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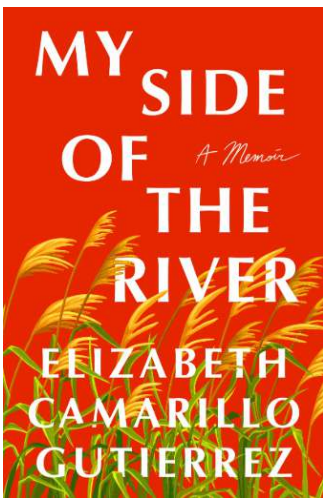
## 2025 ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY PROJECT UNDERWAY

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Book**  
 ONE COMMUNITY™

The Tuscarawas County Literacy Coalition announced that programs and events surrounding the 2025 One Book, One Community title, *My Side of the River: A Memoir*, by Elizabeth Camarillo Gutierrez, are now underway throughout Tuscarawas County. In its 17th year in the Tuscarawas Valley, One Book, One Community is a nationwide grassroots reading movement that aims to bring communities together by giving them the shared experience of reading and discussing the same book.

“When we all read the same book we have something to talk about,” says Denise Cooley, president of the TCLC. “One Book’s goal is to break down barriers between different groups and to strengthen Tuscarawas County through the power of literature, writing and conversation.”

Programs and events throughout the community began in early September and will culminate with a presentation and book signing by the author at An Evening with Author Elizabeth Camarillo Gutierrez in Founders Hall at Kent State Tuscarawas on Monday, November 3, at 7:00PM.



### ABOUT THE BOOK

Elizabeth Camarillo Gutierrez reveals her experience as the U.S. born daughter of immigrants and what happened when, at fifteen, her parents were forced back to Mexico in this captivating and tender memoir.

Born to Mexican immigrants south of the Rillito River in Tucson, Arizona, Elizabeth had the world at her fingertips. She was preparing to enter her freshman year of high school as the number one student when suddenly, her own country took away the most important right a child has: the right to have a family.

When her parents’ visas expired and they were forced to return to Mexico, Elizabeth was left responsible for her younger brother, as well as her education. Determined to break the cycle of being a “statistic,” she knew that even though her parents couldn’t stay, there was no way she could let go of the opportunities the U.S. could provide. Armed with only her passport and sheer teenage determination, Elizabeth became what her school would eventually describe as an unaccompanied homeless youth, one of thousands of underage victims affected by family separation due to broken immigration laws.

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## ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY CONTINUED

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Elizabeth Camarillo Gutierrez was born and raised in Tucson, Arizona, as a second-generation immigrant. She graduated from high school at the top of her class and, in 2018, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in philosophy, politics, and economics. She worked as a banking analyst at Wells Fargo and is now a product manager at a big tech company, where she uses her background and knowledge to empower communities. She has been featured on NPR's Latino USA and delivered a viral TED Talk on finding opportunity and stability in the United States while examining flaws in narratives that simplify and idealize the immigrant experience. She lives in Brooklyn, New York. More information about Elizabeth Camarillo Gutierrez can be found on her website: [www.elizabethcamarillo.com](http://www.elizabethcamarillo.com).

For a complete listing of community book discussions, programs and events, go to [www.tuscliteracy.org/1b1c](http://www.tuscliteracy.org/1b1c). Copies of the book can be checked out at any library in Tuscarawas County.



### Images from the cultural fair held in September.

**Top Left:** A woman grinding corn on stone and making tortillas.

**Top Right:** A model showcasing vibrant culture.

**Bottom Left:** An elder visiting from Michigan, originally from the Ixil region.

**Bottom Middle:** A mother demonstrating how to style her daughter's hair with a traditional woven hair band.

**Bottom Right:** Traditional clothing from the K'iche' region.



### 2025 ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY SPONSORS:

Thank you for making One Book, One Community a success! Over \$12,000 has been raised!

Case Farms, Commercial & Savings Bank, Dennison Rotary Club, Dover Exchange Club, DoverPhila Federal Credit Union, First Federal Community Bank, Friends of Claymont Public Library, Friends of the Dover Public Library, Friends of the Tuscarawas County Public Library - New Phila, Haman Foundation, Kent State Tuscarawas, Marsh Foundation, McInturf Realty, Moomaw Foundation, Progressive Foam Technologies, ProVia, Simona Boltaron, Springer Orthodontics, Sugarcreek Rotary Club, Tuscarawas County University Foundation, Tuscarawas County Community Foundation, United Way of Tuscarawas County, Zimmerman Foundation.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS & RESOURCES

## TUTORING RESOURCES

### DOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Free homework help every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:00PM - 6:00PM. Call the library at 330-343-6123 for more information or to reserve a timeslot for your child.

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### TUSCARAWAS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM - BOLIVAR BRANCH

Does your child need help with reading? Schedule a one-on-one 30-minute session with certified literacy tutor Lana Schrock, PhD in Hispanic Languages and Literature. Tuesdays: September 2nd through November 11th from 6:00PM to 8:00 PM.

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## TUTORING SUCCESS STORY

*"I don't know what she did, but my daughter never reads out aloud willingly. I am shocked Lana got her to read out loud at her first session."*

## ANNUAL FAMILY READING FESTIVAL

The East Central Ohio Educational Service Center's Annual Family Reading Festival is scheduled for Saturday, November 8, from 11:00AM to 3:00PM at the New Towne Mall. The free literacy event is for children from birth through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. More details can be found at the East Central Ohio Educational Service Center's Facebook page.

## COMMUNITY IMPACT

### 2025 COMMUNITY SHRED DAY EVENT



### COMMUNITY SHRED DAY RAISES NEARLY \$500 FOR ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Community Shred Day on Saturday, August 2! The event raised almost \$500 to support the 2025 One Book, One Community program.

In partnership with local shredding company U-Shredd-It, TLC provided residents with a secure and convenient way to safely dispose of confidential documents – all while supporting a meaningful cause. Community members were encouraged to make a donation in exchange for shredding services, with every dollar benefiting TLC's One Book, One Community program.

# SUPPORT LITERACY!

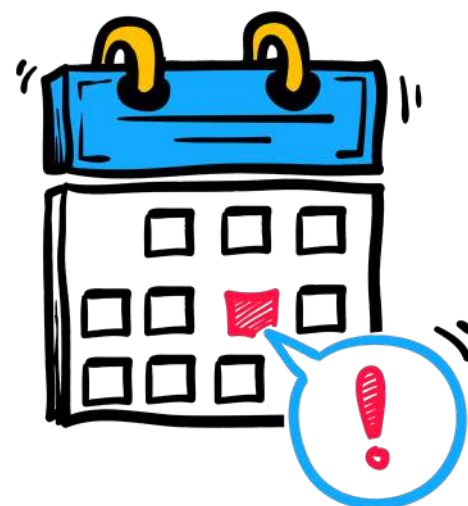
## BECOME A LITERACY COALITION MEMBER



Invest in a membership with the Tuscarawas County Literacy Coalition! With a range of membership options to suit your needs, you can play a key role in supporting literacy initiatives of all kinds. Join us today at [www.tuscliteracy.org](http://www.tuscliteracy.org) or simply scan the QR code with your device to get started!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR TCLC'S ANNUAL MEETING & SOCIAL HOUR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, AT 4:30PM AT DOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

All are welcome to attend our Annual Meeting of the TCLC membership on Tuesday, December 2, in the Community Room at Dover Public Library. Join us for snacks and fellowship from 4:00PM to 4:30PM, with the meeting starting at 4:30PM. We will discuss our 2025 reports at the meeting and preview plans for the upcoming year.



### TUSCARAWAS COUNTY LIBRARIES

Claymont Public Library  
215 E. Third Street  
Uhrichsville, OH 44683  
Phone: 740-922-3626

Mineral City Nicole Donant  
8503 S High Ext  
Mineral City, OH 44656  
Phone: 330-859-9100

TCPL – Emma Huber Memorial Library  
356 5th Street N.W.  
Strasburg, OH 44680  
Phone: 330-878-5711

Dennison Branch Library  
15 N. Fourth Street  
Dennison, OH 44621  
Phone: 740-922-5851

Newcomerstown Public Library  
123 E. Main Street  
Newcomerstown, OH 43832  
Phone: 740-498-8228

TCPL – Sugarcreek Branch  
120 S. Broadway Street  
Sugarcreek, OH 44681  
Phone: 740-852-2813

Dover Public Library  
525 N. Walnut Street  
Dover, OH 44622  
Phone: 330-343-6123

Tuscarawas County Public Library  
121 Fair Avenue N.W.  
New Philadelphia, OH 44663  
Phone: 330-364-4474

TCPL – Tuscarawas Branch  
209 S. Main Street  
Tuscarawas, OH 44682  
Phone: 740-922-2748

Gnadenhutten Public Library  
160 N. Walnut Street  
Gnadenhutten, OH 44629  
Phone: 740-254-9224

TCPL – Bolivar Branch  
455 W. Water Street  
Bolivar, OH 44612  
Phone: 330-874-2720

Kent State Tuscarawas Library  
330 University Dr. NE  
New Philadelphia, OH 44663  
Phone: 330-308-7471