



Capture Your Family History During Family Stories Month

Some of our most memorable moments are those spent with loved ones. Whether you're gathering with family this year or not, November is the perfect time to capture your memories of time together.

The White Lake Community Library invites you to record your family stories using a series of starters, one each day throughout November. Use this journal to capture your stories. Not a writer? Find, take, or draw a family photo that fits the day's story starter and tape it into your journal. You can also share your images online using the hashtags [#FamilyStoriesMonth](#) and [#wlclibfamilies](#).

Want to get even deeper into your family's history? Access [Ancestry.com](#) through the library's website free until the end of 2020. Visit the library's reading room to browse copies of *Your Genealogy Today* and *Family Tree*

Family Story Starters

1. How would you describe your family to someone who doesn't know them?
2. What is your family's most memorable vacation or most frequent vacation destination?
3. Describe where your family lives today.
4. What makes your family laugh?
5. What special talents do members of your family have?
6. What physical or personality characteristics do members of your family share?
7. What are your family's favorite meals to share together?
8. What objects/keepsakes are important to your family?
9. How does your family celebrate birthdays?
10. What pastimes or hobbies do your family enjoy participating in together?

11. How has military experience affected your family?
12. What are the most challenging obstacles your family has overcome?
13. Describe the role of faith and religion in your family.
14. What historical events have had an impact on your family?
15. What makes your family sad?
16. Describe how each family member's first name and/or nickname was selected.
17. Describe your family's most deeply held values.
18. Describe your maternal grandparents.
19. Describe your paternal grandparents.
20. Describe how your parents met.
21. What songs make you think of your family?
22. What non-relatives (teachers, neighbors, etc.) have played an important role in your family?
23. Draw your family tree.
24. How does your family celebrate the winter holidays?
25. Describe the oldest relative you can remember.
26. How does your family celebrate Thanksgiving?
27. Describe a favorite photo of your family.
28. How did members of your family select their occupations?
29. What family from a book, movie, or television show most resembles your own?
30. Who amongst your relatives tells the best family stories?

BONUS: Ready to find out who your most famous ancestors are? Try out ancestry.com for free through the end of the year on the library's website: <https://www.wlclib.org/>

