ORAL HISTORY STORYTELLING BOOTH
HOW WILL IT WORK?

What to Expect
The YOUR EVENT Oral History Storytelling Booth offers participants an opportunity to record a 15-minute interview about TOPIC. Interviews may involve two friends having a conversation, a family member interviewing a family member, or an individual being interviewed by our professional oral history facilitator.

1. Welcome and Interview Prep. Please allow 30 minutes for the entire process. The recording itself will take only 15 minutes. However, time will be needed to review the process and paperwork with our volunteers, and to conduct a sound check.
   - **Release form.** Review and sign the Deed of Gift & Consent Form provided to confirm that you understand that the recording will be archived at the ARCHIVAL REPOSITORY and available to the public.
   - **Equipment set up/sound check.** Our dedicated A-V technician will conduct a sound check and ensure the recorder and microphone are set up properly for each participant.
   - **Interview Questions.** If you didn’t come with a story prepared don’t worry – our interviewer will have questions ready (see the “Sample Questions” on reverse).

2. Recorded interview/storytelling. This is the best and most exciting part of the process – recording your story! Our facilitator will walk through sample talking points, questions, and basic interviewing tips before you begin.
   - **Time check.** If you are recording the interview without the facilitator she will peek her head in with 3 minutes left to let you know it is time to wrap it up.

3. Post-Interview. You are all done! Your story will be preserved for local history.
   - **Await delivery of your recording.** Each participant will receive a copy of his or her recording via email, unless otherwise specified by the participant. If you have further questions about your interview and the archive process, please contact NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION.

Sample Questions

When did you come to LOCATION?

If you’re not from LOCATION, where did you move here from?
How long has your family been here?

If you moved here, what were your initial impressions of the city and its culture?

What restaurants, stores, theaters, or other institutions did you love that are no longer here?

How has the town changed since you’ve lived here?

How hasn’t the town changed since you have lived here?

What are some of your happy memories of LOCATION? What are some of the sad memories?

Who have been some of your favorite personalities over the years?

Are there any LOCATION events that are especially memorable for you?

Are there any funny stories about LOCATION that come to mind?

What do you imagine LOCATION will be like in 10 years?