

## Recording Your Family Stories

November has been designated “Family Stories Month,” because November is a wonderful time to remember and retell our family stories as we prepare for gathering together around the Thanksgiving table. This month is dedicated to reflecting on the fun stories, the exciting stories, the stories that make us proud to be a member of our family, stories of set-backs and tragedy, and the stories that remind us of who we are, where we come from, what values our family treasures, and where we are going as a family.

Every family has hundreds of stories, and they are all important. Family Stories Month is a perfect time to collect the family stories you want to pass on to your descendants. Ask your relatives what they remember and what they hope will come to pass. You’ll be surprised at what you discover about your kinfolk! Family History Month is also a great time to discover your ancestry. Madison County Public Library has a lot of resources for creating family stories and for researching genealogy.

Here are some useful **Web Resources** for saving your family stories for the next generation:

***How to write your family history:***

<http://www.mediacollege.com/writing/genealogy/family-history.html>

***Writing your family history:*** <http://www.thearmchairgenealogist.com/p/ultimate-guide-to-writing-family.html>

***10 steps to writing your family history:***

[http://genealogy.about.com/od/writing\\_family\\_history/a/write.htm](http://genealogy.about.com/od/writing_family_history/a/write.htm)

***Story Corps Great Questions List:*** <http://storycorps.org/record-your-story/question-generator/list/>

**At the library** you can also access **Ancestry.com Library Edition**, a great place to start your genealogical research!

Writing your family history? Here are just a few of the many **books available at Madison County Public Library:**

***Scrapbooking your family history*** by Best, Laura Call Number: 745.593 BES BERA  
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***Write it right : a manual for writing family histories and genealogies*** / by Donald R. Barnes and Richard S. Lackey ; introduction by John Frederick Dorman. Call Number: 929/Bar RICHMOND IN NONFICTION

***My history is America's history : 15 things you can do to save America's stories: / A millennium project of The National Endowment for the Humanities.*** Call Number: R/929/My RICHMOND in REFERENCE

***Planting your family tree online: How to create your own family history web site*** by Howells, Cyndi Call Number 929 How BOOKMOBILE in NONFICTION

***Rockcastle roots : Informal histories of families of Rockcastle County, Kentucky*** by Lair, John. Call Number: K R 929 LAI BERE A

***Keeping family stories alive : a creative guide to recording your family life & lore*** by Rosenbluth, Vera, 1946- Call Number: 929 ROS RICHMOND in NONFICTION

***Melungeons : the last lost tribe in America*** by Hirschman, Elizabeth Caldwell, 1949- Call Number 975 Hir RICHMOND in NONFICTION