

Winter Newsletter

What We've Been Up To

December 2025

As we reflect on the first half of this year, we are grateful for a season of growth, learning, and community impact at Gaston Literacy Council. Thanks to the support of our donors, volunteers, and partners, we strengthened programs that open doors for learners of all ages. **An Evening with Valerie Bauerlein** brought our community together around the power of storytelling while raising vital support for our mission. Our **Reading Soul Mates** program continued to nurture struggling second graders, building confidence and a lifelong love of reading at a critical stage. Through our **ESL program**, adult learners gained language skills that support employment, education, and deeper community connection, while our **adult literacy** efforts helped individuals improve reading, writing, and everyday life skills essential for independence. Together, these accomplishments remind us that literacy truly changes lives, today and for generations to come.



Upcoming Events

Links at the Library: Jan 30 & 31
Come find the GLC green and
"Putt your way to Literacy!"

**Meet the Author Luncheon and
Silent Auction:** April 22
Tickets go on sale in January!

Thank You!

- Your support for our Giving Tuesday and End-of-Year Giving campaigns is bringing us new donors and volunteers. We can't say thank you enough!

**Bingo at the Library
was so much fun!**



Grants

This fiscal year we have received grant awards from the Next Generation Giving Circle for health literacy materials; the Gaston Community Foundation for a media and marketing campaign; the United Way for Reading Soul Mates and adult literacy; and the Kiwanis Club for books for RSM



Strategic Planning

Stay tuned for the release of our revised Strategic Plan! We're making some significant updates. Thanks to our community partners for your input! (Gaston County Schools, Gaston College, Belmont Bookshop, Nazrul and Tammy Chowdhury, Sue Corbin, Elaine Lyerly)