What resources or ideas can StoryCorps share about recording during the current pandemic?

For those at home with loved ones, we encourage you to record a conversation using the StoryCorps App. We’ve shared some safety tips for recording during this time here.

In addition, StoryCorps is actively working to create a new platform which allows for people to record a StoryCorps interview remotely with a friend or loved one. The service, called StoryCorps Connect, is set to launch in April and will allow you to set up a remote recording using your account on the StoryCorps Archive (archive.storycorps.org). Find out more here: https://storycorps.org/storycorps-connect/

What is StoryCorps’ association with NPR?

StoryCorps is an independently-funded nonprofit separate from NPR. We have a longstanding relationship with NPR and broadcast a segment each Friday on Morning Edition.

How does StoryCorps work with libraries?

StoryCorps has partnered with many libraries over the years to record and preserve the stories of their patrons, staff and communities. In 2014 and 2015, StoryCorps partnered with the ALA to offer StoryCorps @ Your Library, giving twenty libraries nationally in-depth training and support to collect and archive hundreds of stories for the StoryCorps Archive. We launched our StoryCorps DIY learning hub (diy.storycorps.org) and our Introductory course with support from IMLS. We offer these resources free of charge to any library. This platform offers great tools and resources for any organization seeking to adapt the StoryCorps model for their own DIY recording project. Finally, StoryCorps offers in-person trainings and workshops for a fee.

Can you share more information about your collaboration with the author Jason Reynolds?

We are very excited to be partnering with Jason Reynolds in the next year. We are still in the early stages of our partnership, so we do not have many details yet on when he will be recording. Stay tuned for more updates about this partnership in the months to come! If you have specific questions, we recommend reaching out to Jason Reynolds’ team directly. Please visit his website here, where you’ll find his direct contact information.

Is there a standard waiver you use that people need to sign?

StoryCorps does have a standard release form that participants in StoryCorps-facilitated interviews have the option of signing after they’ve completed a recording. The release form is optional and participants can always choose not to sign a release and to keep the recording just for themselves.
We encourage any organization planning to start their own recording project to develop a release form based on your policies and procedures. You can find general best practices on the DIY site at https://diy.storycorps.org/lessons/developing-release-forms/

If you choose to record and share recordings using the StoryCorps App and Online Archive as part of your project, please read the Terms of Use and Privacy Policy:
https://archive.storycorps.org/terms-of-use/
https://archive.storycorps.org/privacy-policy/

Does my library have to have a soundproof booth in order to start recording?

Not at all! Many of our recordings take place at partner sites across the country in spaces such as small conference rooms, classrooms and even participants’ homes. We have audio quality tips and best practices for creating your own DIY recording studio available as part of the DIY Introductory Course at https://diy.storycorps.org/courses/storycorps-diy-fundamental-course/

Can my library mention StoryCorps in our promotional materials and in social media posts?

We welcome you to share StoryCorps content, such as our broadcasts and animations, via your library’s social media accounts. If you are planning your own recording project, we ask that you do not promote it as an official StoryCorps partnership in order to avoid any confusion. However, you are welcome to state that your project is “inspired by StoryCorps.” Very shortly, we’ll also be sharing a special StoryCorps DIY logo on the DIY learning hub which you can download and use for your project.