



# Cape Fear Literacy Council

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## Student Success!



"Barry" reads with so much more confidence than when we first started working together. He seems to believe in his ability to figure out new words on his own.

He is reading much more quickly and fluidly and can easily tackle long passages that would have intimidated him earlier this year. He reads on his phone often and brings me new words he has encountered and finds unfamiliar. Usually, he can sound them out correctly on his own! We have read several chapters of a book together.

He is also helping his kids with school work, which is terrific since that was his primary motivation for coming to CFLC.

—AL Tutor

[How to Become a Student at CFLC](#)

## Staff Spotlight



Alesha Edison Westbrook has been promoted to Director of Communications for Cape Fear Literacy Council. In her role, she plans and directs marketing and communications for CFLC to promote programs, events, and initiatives, and to advocate for the organization's mission. Edison Westbrook is also instrumental in supporting and expanding the Council's fund development efforts.

Alesha joined the staff at CFLC in 2016 as the Non-instructional Volunteer Coordinator and has more than 15 years of marketing, communications, and development experience.

Congratulations, Alesha!

[Read Alesha's latest Insights Articles](#)



Jennifer Holden has accepted a position as a Family Specialist at Johnson Pre-K with New Hanover County Schools and is leaving her role as Program Assistant with the Literacy Council.

"I would like to thank all of you for the kindness and support you have given me during my few months working with CFLC," she shared in a message to tutors. "I have very much enjoyed meeting so many of you in person and appreciate the time that you have donated to our students. You are an inspiration to me and I hope to return to CFLC in the future as a volunteer."

Those with ESL or Adult Literacy questions or concerns are asked to contact Program staff:

[Nicole Wolf-Camplin](#), Adult Literacy Coordinator  
[Joanne Cheng](#), ESL Coordinator  
[Nancy Woolley](#), CFLC Program Manager

We wish Jennifer the best in her new role!

## Welcome Our New Board President



The Cape Fear Literacy Council is pleased to introduce our new Board President, Alexandra (Alex) Umstead-Wrenn, long-time tutor, supporter, Board member, and friend of the organization. Umstead-Wrenn served as the Executive Board's Vice-President from 2020-2021 and will succeed past Board President Blair Kutrow.

In addition to her years of involvement with the Council, Alex's extensive experience in health and human services and knowledge of the Wilmington Community as Vice-President of Closing with LiveOak Bank add tremendous value to her position as head of the Board.

Umstead-Wrenn will lead the continuing partnership between the Executive Board and CFLC's staff in her new role, leveraging her connections and business acumen to advise on strategy across CFLC's various initiatives and programs.

Welcome, Alex!

[More about Alex](#)

## Calendar of Events

### Book Collection and Sale

Gently used books collected through 1/25 with book sale on January 26th at Hi-Wire Brewing.

[Event Info and RSVP](#)



### Train to be a Tutor

Sign up for Adult Literacy workshop in March.

[Learn more and register](#)

### 2022 TUTOR TRAINING WORKSHOPS

ADULT LITERACY TRAINING:  
MARCH 7, 10 & 14, 1 TO 4 PM



### 2022 Luncheon for Literacy

Featuring North Carolina Poet Laureate, Jaki Shelton Green, May 19 at Watermark Marina.

[Save the Date](#)



### CFLC Book Club

Our programs are reading *The House on Mango Street* with the NEA Big Read: Cape Fear -- and YOU can,

too!

[Join The Big Read!](#)

Simple Ways to Support Our Mission ... for FREE!



We believe that our advocates, volunteers, and supporters trust the Cape Fear Literacy Council to help adults in our community achieve their goals -- and that **you are committed to helping us** provide them with the resources they need to succeed.

Monetary donations make a tremendous difference, and we appreciate your contributions! There are also many additional ways to make a personal and positive impact on our programs -- from donating your books, to writing online reviews -- **every action counts.**

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Set Up Amazon Smile!

THANKS to YOU!



With your continued support, adults in our community are achieving high-impact goals and accomplishing their dreams!

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