



SUMMER 2023 NEWSLETTER



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear TCLC Friends & Supporters,

The sun is shining, and the swimming pools are open! Kids are out of school and enjoying summer reading programs hosted by our local libraries. I look forward to summer because life slows down, and I have more time to read, even if that time is nestled between softball practices and soccer games. What book have you enjoyed this summer? I have been reading suspense and thrillers—and yes, the occasional romance novel as well!



Since this is my first column, I would like to introduce myself. I was elected president of the Tuscarawas County Literacy Coalition in January 2023. I reside in Dover with my husband and two children, Max and Scarlett. As an educator, administrator, and leader, I am dedicated to strengthening literacy skills for all residents and look forward to serving our members and the greater Tuscarawas County community.

Throughout the spring, the TCLC has been busy preparing for summer and fall, including our Community Shred Event scheduled for Saturday, August 5th, and our One Book, One Community programming beginning this fall. Details on these events are included in this newsletter, our website, and our Facebook page.

Additionally, TCLC is working to support reading and math tutors in our local libraries starting this fall. Stay tuned for more details!

Stay cool and enjoy reading and reflecting as the summer heats up. May the summer bring your life more cheers and happiness, more memories and beautiful moments. I look forward to seeing you at our Community Shred Event and the upcoming One Book, One Community events!

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denise Cooley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Denise Cooley, TCLC President



2023 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Tuscarawas County Literacy Coalition (TCLC) congratulates the 2023 scholarship award winners Julio Sica-Perez of Tuscarawas Central Catholic and Camryn McGlumphy of Dover High School.

Julio Sica- Perez is working to develop a summer literacy program to help Latino students prepare a roadmap for their future. He plans to study Computer Science and Engineering at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

Camryn McGlumphy worked as an assistant in the library at Dover High School and served as president of the library's book club, Trending Titles. She plans to study Communication Sciences and Disorders at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, with the goal of obtaining a Master's degree in Speech and Language Pathology.

The Tuscarawas County Literacy Coalition scholarship was established in memory of former board member and friend of literacy Keith Rathbun. Rathbun was the former publisher of The Budget Newspaper in Sugarcreek, Ohio, and the Ohio Newspaper Association president. The scholarship is a one-time \$500 scholarship offered to students at Tuscarawas County school districts to aid current seniors in continuing their efforts toward obtaining a Certificate/Associate or bachelor's degree.

Congratulations to both Julio Sica- Perez and Camryn McGlumphy! Best wishes in your future endeavors.



Pictured (L-R): Jim Gill (TCLC Treasurer), Julio Sica-Perez, Denise Cooley (TCLC Board President)



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COMMUNITY SHRED & E-WASTE EVENT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH
10:00AM – 12:00PM

FIRST FEDERAL COMMUNITY
BANK'S PARKING LOT
902 BOULEVARD STREET
DOVER, OH 44622

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THE 2023 ONE BOOK, ONE
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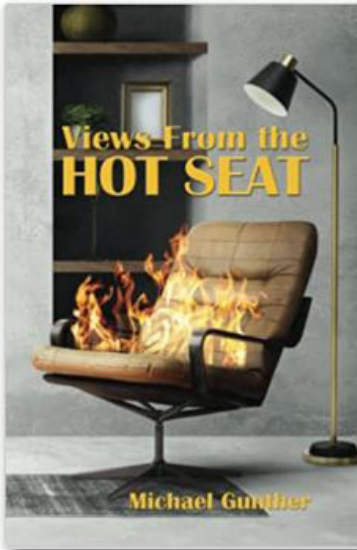


Free to recycle items. Four (4) box maximum. **ACCEPTED E-WASTE:** laptops, keyboards, mouse, desktop printers, routers, modems, fax machines, PC's (not including monitors), and hard drives **NOTE: We cannot take TVs or monitors this year.**

One Book

ONE COMMUNITY

2023 ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY: VIEWS FROM THE HOT SEAT BY MICHAEL GUNTHER



The 2023 One Book One Community selection of *Views From the Hot Seat* by Tuscarawas County's own Michael Gunther. This book was chosen to exemplify the pride in Tuscarawas County and our own accomplishments as individuals who have committed to and accomplished so much in the education and athletic communities within Tuscarawas County.

Views From the Hot Seat by Michael Gunther is a collection of 64 writings about small-town America published from 2013-2022. It is full of shared thoughts, opinions, and recollections focusing on a variety of topics ranging in part from high school sports, childhood, education, and occasional political observations, to personal revelations. The book has two objectives: to entertain and to allow readers to think.

Michael Gunther spent 44 years teaching students to appreciate the roles of writing and reading in their lives. His 35 years of high school teaching and coaching allowed him to create relationships with students that extended beyond the classroom. While teaching high school, he and his students wrote a series of six books paying tribute to the area's Vietnam veterans titled *Vietnam Veterans: The Tuscarawas Valley's Survivors* and another two-part series paying tribute to area role models titled *We Couldn't Have Done It Alone*. A lifetime resident of Tuscarawas County, Gunther was raised in Gnadenhutten, and he and his wife Anne raised two daughters and have been Dover residents for over three decades. Today their family also includes three grandchildren.

We hope the 2023 selection will inspire future generations of writers and engage community members from all walks of life. Please join us in reading Mr. Gunther's book and engaging in community activities throughout the fall, such as book clubs, literacy connection day, and the final culminating event on Monday, November 6, 2023, at 7:00PM at Founder's Hall at Kent State Tuscarawas Branch.

2023 ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY SPONSORS:

Our sponsors make One Book, One Community a success each year!

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BEYOND TRADITIONAL LITERACY: HEALTH - DETACH FROM WORK DURING VACATION

Quick tips for detaching from work during vacation.

Finish up as much as you can before you leave. The best way to ensure no one bothers you while you're away is to ensure you've finished up all outstanding projects before leaving. Tie up all loose ends, and don't leave anything hanging while you're gone.

Set your email to auto-reply. Set up an out-of-office message to let people know you're not at work now. Be sure to include your vacation dates in the email and to provide an alternative contact people can reach out to for urgent matters.

Turn off all notifications on your phone. Take advantage of your phone's Do Not Disturb feature while on vacation. While you likely can't do this for your entire vacation, you can reserve this for quality time while on your getaway.

Leave your laptop at home. If you've finished all open projects before you leave and set a clear protocol for emergency contact while you're away, there's no reason to assume you'll need it during your vacation.

Use the inside-outside rule. If you cannot disconnect entirely for your vacation, try this rule: Only open work emails when inside your hotel or rental. When you step outside, anything related to work is out. This simple but powerful rule can give you the break you need from work without cutting off completely for the entire trip.

Avoid talking about work. When interacting with friends, family, or travel companions while on vacation, make a conscious effort to avoid discussing work topics. Redirect conversations to other subjects of interest and immerse yourself in non-work-related discussions.

Trust your team. If you're leaving work for a few days or more, you need to have confidence in the team back at the office. You have to believe they can hold it down without you. Once you've prepared them for your leave and provided any instructions they may need, just let go.

Plan your return. When you return, prepare for a pile of work waiting on your desk. Block out your first day back so it's free of meetings to allow the slow ease back into your work schedule while tackling all urgent matters first.



MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER COURTNEY WALLACE; MEMBER AT LARGE

Courtney is the Bolivar Branch Supervisor for the Tuscarawas County Public Library System. Her passion in life is helping people and serving the community. As a student, she struggled with reading and writing, which is why she believes in the literacy coalition's mission statement. She understands how the right book and person can make all the difference in the world. She received the Trojan Pride Award from the Tuscarawas Valley Local Schools for outstanding service and dedication to the TV community in February 2023.

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PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN TUSCARAWAS COUNTY

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: 740-343-6123

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