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Nourishing Literacy is a giving circle established to support the Shepherdstown Public Library. Community members are coming together to form a sustainable system for financially supporting the library and, by extension, enhancing the literacy of our local community.

The giving circle does not feature ticketed fundraising events or solicit major donations from individuals. Rather, it invites people to join together collectively – forming a group of individuals who make *regular monthly contributions*. Whereas no single individual or family's monthly contribution may be large, the fact that there is a group of individuals contributing to a collective fund – literally putting their monies together – makes it possible to raise considerable amounts in a reliable manner.

Individuals and families may join the giving circle by committing to an ongoing contribution equivalent to the cost of one dinner per month – hence the name, *Nourishing Literacy – One Meal at a Time*. For some, the monthly contribution might be \$50 to \$100; for others, it might be \$10, \$20 or \$30. These tax-deductible contributions may be made through automatic credit card withdrawals.

Nourishing Literacy was publicly introduced at the 2017 Appalachian Heritage Writer-in-Residence celebration held in the Robert C. Byrd Center at Shepherd University. Each year, the giving circle will host one or two events with music and literary programming featuring local or regional writers.