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Promoting Life-Long Literacy...



Director's Notes....

It's BACK TO SCHOOL time! What better way to kick off the school year than to have your child participate in a creative writing contest. The Literacy Coalition's Tell-A-Tale writing contest will take place September 1-29. What a great opportunity for your child to create an inspirational story in their own words and drawings. Please see below for additional Tell-A-Tale information. A big thank you to our Tell-A-Tale sponsors!

Do you "Like" us on Facebook? We will be having more FUN and FREE give-aways in the next few weeks. You will not want to miss these goodies so get on Facebook and "Like" our page at www.facebook.com/hancockliteracy. A big congratulations goes to Rebecca Scherer for winning our last Facebook give-away. Rebecca took home an 8-person VIP pass to the African Safari, \$25 Books A Million gift card, \$10 iTunes gift card and some other literacy goodies! Don't miss your chance to win!

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Happy Back to School Reading!

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Imagined by the Literacy Coalition of Hancock County, the Tell-a-Tale Short Story Contest is open to all kindergarten thru fifth-grade students.

Participants will write about a specific topic based on their grade level i.e. Kindergarten/Courage, First grade/Hope, Second grade/Respect, Third grade/Responsibility, Fourth grade/Perseverance, and Fifth grade/Appreciation for Diversity. Stories must be no more than 350 words. Illustrations are encouraged, but not required. All participants must live in or be associated with the Findlay City Schools and/or Hancock County School District. Entry forms and a complete list of contest rules can be picked up at Findlay-Hancock County Public Library (FHCPL) in the Children's department or downloaded at the Literacy Coalition's website hancockliteracy.org. Young writers can also download a reading list or pick up a bookmark with reading suggestions to inspire authors about each writing topic.

Corresponding community activities include a writing and illustration workshop at the main branch of FHCPL on September 9 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Young writers are encouraged to attend the workshop, get ideas and advice for their stories and illustrations. The Literacy Coalition will also post story writing tips and ideas on their Facebook page throughout September (www.facebook.com/hancockliteracy).

Writers may drop off their completed stories at any FHCPL location (Main branch, Arlington or Bookmobile); entries will be collected in the Children's Department. Completed stories and entries must be received

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special tab section of *The Courier* during October. There will be an awards ceremony on October 19, 2017.

Contest sponsors include Hancock Wood Electric Cooperative, Hancock Federal Credit Union, The University of Findlay, YMCA, The Children's Museum of Findlay, Dylan Pritchett (Edward Jones), and Robert Schuck, Attorney at Law.

Hancock County Dolly Parton Imagination Library Statistics

Current Registrations – 1,951

Graduates – 769

Total Children reached since
9/2014 – 2,720

Total Books mailed since
9/2014 – 39,406



Click on the picture above to sign up for Dolly Parton Imagination Library books today!



We are looking for volunteers to help with our 2017-2018 Family Literacy Nights at local schools. Click on the picture above to sign up today!

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Thank you to the Literacy Coalition Board of Directors for your time, talent, support and expertise. Each one of you has made a difference through your dedication and continued support of our mission and programs which has contributed greatly to

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Literacy Coalition Gillig
Wine Tasting Fundraiser

Date: Thursday,
September 14

Time: 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Location: Gillig Winery,
1720 Northridge Road,
Findlay

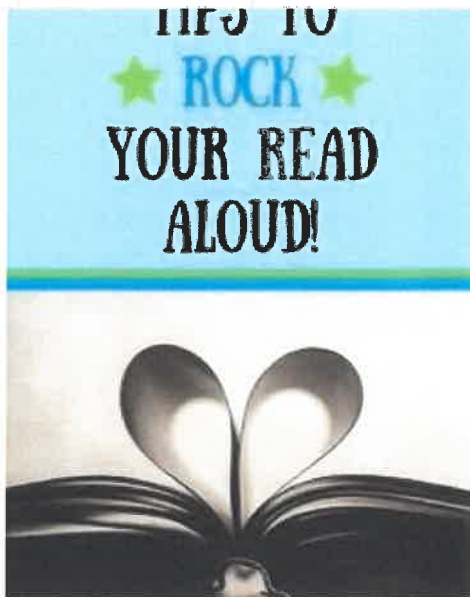
Tickets will be \$25 each
and will include a flight of
wine OR beer and
appetizers
Raffle baskets and 50/50
drawing

Please contact Shannon
Andersen for tickets.
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- Chelsea Bodnarik, Hancock County ESC
- Linnea DiBerardino, Children's Museum of Findlay
- Heather Heilman, United Way of Hancock County
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- Stephanie Roth, Findlay City Schools
- Kristy Szkudlarek, Read for L.I.F.E.
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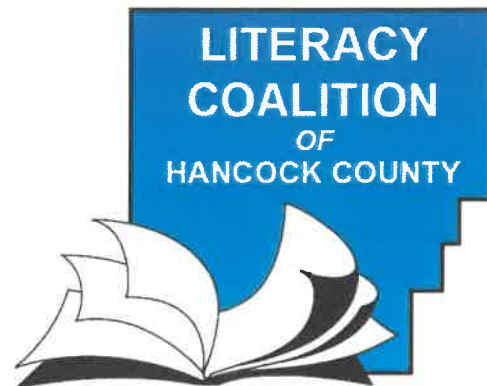
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Making connections draws readers closer to texts. They feel more in touch with characters, events, and ideas when they are able to find some basic similarities with them, and as a result, readers are more likely to remember what they read. Connecting is easy for young readers to do on their own. Model connecting by saying:

- “I know how that character feels! I remember when I fell and hurt my knee . . .”
- “We saw the very same sand crabs when we were at the beach last year. Remember?”
- “You have a brother and a sister, just like Arthur.”
- “You will start school in the fall, and we just read a book last week about Max who was starting at a new school.”

What is your favorite

facebook.com/hancockliteracy. It is also the best way to interact with us, stay up-to-date with our Literacy Coalition events and to get useful literacy information. PLUS, we LOVE to hear from you!



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