

## Historic Odessa Foundation presents Storybook 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 celebrates children's literature and a love of reading by showcasing trees decorated by community and school groups in the National Historic Register Corbit-Sharp House. 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 11<sup>th</sup> through December 31<sup>th</sup> and will be open as part of *Christmas in Odessa*.

If your family, school 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 and mail to the Historic Odessa Foundation, PO Box 697, Odessa, DE 19730. **Deadline for registration is October 31.** 

Name of Family or Org	ganization	
Contact Person		Email/Phone_
Address		
Book Selection /Autho	r	
Trees and lights will be	e provided by the Histo	oric Odessa Foundation. (Please circle your preference)
3ft Tree	7ft Tree	Decorations cannot be made of food items!!

Please provide a tree skirt, copy of your book and a sign for your tree, with your school/organization/family name and story information.

Trees may be decorated on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am to 4:30pm or by reservation. To schedule a date/time, contact us at <u>Stephanie.brown@historicodessa.org</u>

Please circle your preferred date: November 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>

Your decorations will be bagged and available for pick-up from January  $\mathbf{5}^{th}$  to January  $\mathbf{9}^{th}$  .

Decorations not picked up by January 31st will be donated to the Holiday Resale Shop!