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Its pages are blank.
We are going to put words
on them ourselves.

The book is called
Opportunity
and it's first chapter is
New Year's Day.

-Edith Lovejoy Pierce

Letter From the President:

Dear TCLC friends and supporters:

In the words of Edith Lovejoy Pierce, "We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity, and its first chapter is New Year's Day."

After ushering out a challenging 2020, we welcomed 2021 and started to fill the pages in our book of Opportunity. 2020 began with the TCLC reaching out to the Leadership Tuscarawas Class of 2020 for guidance as the Literacy Coalition sought revitalization. They embraced our request and, with their suggestions under consideration, the Literacy Coalition amended our bylaws, revised our mission statement, and prepared to forge in a new direction.

Although 2020 was a year like no other, the board members continued to meet via Zoom and were able to offer financial support to the East Central Ohio ESC for the Reading Festival and the Tuscarawas County Council for Church and Community for Share-A-Christmas. In August, masked and outdoors, we were still able to sponsor our annual free shred and e-waste event at the Dover First Federal Community Bank's parking lot. The event was a huge success thanks to U-Shred-It and community members who were able to take advantage of those services. Another one of our past annual events, One Book One Community (OBOC), was not able to be carried out amid the pandemic. We are hopeful and looking forward to offering this shared reading experience in 2021. More exciting news can be found in this newsletter, so read on!

In December, our call for active members was heard, and we welcomed three additional board members! I was excited by the enthusiasm and eagerness as we discussed new ideas for accomplishing our mission at the January 2021 meeting. As we continue to plan and carry out our literacy-enhancing projects and activities, you are welcome to join us – in any capacity – member, or volunteer. For more information on how to become involved, please contact us.

I hope you enjoy this second edition of the TCLC quarterly newsletter. Our goal is to share our events and information with you. Please feel free to share your literacy news and ideas with us. As always, we are truly grateful for the support from our partners and the community.

Warm regards,

Lori L. Douglass

Lori L. Douglass, TCLC President



Meet the Board:

Lori Douglass; Board President

Lori is the Resource Room supervisor at OhioMeansJobs Tuscarawas County. The job search process is quite different today than in years past. Technology, communication skills, and other barriers cause many to struggle and possibly miss opportunities. Becoming a TCLC board member provided the opportunity to collaborate with other members in an effort to share resources and improve literacy in the community. She stepped into the role as Board President in March of 2020. Lori believes in the mission of TCLC and looks forward to contributing to this worthy cause.



Denise Cooley; Vice President

Denise joined the Tuscarawas County Literacy Coalition to promote all types of literacy within the community. As a former English major and teacher, she knows that literacy is a fundamental skill that causes many adults and children to struggle. She is committed to promoting literacy and addressing the needs in the community through the TCLC.



Christine Kendle; Secretary

Chris is the Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Educator for Ohio State University Extension in Tuscarawas County. Chris's primary areas of emphasis include nutrition, food safety, health, and wellness. She also provides leadership to county parenting initiatives, financial literacy efforts, and FCS-related 4-H programming. Her passion is to impact lives through the work she does in the community. Chris enjoys spending time with her family, husband Todd and daughters Adeline (16) and Allison (13).



Jim Gill; Treasurer

Jim is the director at the Dover Public Library. He is very passionate about our county's annual One Book, One Community project – a grass roots reading initiative that celebrates reading, creates conversation, and brings people together. One Book could not happen without the support of TCLC. Jim loves working with the educators, librarians, tutors, and others who make up TCLC projects in the county. Creating a culture of reading in the Tuscarawas Valley is very important to him.



Kelsey McConaha; Marketing and Public Relations Chair

Kelsey is the Youth & Community Outreach Specialist for DoverPhila Federal Credit Union. She is passionate about serving her community and connecting people with opportunities that empower them to reach their full potential. Kelsey believes in the Tuscarawas County Literacy Coalition's mission and looks forward to building and strengthening collaborations to improve literacy within the Tuscarawas County community.





Meet the Board - continued:

Shannon Krocker; One Book One Community Chair

Shannon has joined the Tuscarawas County Literacy Coalition to help bring awareness to literacy and encourage reading within our community. Shannon resides in New Philadelphia with her husband, Scott, and children, Samantha and Seth, as well as their two dogs, Sporty and Obi.

Nate Hackenbracht; Member at Large

Nate Hackenbracht is the coordinator of the Aspire program at Buckeye Career Center Adult Education. Buckeye Aspire serves hundreds of adults a year across Tuscarawas County and surrounding areas at partner sites in New Philadelphia, Dover, Uhrichsville, and Berlin, with free classes that promote literacy and math skills, High School Equivalency (GED) preparation, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), and career and postsecondary readiness. Nate also coordinates the Testing Center at BCC, which offers dozens of certification and licensure offerings, such as the Ohio Assessments for Educators (OAE), the GED Test, and WorkKeys employability skills. Nate resides in New Philadelphia with his wife Lindsey, and homeschools their son, Trey.

Banzai!

Banzai is an award-winning online platform provided by DoverPhila Federal Credit Union for individuals, families, businesses, organizations, non-profits, or anyone seeking financial resources and tools at no cost. It provides clear, in-depth lessons to help you dive into the financial topics you care most about, such as:

- Budgeting and saving
- Family planning
- Running a business
- Investing and retiring
- Borrowing and credit
- Housing
- Furthering education
- Completing taxes
- And more!

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A FREE virtual **Banzai!** Program

TUESDAY, MARCH 23 AT 6:30PM

To register & receive the link, call the
Dover Public Library at (330-343-6123)

OR

MONDAY, APRIL 12 AT 6:00PM

To register & receive the link, call the Tuscarawas
County Library System at (330-364-4474)

You can access *Banzai* from a personal computer, laptop, tablet, or smart device by visiting <https://dover-phila.learnbanzai.com/>.

Are you an educator looking for a FREE financial education resource? You have access to *Banzai*, too! Create a course for your students today by visiting <https://dover-phila.teachbanzai.com/>. It's the perfect tool for in-person and remote learning!

One Book, One Community

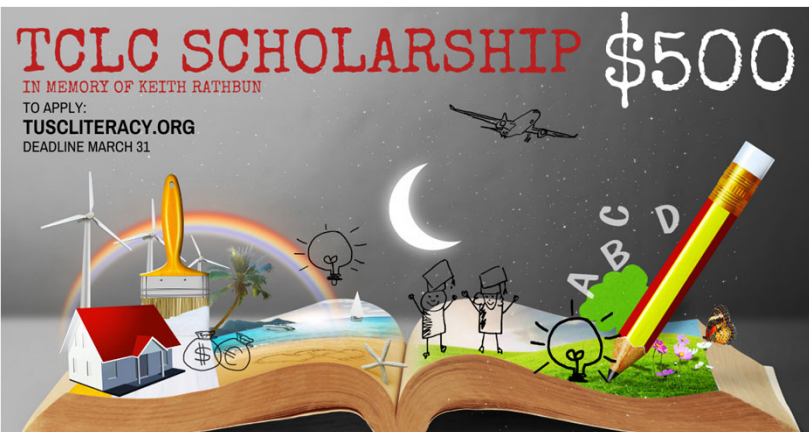
We are excited to announce the 2021 One Book, One Community title for Tuscarawas County is, ***Just Smile and Say Hello***, by Tang Moreland. Stay tuned for more info on programs, book discussion groups, author events & more. One Book, One Community is a grass-roots reading initiative that strives to create conversation and bridge differences through the shared experience of reading the same book. By creating conversation, we discover that we have more in common with each other than we think! For more information, contact Jim Gill at director@doverlibrary.org.

**One
Book**
ONE COMMUNITY

Just Smile and Say
HELLO



TCLC College Scholarship Opportunity



The Tuscarawas County Literacy Coalition Scholarship was established in memory of former board member and friend of literacy, Keith Rathbun. The scholarship will be offered to students residing or attending school in Tuscarawas County with the goal of aiding current seniors to continue their efforts toward obtaining a Certificate/Associate or Bachelor's Degree. This is a one-time scholarship. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded in 2021. The application can be found on the TCLC

Facebook page or can be obtained by sending an email request to tuscarawasliteracy@gmail.com. Applications must be postmarked by March 31. Scholarship winners will be notified April 16.

TCLC Membership

Invest in a Tuscarawas County Literacy Coalition membership to support literacy efforts of all types in our county. With several different options to choose from, you can find a membership that matches your needs. An individual membership is \$10. Corporate memberships range from \$50 to \$500 and provide you with the opportunity to sponsor events such as a One Book, One Community classroom event or a college scholarship. You can also purchase your One Book, One Community book selection and have it mailed directly to you for \$10. A contribution in any amount is always welcome. For a complete breakdown of membership types, or to fill out a membership form online, please visit our website at <http://tuscliteracy.org>
Return your membership by March 31st to be entered into a drawing to win an autographed copy of Just Smile and Say Hello.

Membership Drive
 Invest in a TCLC membership to support literacy efforts of all types in
 Tuscarawas County.

Membership Types:

- Individual: \$10
- Non-Profit: \$25
- Corporate: \$50- \$500

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For more information: TUSCLITERACY.ORG





Public Libraries in Tuscarawas County

Claymont Public Library

215 E. Third Street
Uhrichsville, OH 44683
Phone: (740) 922-3626
Website: www.claymontlibrary.org

Dennison Branch

15 N. Fourth Street
Dennison, OH 44621
Phone: (740) 922-5851

Dover Public Library

525 N. Walnut Street
Dover, OH 44622-2851
Phone: (330) 343-6123
Website: www.doverlibrary.org

Gnadenhutten Public Library

160 N. Walnut Street / P.O. Box 216
Gnadenhutten, OH 44629-0216
Phone: (740) 254-9224
Website: www.gnaden.lib.oh.us,
<http://gnadenlibrary.org/>

Newcomerstown Public Library

123 E. Main Street
Newcomerstown, OH 43832-1093
Phone: (740) 498-8228 (General)
Website: www.nctlib.org

Tuscarawas County Public Library

121 Fair Avenue N.W.
New Philadelphia, OH 44663-2600
Phone: (330) 364-4474
Website: www.tusclibrary.org

- Bolivar Branch
455 W. Water Street / P.O. Box 588
Bolivar, OH 44612
Phone: (330) 874-2720
- Emma Huber Memorial Library
356 5th Street N.W.
Strasburg, OH 44680
Phone: (330) 878-5711
- Sugarcreek Branch
120 S. Broadway Street / P.O. Box 309
Sugarcreek, OH 44681
Phone: (330) 852-2813
- Tuscarawas Branch
209 S. Main Street / P.O. Box 337
Tuscarawas, OH 44682
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