

School Supplies Drive

September 1 - November 1

One of the memorable parts of *Just Smile and Say HELLO* is when author Trang Moreland organized a school supplies drive to help out the school in Vietnam she went to as a child. In that spirit, please consider donating to help our students and schools here in Tuscarawas County. Donation boxes can be found throughout Tuscarawas County, including your local library. For a complete list, please go to www.tuscliteracy.org.

Book Discussions

Join a book discussion!

Several book discussions will be held around the county by local libraries.

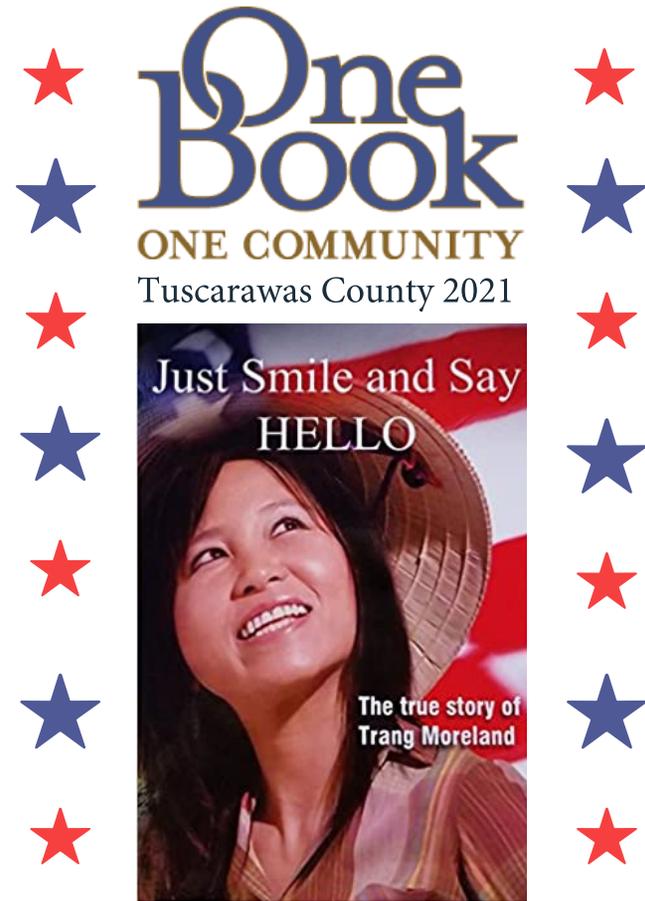
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Discussion ?? Questions ??

- What do you think motivated Trang to share her story?
- What aspects of Trang's childhood in Vietnam were most relatable to your own formative years?
- Did you have to look up anything about the book while reading it?
- Moreland writes of her lie to Jay about having tuberculosis, "Lying is something I grew up with. Most people I knew lied all the time" (188). What kind of lie might you have told to get out of a situation like hers?
- In what ways does food play a major role in the book?
- When passing out notebooks to the school children, Jay notes, "There was never a time in my life I was in need of a notebook. That was one of those things everyone always had and took for granted" (286). What else do Americans take for granted that would have drawn a crowd where Trang grew up?
- What role does the Vietnam War play in this book?
- How does the book's title, *Just Smile and Say HELLO*, relate to Trang's story?
- What surprised you most about Trang's life?
- If you could ask Trang any question at all, what would it be?



"Just Smile and Say Hello is a true story--my story--about how my dream came true. It's a journey from poverty to prosperity that spans halfway around the globe and examines two completely different cultures. Once you see where I have come from and what I've done, you will realize that nothing is impossible!"

-Trang Moreland

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About One Book One Community

One Book, One Community is a grassroots reading movement that aims to bring people together by giving them a shared experience. When we all read the same book, we all have something to talk about. One Book, One Community's goal is to break down the barriers between different groups of people and to strengthen Tuscarawas County!

About the Book

Just Smile and Say HELLO is Trang Moreland's inspirational true story of growing up in poverty in Vietnam and her journey to success as a businesswoman in America. "You'll be swept far away to a little hut with a dirt floor where my family and I lived for many years. You will venture into our rice paddy where I would swim in a bomb crater left over from the Vietnam War. You'll learn about my brother and sister's arranged marriages. You will meet my mother, and learn of her struggles. Then, you'll journey with me to America, a strange place far away that spoke a language I did not know. You will learn how, with very little money, I was able to go to trade school and become a successful business owner."

About the Author



Trang Moreland grew up in southern Vietnam. At the age of 21, she immigrated to the United States. After overcoming language and cultural barriers, she was able to finish trade school and become a successful business owner. Her present business is Trang's Rentals. Trang is also a published author, inspirational speaker, and Vice President of the Tuscarawas County Writer's Guild. Trang and her husband Jay live in Ohio and have two adult children. She donates to many local benefits and charities and provides school supplies for children in her native country.



An Evening with Author Trang Moreland

Date: Monday, November 1st
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Founders Hall
Kent State University -
Tuscarawas



Followed by a Book Signing!

Writing Contest

Writing contest for adults & teens

Theme: "My Journey"

In 3,000 words or less, tell about your journey. Fiction or non-fiction will be accepted.

First place prize: \$75

Second place prize: \$50

Third place prize: \$25

Deadline: October 8, 2021

For complete contest info go to tuscliteracy.org
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Cooking Class with Trang Moreland

Date: Monday, October 4

Time: 6pm

Location: Dover Public Library

Learn how to make fresh spring rolls with sweet & spicy sauce. Limited to 20 people.

Call 330-343-6123 to register.

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