We’ve Pivoted - But our Mission is the Same

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From all of us at Loudoun Literacy Council, we wish you well and hope that you are staying safe and healthy during this challenging time. Like many in the community and worldwide, we have pivoted in order to continue to work towards our mission and are incorporating new and creative ways to serve the community through our programs. Here’s what we’ve been doing...because learning must continue!
We’re creating “learning” out of lemons! Our Read Across Loudoun -- #ReadAcrossLoudoun initiative has taken off like a rocket ship! Keeping children engaged in reading and hearing stories is such a vital aspect of learning, so a few of our favorite Loudoun heroes are engaging students with “virtual storytime” on our Facebook page @LoudounLiteracy. We are encouraged by the comments from parents who are airing the videos to the delight of their children. Read about the video series in the Loudoun Times Mirror and WJLA.
Book Distribution

Piggy-backing on community food and meal distributions, we have delivered almost 3,000 books to children through Loudoun County Public Schools, community food distribution sites, and Little Free Libraries all over Loudoun! As essential as meals are, we want to help families prioritize reading to their children by making sure they have access to books in their homes. Pairing book and meal pick-ups gives families opportunities to nourish their minds as they nourish their bodies ... maintaining a 6-foot buffer of course!
There's "virtually" nothing we can't do in our virtual classrooms. Teachers and students who have the ability to connect online in our English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes have shown such flexibility in adapting to our new "classrooms." We are so proud of them all for showing their determination to thrive and learn in the midst of the social restrictions we are all living through.
We're keeping the learning going with adults in a number of creative ways. Because not all of our students can participate in online instruction, we're providing multiple modes of delivery. Phone 1-on-1 instruction and our new series of online videos -- Loudoun Literacy Council's English Short Online Lessons (ESOL) are helping our students access the learning that they crave.

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**Student Outreach**

Students' needs are as individual as they are. Being in isolation doesn't mean our students are isolated. Our staff are reaching out to all clients by phone, text, and email to ensure their needs are well met.