

19 Area Students Have Historical Family Stories Selected for Publication

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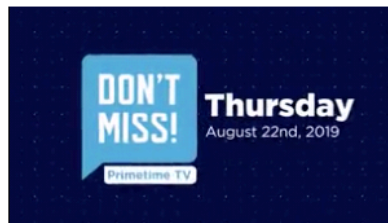
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Nineteen students from five metro-area schools, and two schools slightly farther away, have had their historical family stories selected for publication in Grannie Annie, Vol. 14, to be released in May by The Grannie Annie Family Story Celebration. Volume 14 will be published as a paperback book, an eBook, and a PDF book. In addition, the stories in Volume 14 will be posted on The Grannie Annie's website and shared in social media throughout the year.

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in St. Louis, The Grannie Annie invites students in U.S. grades 4 through 8, and homeschooled and international students of comparable ages, to write about something interesting they discover from their family's history based on their interviews with older relatives.

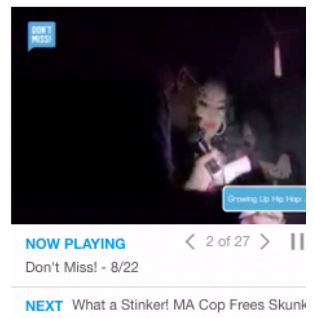
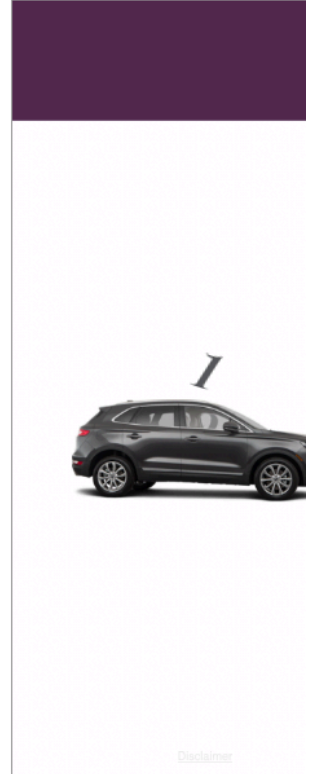
Fifth-graders whose work will appear in Grannie Annie, Vol. 14, and the titles of their stories are, from The College School in Webster Groves, Aiden Hasek, "Join the Fight for Freedom," and Elizabeth Merrill, "His Name Was Alfie"; and from Living Water Academy in Wildwood, Tori Brand, "A Miracle of Life."



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Sixth-grade authors and their story titles are, from Kirk Day School in Town & Country, Karissa Hsu, "The Inheritance of Hope"; from Rossman School in Creve Coeur, Courtney Wu, "The Cookbook," and Sarah Ding, "An Unforgettable Journey on the Island"; and from Immaculate Conception School in Dardenne Prairie, James Bowman, "Buzzer Beater"; Audrey Christian, "Just One Light"; Ava Fernández, "Sobrevivientes (Survivors)"; Cami Kohmetscher, "On the Way Home"; Gracie Luedde, "Dinnertime"; Avery Pinon, "A Christmas Miracle"; Sarah Schneider, "The Twins and a Chili Pepper"; and Meghan Thorpe, "A Secret Love Story."



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Seventh-grade authors and their story titles are, from Westminster Christian Academy in Town & Country, Caidan Brophy, "'Sir, May I Carry Your Bag?"; Hadley M. McConkey, "Perils of War," and Florence M. Sarra, "Room for Two"; and from Rolla Junior High in Rolla, Carter Chance, "A Legacy Toward Equality"; and Maddy Pense, "Forty-Eight Years."

The thirty-eight stories in Grannie Annie, Vol. 14, represent the 536 submissions received this year from young authors in nine states. The published stories, which took place in eighteen countries on three continents over a span of 356 years, include personal accounts of historic events as well as vivid recollections of everyday activities.

"Our intent," said Connie McIntyre, Executive Director of The Grannie Annie, "is that all participating students have a rich Grannie Annie experience — enhancing their literacy skills, strengthening their family bonds, and discovering that history can be personal and relevant."

All students who submitted stories or illustrations for Grannie Annie, Vol. 14, will be honored at The Grannie Annie's Family Stories Festival at the Missouri History Museum in St. Louis from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 2. In addition to published authors reading their stories, and published artists reading an artist statement about their illustrations, the festival will include a book signing, an art exhibit, and more. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Complete details about The Grannie Annie, as well as all of the stories published throughout the years, can be found at www.TheGrannieAnnie.org. Stories to be considered for publication in Grannie Annie, Vol. 15, must be submitted by February 1, 2020.