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## **ADIRONDACK STORIES TEACHER'S GUIDE RELEASED AS A FREE RESOURCE**

**Teachers across the country introduced to Adirondack stories for use as classroom tools**

KEENE VALLEY, N.Y. (2/8/21) -- Today the Keene Valley Library added a Teacher's Guide to the "Adirondack Community: Capturing, Retaining, and Communicating the Stories of Who We Are" and "OurStoryBridge: Connecting the Past and the Present" websites. This guide is designed for teachers in the Adirondacks, New York state and across the country.

The Teacher's Guide consists of the How To document outlining how to use the stories for lessons in any school in any community; the Story Selection Chart, a tool to match stories with specific high school courses; the Story Summaries, brief synopses of the 180 stories currently available; and the Sample School Assignment.

Brad Hurlburt, Keene Central School teacher and liaison to Adirondack Community, helped create the Teacher's Guide.

"At Keene Central School, we have used Adirondack Community stories in the classroom to enhance our lessons with this amazing collection and to provide students with firsthand historical knowledge, including models of local civic engagement," Hurlburt said. "Although the storytellers are based in the Adirondack Mountains of New York state, their stories teach universal lessons."

Angelina Lappin, an 11th grader in North Carolina who categorized each story by 28 typical high school courses, said, "I was rendered speechless by all that I learned while listening to the 180 stories on the website. I recognized the relevance of the stories to my high school curriculum and connect deeply with other students' stories, sensing the magic and passion that exists within the Adirondack community."

Adirondack Community, at [www.myadirondackstory.org](http://www.myadirondackstory.org), is a multi-year local history project that collects and organizes 3- to 5-minute audio stories and related photographs from town of Keene community members. This online platform shares the rich social and cultural history of this community located in the Adirondack Mountains. The stories and podcasts have relevance beyond the community's borders, in any classroom.

OurStoryBridge, at [www.ourstorybridge.org](http://www.ourstorybridge.org), is a free resource and tool kit for producing a crowdsourced, community story project and is designed to help libraries and other organizations create their own story projects using Adirondack Community as a model.

For more information on Adirondack Community and OurStoryBridge, email [createyourstoryproject@gmail.com](mailto:createyourstoryproject@gmail.com) or call (410) 353-6372.

The Keene Valley Library, founded in 1885, provides a circulating collection and acts as a cultural center for the village's residents and visitors to New York's Adirondack Mountains. The

library's mission is to connect people to ideas, experiences, information and the community in a comfortable, welcoming setting. The library strives to do this by providing adults and children with a collection of current and relevant books, other media, and local Adirondack historical resources, providing an inviting and lively cultural center evolving as the community grows and technology advances. Learn more at [www.keenevalleylibrary.org](http://www.keenevalleylibrary.org).

**Note:** The OurStoryBridge logo is available upon request, along with a photo of a community meeting on Adirondack Community and links to stories and podcasts from Adirondack Community.