

**OurStoryBridge** is your free resource and tool kit for producing a crowdsourced, community story project emphasizing audio history collecting and sharing.

OurStoryBridge.org



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**Happy New Year!** While 2020 brought along many challenges, we are grateful for the opportunities that were also presented. **OurStoryBridge** officially launched on September 29 and in just a few short months, we connected with libraries from 45 states. We are excited to support these communities as they embark on their very own story projects.

With the New Year will also come new resources. Our User Guide has already been downloaded more than 100 times, and the forthcoming Teacher's Guide will be another key resource added to **OurStoryBridge**. Combined with how-to videos and sample documents, our **Tool Kit** will help facilitate the creation of story projects in communities across the country.

We believe that 2021 will a year of growth for all of us, including **OurStoryBridge**, as communities rebuild and begin to place a greater emphasis on the collection and preservation of their unique histories. We invite you to join us as we connect the past and the present in our libraries, our towns, and our cities.

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## Connect with **OurStoryBridge** Online

**OurStoryBridge** is on social media. Follow us on **Facebook** and **Instagram** to view pictures, hear stories, and share resources.



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## What is OurStoryBridge?

Combining oral tradition with digital tools, **OurStoryBridge** provides the framework to collect, preserve, and celebrate your past and your present. Each month our newsletter will have a Featured Story to demonstrate how **OurStoryBridge** captures the special moments, unique memories, and notable events that make our communities remarkable.

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## Featured Story of the Month

As we thank medical professionals for their heroic service during the ongoing pandemic, we also appreciate our Adirondack rescue heroes. Doug Downs tells his story of starting a New Year with an Adirondack rescue. [Click to listen](#) to one of the over 180 narratives collected as part of **Adirondack Community**



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## Why OurStoryBridge?

There are many benefits to starting an **OurStoryBridge** Project in your community. **OurStoryBridge** can:

- **Create** closer bonds and community connections
- **Preserve** stories and honor the legacies of older generations
- **Engage** the younger generations with their community's rich history
- **Increase** civic engagement of all community members
- **Celebrate** what makes your community special
- **Attract** new residents and visitors
- **Reveal** people, stories, and unique anecdotes not widely known
- **Re-ignite** a passion for your community

**Visit our website** for the framework and resources you need to begin telling the story of your community.

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## FAQ

How long does it take to set up an **OurStoryBridge** project?

Launching an **OurStoryBridge** project typically takes six months to one year, from the “planning and approval phase” through the “preparation phase” to the “early implementation phase.” You can expect to collect, produce, and share your first stories within this time frame.

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## Testimonial

“My Adirondack Story gives us all a sense of community. It gives us an appreciation of our community members and their history, which makes us all closer to each other. It is wonderful to save the history of our wonderful community.” —Jill Murray



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