

TAPESTRIES OF TUSCARAWAS COUNTY

Dear neighbor,

We are undertaking a project to create a vibrant book that captures what it is like to live in Tuscarawas County, and we hope you would like to help. If you have a strong memory of your life that you can share with us in the form of a letter or email, you might win a cash prize!

The **Dover Public Library** is compiling stories for publication in a book as part of its ongoing oral and living history project. Each story provided will be a thread, and each thread will be woven together with stories from friends, family, and neighbors in order to contribute to a rich tapestry that expresses the varied beauty of our individual lives.

How do I contribute?

You can contribute by sharing your stories with us. There are several ways to do this: You can write us a letter. It can be handwritten, typed, or emailed. You can dictate your story to a loved one. You can record it at a family gathering. All we ask is that the final submissions are kept to 2,000 words or less.

What if I'm not a very good writer?

Stories are not judged based on writing ability, and our editor will help make them ready for publication. You will get a chance to review the edited version before it is published.

What should I write about?

Anything! Your best/worst memory, something embarrassing that happened, something that changed your life, something that stands out to you as a representative example of your youth or adulthood in Tuscarawas County. The stories must adhere to only two rules: they must be true, and they must not harm anyone in the telling. See the reverse side for some prompt questions to help you get started. More questions can be found at <https://storycorps.org/great-questions/>

How can I win the cash prize?

The editing team at Dover Public Library will award the top prize to the most appealing story. Writing ability is NOT a factor. There is no cost to submit a story, and you are under no obligation.

When can I get the book?

Tapestries of Tuscarawas County will be released in the fall of 2017. Contributors will receive a free copy. It will also be available at Dover Public Library and other local libraries and historical societies. Write your letter today! You can be proud to be a part of this valuable addition to our local living history.



Sincerely,

Claire Kandle
Local History & Genealogy Librarian

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Entry Rules:

- Include the submission form (below) with your story.
- Your submission must be original, in your own words, previously unpublished, and have a connection to Tuscarawas County. Please do not send fiction, clippings, or any previously published material.
- Maximum length: 2,000 words
- Include only one story with each submission form. You may make copies of the form and send us more than one story.
- You accept full responsibility for what you write and assure us it is not copyrighted. You give us permission to edit and publish your letter in any of our publications, to shorten it if necessary, and to assign a title. You are not required to purchase a book or pay to win an award or to have your story published. If your story is published, you will receive a free copy of the book.
- We reserve the right to reject any material at any time. The written material you send can't be returned, so be sure to keep a copy.
- Mail your letter by **May 1, 2017** to **Dover Public Library % Claire Kandle, 525 North Walnut Street, Dover, OH, 44622**

Prompt Questions:

- What was the happiest moment of your life? The saddest?
- If you could hold on to one memory from your life forever, what would that be?
- Do you have any favorite stories about your kids?
- Do you have any favorite stories from your childhood?
- What are your best memories of grade school/high school/college/graduate school? Worst memories?
- Do you have any favorite stories from school?
- Do you have any favorite stories from your work life?
- Do you have any favorite stories from your marriage or about your husband/wife?
- Have you experienced any miracles?
- What was the most profound spiritual moment of your life?
- What traditions have been passed down in your family?
- What are your classic family stories? Jokes? Songs?

SUBMISSION FORM This form must be completed and returned with your story

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I submit this material for consideration for a living history book about Tuscarawas County. I am abiding by the rules above. Other than these rules, I understand that I am not obligated in any way, that I own the rights to the material I submit, but I allow Dover Public Library to publish it in any of their publications, and to mention my name as a "contributing author" in their promotional materials.

(Please Print)

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ email _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Thank you for sharing your memories!