



WINTER 2024 NEWSLETTER



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Tuscarawas County Literacy Coalition Members,

Happy February! The winter season is winding down and the Tuscarawas Valley is noticing more signs of spring. On my weekly walks in Dover Park, I am seeing robins hopping in the grass. The pond is melting, and the grass is looking a little greener. While I still enjoy curling up with a good book by the fire, I am also drawn outside by the nicer weather and the promise of sunshine.

We were thrilled with the turnout for the One Book, One Community event on November 6th, featuring local author Mike Gunther. A special thank you to the Board Members and One Book, One Community Committee for making the event a success! We're extremely grateful to Mike Gunther for his inspiring lecture.

The Literacy Coalition has been hard at work this winter developing new programming to benefit our community. In the newsletter, you will see updates on the One Book, One Community title for 2024 and a new initiative to provide literacy tutoring for students in the Bolivar area. Also, save the date for the TCLC Annual Shred Event that is scheduled for August 3rd at First Federal Community Bank on the Boulevard in Dover. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

As we spring into warmer weather, I urge you to take time to promote literacy in your neighborhoods and at your family gatherings. Talk about the books you have listened to or read recently, explore the programming offered by local libraries, and join or start a local book club.

Yours in literacy,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denise Cooley".

Denise Cooley, TCLC President



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SUPPORT LITERACY! BECOME A TCLC MEMBER

Want to support literacy efforts of all types in Tuscarawas County? Invest in a Tuscarawas County Literacy Coalition membership! We have a variety of membership options that match your needs. Join today through our online portal at www.tuscliteracy.org.



2024 ONE BOOK, ONE COMMUNITY: *THINGS SEEN FROM ABOVE* by Shelley Pearsall

ABOUT THE BOOK

A shift in perspective can change everything.

April is looking for an escape from the sixth-grade lunch hour, which has become a social-scene nightmare, so she signs up to be a “buddy bench monitor” for the fourth graders’ recess.

Joey Byrd is a boy on the fringes, who wanders the playground alone, dragging his foot through the dirt. But over time, April realizes that Joey isn’t just making random circles. When you look at his designs from above, a story emerges... Joey’s “bird’s eye” drawings reveal what he observes and thinks about every day.

Told in alternating viewpoints--April’s in text and Joey’s mostly in art--the story gives the “whole picture” of what happens as these two outsiders find their rightful places.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Shelley Pearsall is the author of seven nationally recognized books for middle grade and teen readers. She is a passionate believer in the power of books to build bridges and start conversations. Her novels are used in classrooms and libraries nationwide, and they have been translated into multiple languages.

Shelley’s novel, *THINGS SEEN FROM ABOVE*, features a neurodiverse boy with a unique visual gift. It was an Amazon Book of the Month pick in 2020. Her earlier novels have been recognized by numerous school and library associations. *TROUBLE DON’T LAST* received the prestigious Scott O’Dell Award for Historical Fiction in 2003. *THE SEVENTH MOST IMPORTANT THING* was an ALA Notable Book selection along with *ALL OF THE ABOVE*, which was named a 2020 Mathical Honor Book for its math themes and connections.

Other awards and nominations include: ILA Teacher’s Choice, Junior Library Guild, Bank Street College of Education Best Books of the Year, ALSC Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers, Booklist Editor’s Choice, Kirkus Best Books of the Year, BCCB Blue Ribbon Book, Notable Social Studies Trade Book, along with numerous state reading award nominations.

Before becoming a full-time author, Shelley taught in Ohio’s public schools and worked as a museum educator where she created museum theater events and educational programs. She holds a master’s in education (M.Ed). Over the last 20 years, Shelley’s guest author visits and writing workshops have reached more than a quarter-million students around the world. Currently, Shelley and her husband Mike divide their time between Scotland and the US (Ohio). Shelley is represented by Writers House agent, Steven Malk. Visit Shelley’s websites for more details: www.shelleypearsall.com and www.onebookoneday.com.



Be on the look out for details about the festivities planned for this year’s One Book, One Community.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & RESOURCES

TUTORING RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Available to students in kindergarten through 5th grade.

DOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

SPONSORED BY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

525 North Walnut Street

Dover, OH 44622

Available: Math & Reading

Call 330-343-6123 for details and to schedule an appointment for your child.

BOLIVAR PUBLIC LIBRARY

SPONSORED BY TUSCARAWAS COUNTY LITERACY COALITION

455 Water Street NW

Bolivar, OH 44612

Available: Reading

Call 330-874-2720 for details and to schedule an appointment for your child.

VOLUNTER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)

Hosted by United Way of Tuscarawas County

Now until April 11, get your federal and state taxes done for free through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. VITA is open to households earning \$60,000 per year or less. This program is open to all ages and no geographic restrictions. Schedule your appointment online at www.tuscunitedway.org or by calling 330-994-VITA (8482).

1ST ANNUAL BILINGUAL JOB FAIR

Hosted by Puentes

Scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Tuscarawas County YMCA in Dover. This event welcomes all multilingual youth and adults who are seeking career opportunities in Tuscarawas County and surrounding areas.

FREE FINANCIAL WELLNESS COURSE

Hosted by DoverPhila Federal Credit Union

This FREE five-week financial wellness course will be held Mondays beginning Monday, April 1, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM at Buckeye Career Center in New Philadelphia. It covers financial goalsetting and saving, building a budget, dealing with debt, understanding credit, checking credit reports, protecting your money, and more. Register through DoverPhila at 330-364-8874.

MAY THE COURSE BE WITH YOU 5K

Hosted by Tuscarawas County Public Library System

Scheduled for Saturday, May 4, at Tuscora Park in New Philadelphia. Registration opens at 9:00 AM with the race beginning at 10:00 AM. All proceeds from the race will benefit the Tuscarawas County Library System's Summer Reading Program at all five of its locations, which include Bolivar, Strasburg, Sugarcreek, New Phila, and Tuscarawas. Call 330-364-4474 for more details.

COMMUNITY SHRED EVENT

Hosted by Tuscarawas County Literacy Coalition

Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 3, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (noon) at the First Federal Community Bank located at 902 Boulevard Street in Dover. There is no cost to recycle items; however, donations are accepted to benefit the Tuscarawas County Literacy Coalition and its community programs. Check the TCLC website and Facebook page for more details.

SUPPORTING LITERACY CULTURAL - ALL THINGS CAREER RELATED

Are you job searching and need help with resume writing, online job search, and interviewing? OhioMeansJobs, a TCLC partner, is here to help!

Besides in-person services offered at the OhioMeansJobs Tuscarawas County Center location at 1260 Monroe Street, New Philadelphia, Ohio (across from the YMCA), you can also receive assistance with employment at Access Points!

Access Points, through OhioMeansJobs, brings its in-person services to you through community partnerships with local libraries and Goodwill. Below is their upcoming schedule in Tuscarawas County.

Goodwill Walk-In Days at the Goodwill Tuscarawas County Mission Office (next to the Goodwill retail store):

- Second Wednesday of the month from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Dover Public Library:

- Second Monday of the month from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Fourth Monday of the month from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Tuscarawas County Public Library (Bolivar location):

- First Wednesday of the month from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Tuscarawas County Public Library (Main location)

- Second Wednesday of the month from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Tuscarawas County Public Library (Sugarcreek location):

- Fourth Wednesday of the month from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM (beginning in April)

Newcomerstown Public Library:

- Third Thursday of the month from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM (beginning in April)

The OhioMeansJobs Tuscarawas County center is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM (closed for lunch 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM). No appointment is necessary and all services are FREE!

Virtual services are available. For more information, call 330-364-9777 or visit www.omjwork.com.



LITERACY SCHOLARSHIP!

We're offering two \$500 scholarships to eligible high school seniors who reside in Tuscarawas County or are enrolled in a Tuscarawas County high school or Tuscarawas County homeschooling network and plan to continue their studies at an accredited post-secondary institution in any course of study. More details are available on our website at tuscliteracy.org.

POPULAR TITLES FOR 2023

The highest circulating titles from the Dover Public Library in 2023.

ADULT NON-FICTION TITLES

- SPARE by Prince Harry - 75
- VIEWS FROM THE HOT SEAT by Michael Gunther - 72
- UNWILLING WARRIORS: SURIVING THE VIETNAM WAR by James Kinsey - 41
- A FEVER IN THE HEARTLAND by Timothy Egan - 40
- A WOMAN IN ME by Britney Spears - 19

ADULT FICTION TITLES

- IDENTITY by Nora Roberts - 105
- I WILL FIND YOU by Harlan Coben - 100
- SIMPLY LIES by David Baldacci - 99
- AN EVIL HEART by Linda Castillo - 85
- WITHOUT A TRACE by Danielle Steel - 75

TEEN TITLES

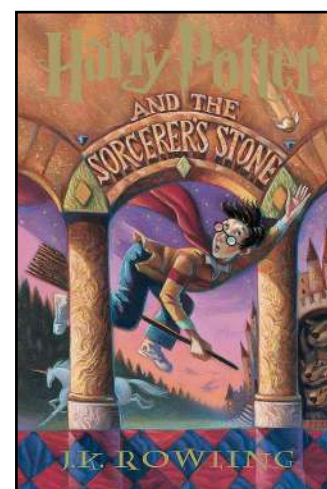
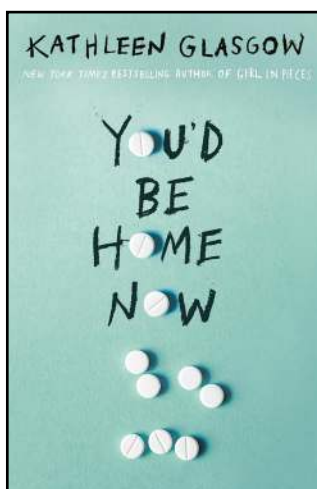
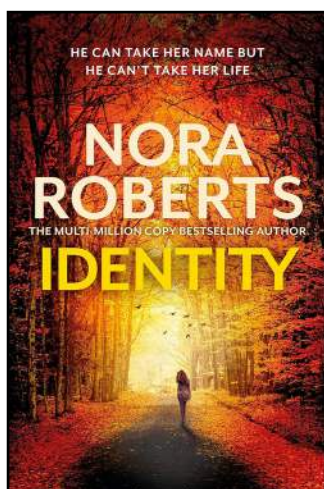
- YOU'D BE HOME NOW by Kathleen Glasgow - 22
- MOCKINGJAY by Suzanne Collins - 22
- HEARTSTOPPER VOL 2 by Alice Oseman - 18
- HEARTSTOPPER VOL 3 by Alice Oseman - 17
- THE SUMMER I TURNED PRETTY by Jenny Han - 17

CHILDREN'S BOOK TITLES

- HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE by J. K. Rowling- 131
- DOG MAN: FOR WHOM THE BALL ROLLS by Dav Pilkey - 94
- DOG MAN by Dav Pilkey - 64
- BIG SHOT by Jeff Kinney - 61
- THE PIGEON FINDS A HOT DOG! by Mo Willems - 50

DVD

- TOP GUN: MAVERICK - 64
- JOHN WICK CHAPTER 4 - 60
- M3GAN - 54
- BLACK ADAM - 49
- TICKET TO PARADISE - 44



“READING IS AN EXERCISE IN EMPATHY; AN EXERCISE IN WALKING IN SOMEONE ELSE’S SHOES FOR A WHILE.”

- MALORIE BLACKMAN

SUPPORTING LITERACY HEALTH - MENTAL WELLNESS

Positive mental health helps people live happier, healthier, and longer lives. Here are six ways to jump start your mental wellness.

1. Talk to someone.
2. Read a book.
3. Go for a walk.
4. Listen to music.
5. Eat whole foods.
6. Try journaling thoughts.



SUPPORTING LITERACY FINANCIAL - MONEY HACK: TAKE A STAYCATION

Take a break from life without breaking the bank with a staycation! Splurge on a spa set to enjoy at home, order breakfast in, and tour local sites you haven't yet seen.

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: 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

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