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Literacy and Voting:

Today's Students, Tomorrow's Leaders.

The Literacy Council of Buncombe County will host a voter registration drive from 11:00am-7:30pm, next Wed. the 9th of April. This will serve as a great opportunity for current students and tutors involved with the Literacy Council, as well as other Asheville community members to register to vote in preparation for the upcoming primary and presidential elections.

Many of our students will be registering for the first time in their lives, after having had access to literacy tutoring and gaining confidence with their reading and writing skills. Other students, having studied with their tutors for the US Naturalization Exam, are now new US citizens who look forward to the opportunity to exercise their right to vote. This is also a great opportunity for Asheville newcomers to register, well as young people who've recently come of voting age.

The Literacy Council of Buncombe County currently serves roughly 250 students: 200 of whom speak a primary language other than English and 50 of whom are **native** to this area, but lack literacy skills. Volunteer tutors work help to make the important work of literacy tutoring happen in this community. There are currently have over 100 students on the waiting list to receive a tutor, and the Council is always seeking new volunteers.

Take advantage of next Wednesday's Voter Registration Drive as a chance to get ready for the polls and to get to know the Literacy Council of Buncombe County! Location: 86 Victoria Rd., Asheville 28801. Call for more information! 254-3442.