

CELEBRATING SUCCESS!

The fall season is upon us (though the temperature doesn't feel quite cool enough for me yet!) Our new year is off to a tremendous start with a rising demand for our adult services and the continuing success of our Reading Soul Mates program. We're growing our volunteer base and grateful for the ongoing community support. Here at GLC we see the power of literacy everyday!

Deana Murphy, Director

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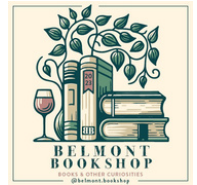
Fall 2025 Newsletter

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Get Involved this Fall

- **Volunteer with Us:** Become a tutor or reading buddy - a small investment of time makes a large impact.
- **Wish List:** We welcome donations of pens, pencils, notebook paper, dry erase markers and erasers, Amazon or office supply gift cards
- **Monthly Giving:** Join our *Literacy Leaders Circle* by pledging ongoing monthly support.



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Student Spotlight:

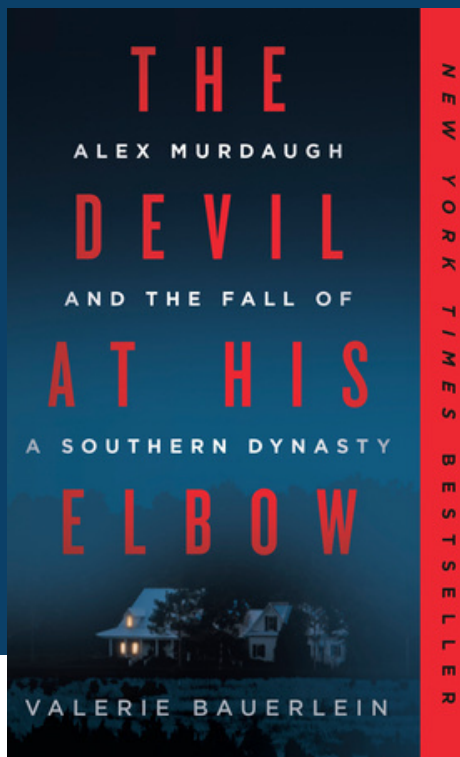
Sandra, an English language learner, recently shared, "I had a job interview, and I did the whole thing in English!"

Volunteer Spotlight:

Lynn Kelly, an English as a Second Language volunteer instructor, joined our team in August. She says, "Seeing the students' faces light up as their English improves tells me that what we do here matters."

Literacy in the Spotlight

- Did you know that 1 in 5 adults in Gaston County struggle with basic literacy skills?
- November is **Family Literacy Month** - make it special by setting aside 15 minutes each day to read together as a family.



Upcoming Event

An Evening With Valerie Bauerlein

Join us for an engaging evening with Wall Street Journal reporter and author Valerie Bauerlein. Proceeds support our adult literacy and Reading Soul Mates programs.

Thursday, October 16th
6:00PM

Gaston Country Club

[Click here](#) for tickets!

A handful remain.

Adult Literacy Programs

- **Record Participation:** Requests for our adult services continues to grow. We have over 150 people on our waiting list for instruction.
- **Volunteer Opportunity:** We are looking for individuals who can tutor an adult one-on-one or teach an English class.

Words Change Worlds Campaign

Literacy is more than reading - it's opportunity, empowerment, and hope. Through our *Words Change Worlds* campaign, your donation directly supports adults learning English, children discovering the joy of reading, and families building stronger futures. Scan the QR code to give today.



Reading Soul Mates



Reading Soul Mates (RSM) is our preventative program providing support to children in 2nd grade who need assistance in their reading/literacy skills. We have trained 30 new volunteers this fall to join the approximately 140 volunteers we have each year!

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Have you considered including us in your estate plans?