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creates the *real world*. ”

STORYCORPS
**TRACING OUR
ORIGINS**

A COLLABORATIVE PROJECT OF THE TRACY LIBRARY, TRACY FRIENDS OF THE
LIBRARY, AND THE TRACY COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY SHOWCASE EVENT

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

**JOIN US AND ENJOY THE COLLECTION OF LIFE
STORIES OF TRACY RESIDENTS!**

SIGN UP TO HAVE YOUR STORY RECORDED.

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

TRACY BRANCH LIBRARY, WADSWORTH ROOM
20 EAST EATON AVENUE
TRACY, CA 95376

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Tracing Our Origins

StoryCorps

Project of the Tracy Friends of the Library

Tracing Our Origins is a community volunteer project of the Tracy Friends of the Library to collect and archive the life stories, origin stories, and folk wisdom of the Tracy senior community to promote the Tracy Public Library as a community-gathering place that engages and empowers multigenerational and ethnically diverse communities in community building activities through sharing of life experiences and aspirations for their City.

By engaging both seniors and youth in the process of archiving life stories for this project, this project would provide a venue for multigenerational collaboration in identifying unique experiences and needs of specific communities in Tracy. This project places the Tracy Library and the TFOL at the core of the community and will play an integral role in creating long term sustainable solutions to community issues.

Volunteers will use the StoryCorps questionnaire to trace the origins and life experiences of Tracy residents, while using the Harwood Institute questionnaire to identify the current needs of the senior community. Students will be trained on how to conduct the interviews prior to scheduled interviews. Students can sign up to volunteer for this project at tinyurl.com/storycorpsvolunteer.

The topics of the interviews will differ from month to month. Participants who sign up to have their stories will receive the questions for the designated month their interviews are scheduled ahead of their interview. Senior residents of Tracy may schedule their events by contacting the project coordinators, or by signing up at tinyurl.com/storycorpsparticipant.

Forums, training, interviews, and archiving of story collections related to this project will be administered at the Tracy Public Library, a government owned facility, which complies with all zoning rules and regulations. The collections will be archived online at StoryCorps.com, American Folklore Center at the U.S. Library of Congress and the Tracy Library. The interviews will also be accessible online.

The projected start date for this project is August 1, 2016 and the projected end date is June 30, 2017. Depending on the availability of volunteers and funding for this project, we anticipate recording between 3-6 interviews each month. The last Sunday of each month, the TFOL will showcase the recorded interviews to the public. Interviews will be conducted on Sundays, 2-4pm, except during the holidays. To engage different segments of the senior population, the interview topics will differ. Collected interviews will be showcased to the community at the Tracy Public Library Wadsworth Room, the last Sunday of each month 3-4:30pm.

During the month of July, volunteers and participants will engage in a range of community building activities with the purpose of developing solutions to the issues they have disclosed/identified during their interview process.

Persons interested in this project should contact Vecky Elliott, Tracy Friends of the Library board member at vecky.elliott@gmail.com 903.253.6784 or Sejal Kargal, Lead Student Project Coordinator at sejalkargal@gmail.com.