

# TELL-A-TALE CONTEST RULES



## HOW TO ENTER

- The child tells the story, which is written down by an adult. Older children should print their story. Story topics should be chosen based on grade level of child on Friday, September 1, 2017—i.e. child will be in third grade on September 1 and should write about Responsibility.
- The child illustrates the story—this can be one picture or many.
- The parent or guardian must complete and sign the acknowledgement of contest rules.
- Completed entry form, story, and illustration(s) can be submitted to the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library.

## WHO CAN SUBMIT A STORY?

- Children who will be in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade by September 1, 2017 may submit a story.
- Writers must be associated with Findlay City Schools, the Hancock County School District or live in Hancock County.

## WHEN MUST THE STORY BE SUBMITTED?

- We will begin accepting submissions on Friday, September 1, 2017. All stories must be received by Friday, September 29, 2017.

## WHAT ARE THE CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS?

- Story must be no more than 350 words.
- Story must be written in the English language.
- Story may be typed or handwritten but it must be legible. Children who cannot write may dictate their story to be typed or written legibly.
- Illustrations are encouraged but not required.
- Only one entry per person—after the first entry received, all other entries by the same child will be disqualified.
- Only single author stories qualify (no co-authored stories).
- Story must be wholly the original work of the entrant, written solely by the entrant. It cannot be copied from any other source.
- Story cannot be in violation of or in conflict with the trademark, copyright, rights of privacy, rights of publicity, or any other rights, of any kind or nature, of any other person or entity.
- Story must not have been previously broadcast or otherwise distributed or disseminated in any media or format.
- Story must not include any language or other content that is inappropriate, offensive, pornographic, or otherwise unfit for dissemination or broadcast, as determined by the Tell-A-Tale Committee in its sole discretion.
- Creativity is highly encouraged.
- Any submitted stories and/or illustrations may be published in *The Courier* or on the Literacy Coalition's website and Facebook page. Published stories/illustrations will include the child's school, grade, and full name.

## JUDGING

- Entries will be judged by community advisors. All decisions of the judges are final and not subject to appeal or review.

## PRIZES

- Prizes will be awarded to First, Second, and Third place winners in each age group at an awards celebration on Thursday, October 19, 2017. Winners will be notified by phone or email prior to awards ceremony.

## WRITE YOUR STORY ABOUT THESE WORDS

### KINDERGARTEN

#### Courage

Be strong—Think independently—Be true to yourself—Develop inner strength—  
Challenge yourself—Adapt to change

### FIRST GRADE

#### Hope

Be cheerful and enthusiastic—Be curious—Have a positive attitude—  
Exhibit a sense of humor—Be adaptable and flexible

### SECOND GRADE

#### Respect

Respect life, self, family, and others—Respect the rights and beliefs of others—  
Be fair—Work for justice—Treat others with dignity—Communicate appropriately

### THIRD GRADE

#### Responsibility

Be accountable for your actions—Accept consequences—Respect rules—  
Take ownership of behavior—Set a good example—Cooperate

### FOURTH GRADE

#### Perseverance

Persist—Be diligent—Pursue and accomplish goals—  
Be committed to reaching your potential

### FIFTH GRADE

#### Appreciation for Diversity

Resolve conflict peacefully—Advocate for justice and equality—Be fair—Listen to  
others—Strive to understand—Respect differences—Treat others with dignity

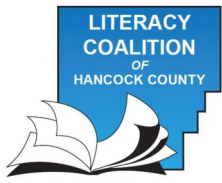
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# TELL-A-TALE ENTRY FORM



Please type or print legibly

Child's First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Date of Birth (M/D/Y) \_\_\_\_\_

- Kindergarten (Courage)     First Grade (Hope)     Second Grade (Respect)
- Third Grade (Responsibility)     Fourth Grade (Perseverance)
- Fifth Grade (Appreciation for Diversity)

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

**Story Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of pages including entry form** \_\_\_\_\_

- Only one entry per child.
- Story and illustration(s) must be original work of the child.
- Story may be fact or fiction.
- Text must be printed legibly or typed.
- Please include child's name, phone number, grade level, and story title on **all** pages submitted. Completed entry form must accompany story. Incomplete entries will be disqualified.

**I acknowledge that I have read the contest rules prior to signing this and I understand and will abide by the rules. By signing this entry, I acknowledge that I have the legal authority to do so as the parent or guardian of the child author writing the story and agree to abide and be bound by all of the rules of the Tell-A-Tale contest, including, without limitation, having the child's full name, grade and school published with the story as set forth in the contest rules.**

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Entries must be received by September 29, 2017.**

Please mail entries to:  
Tell-A-Tale Contest

The Literacy Coalition of Hancock County  
Hancock County ESC  
7746 C.R. 140  
Findlay, OH 45840

Stories and illustrations may also be dropped off at the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library Children's Department (206 Broadway, Findlay), Arlington Library Branch (232 N Main St, Arlington) or Bookmobile during business hours.

**Questions? Contact Shannon Andersen at 419-422-7525 ext. 207 or [director.literacycoalition@hancockesc.org](mailto:director.literacycoalition@hancockesc.org)**

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Date/Time received \_\_\_\_\_

Entry form signed & completed (staff initials) \_\_\_\_\_