



An Introduction to The Grannie Annie

[The Grannie Annie Family Story Celebration](#), founded in 2005, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation based in St. Louis, Missouri. Its mission is to inspire young people to discover, write, and share stories from their family's history, and to publish illustrated collections of their work. Through The Grannie Annie, thousands of students have had the opportunity to write or illustrate for a wide audience, strengthen family and community bonds, encounter history in a new way, and possibly be published in an international anthology.

The Grannie Annie invites young people everywhere in grades four through eight to interview people from an older generation of their family and to write about something they learn from their family's history. Student authors are encouraged to illustrate their stories if they wish, and to share their work with their extended family and their community. They are also invited to submit their work to The Grannie Annie for possible publication. There is no submission fee; submissions have been received from across the United States and from around the world. The Grannie Annie also partners with other local nonprofits to expand the reach of The Grannie Annie to more young people, families, and teachers.

Student authors and artists, their teachers, families, friends, and the public are invited to take part in an annual gathering to celebrate family stories. This year's [Family Stories Festival](#) will again be held in early June at the Missouri History Museum in St. Louis.

The Grannie Annie's website includes all the published stories, an index to the published stories, details for participating in The Grannie Annie, and resources to enhance the Grannie Annie experience. The young authors and artists are celebrated on The Grannie Annie's website and through social media, as well as having their work acknowledged in the books.

Stories published in the annual volumes of *Grannie Annie* and on The Grannie Annie's website have taken place on six continents over a span of about 400 years. The stories provide readers with a vivid glimpse of life in other places and other times, and foster feelings of unity with people whose lives may seem very different from their own.