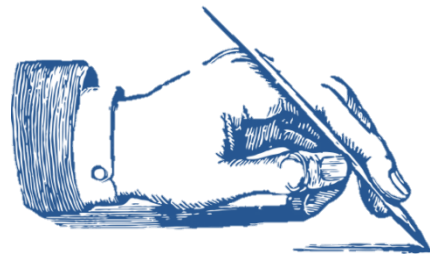


Celebrating Our Journey, Volume 10

A collection of life stories written by Oklahoma adult learners

Another opportunity to showcase Oklahoma learners!

The Oklahoma Literacy Resource Office is pleased to announce the **2017 publication of *Celebrating our Journey, Volume 10***. This hugely successful series will again showcase the thoughts and writings of Oklahoma adult learners.



All active learners from Oklahoma adult literacy programs regardless of reading or writing level are invited to submit a story to be considered for the publication.

Here are the details:

The 2017 publication will feature **five** topic options:

(1) My Favorite Day

(2) My Hero

(3) My Favorite Place

(4) My Greatest Success

(5) Poetry

1. Each adult learner is invited to submit one original story or poem.
2. Stories should be titled and limited to 300 words.
3. Tutors, instructors and/or a program representative should review the submitted stories to assist the learners with correct spelling, grammar, punctuation, etc.
4. A release form signed by the learner should be maintained in the local program files.
5. Photographs of the authors may be included in the book if they are high resolution quality photos.
6. Stories and pictures must be submitted by May 30, 2017.
7. The books will be ready for distribution in September.

Don't miss the opportunity to include stories by learners from your program in the 2017 publication.

See the following pages for suggestions and additional information.

Questions? Email [Rebecca](#) or call 522-3205 or 800-522-8116, option 4.

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Talk with learners about the topics that will be featured in the book. You might use a story starter from one of the examples below or create your own.

My Favorite Day

Talk with learners about days of celebration, accomplishments, or other significant events in their lives.

Possible Story Starters:

- * The best day of my life was....
- * I will always remember the day....
- * My family celebrates.....

My Hero

Encourage learners to talk about someone they greatly admire.

Possible Story Starters

- * I will always remember how brave.....
- * Sometimes heroes are family members. My hero family member is....
- * Heroes may be any age. My hero is...

My Favorite Place

Ask learners to remember a place that has special meaning.

Possible Story Starters:

- * I feel peaceful when I go....
- * When I am afraid I go to....
- * It makes me happy to go to....

My Greatest Success

Ask learners to remember a time when they felt successful.

Possible Story Starters:

- * I was proud when....
- * I felt excitement when....
- * It was rewarding when....

Poetry

Many learners enjoy expressing themselves with poetry. Increased vocabulary and grammar skills are the result as they speak for themselves through poetry. There are some great suggestions at

<http://www.colorincolorado.org/article/31170/>

Mark the May 30 deadline on your calendar. Share this project with tutors and learners.

Encourage participation. Help make Volume 10 the best yet!

Funding for this project is possible thanks to a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Oklahoma Department of Libraries.

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Release Form

I give permission to the Oklahoma Department of Libraries and the Institute of Museum and Library Services to use my story and photograph (if applicable) in literacy and library publications, websites, reports, literacy awareness activities. I understand that I will not receive payment.

Print Name

Signature

Literacy/Education Program

To Program Representative:

Submit only stories which have a signed released form. Maintain release forms in your program files.