



Historic Odessa Foundation  
and  
Corbit-Calloway Memorial Library  
present  
Family Trees: A Celebration of Reading

A love of books and reading is a lifelong treasure and adventure, young children who are read to by family and others become lifelong readers. Older children who read for pleasure develop inquiring minds that benefit them throughout their lives. Adults who have the habit of reading look back at the books they read as children with joy and pleasure. A love of books passed from generation to generation creates strong family bonds and memories that are priceless.

The Historic Odessa Foundation and the Corbit-Calloway Memorial Library proposes to celebrate children's literature and a love of reading by showcasing up to 40 decorated trees in the c. 1822 Brick Hotel. By exhibiting the trees in these beautiful period rooms a new and larger audience will be exposed to the preserved beauty of Odessa, its architecture, historic importance and natural charm. The exhibit will run from November 27<sup>th</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be open as part of *Christmas in Odessa*.

If your family or organization would like to design and decorate a tree with the theme from your favorite children's book, please fill out the following registration form. Staff at the Corbit-Calloway Memorial Library will be more than happy to help you select a story. **Deadline for registration is November 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Name of Family or Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Email/Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Book Selection /Author \_\_\_\_\_

Trees and lights will be provided by the Historic Odessa Foundation. (Please circle your preference)

Table Top                      Full Size

Please provide a sign for your tree, with your school/organization name and story information.

Trees may be decorated on November 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 9:00a.m and 7:30p.m.

Please circle your preferred date:      November 13<sup>th</sup>                      November 14<sup>th</sup>

All participants will receive an invitation to the Historic Odessa Foundation Holiday Preview Party.

Please circle your preferred date for un-decorating your Family Tree:      January 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>

For questions or additional information, please call the Corbit-Calloway Memorial Library at (302) 378-8838 or the Historic Odessa Foundation at (302) 378-4119.