the Volunteer Liaisons, and the librarians to join us in celebrating the students' achievement of reading or doing math at grade level.

Graduates receive a framed certificate, a set of books, and we all get to have treats! It is very exciting, and we cannot express our gratitude enough to the parents who bring their children regularly to tutoring or the adults who show up for every session! We are grateful to our volunteers who do the work to help our students become so successful! We are building a stronger community through literacy!

### Adult Team Spelling Bee

Our Adult Team Spelling Bee to be held on Saturday, March 7, at 7 pm, is coming together with teams already signing up. This event will be even more fun than last year's event.

We have Ed Piotrowski as the Emcee and lots of other surprises, including additional competitions within the



## Spelling Bee.

The Long Bay Symphony is providing a gong and a “gongalier” (not a real word – a gong player is a percussionist). We will gong those teams that misspell words. (Remember the [Gong Show!](#)?)

Let’s see what auto-correct has done to your spelling! Of course, there will be adult beverages available for purchase to make the competition a little more interesting! Join as a team or join the audience. [Click here!](#)

Thank you to our community for stepping up and giving your support to Palmetto Literacy Council! You are making a difference in families’ lives all across Horry County!

We hope you will be our Valentine! Stay Safe, Healthy, and Warm!

## *Dodi*



## Volunteer Orientation and Training

All VOT takes place at our office at  
1435 Cannon Road, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

[Google Map](#)

- Tuesday, **February 10**, 2026, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- Wednesday, **February 25**, 2026, 5:30 pm -7:30 pm
- Wednesday, **March 11**, 2026, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- Tuesday, **March 24**, 2026, 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.*

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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