

Tips for writing the Family Album Radio script

Know your sources! “Family Album” is a RESEARCH-based program, utilizing current scholarly information available on family issues. Sources must be reliable, such as EDIS, U.S. Census, and scholarly journals. Beware of dot-coms!

Take ALL the information and write about it in *less than two minutes*. The content must include:

1. The open (“Welcome to another page in the Family Album and the snapshots of our changing families. I’m Donna Davis.”)
2. A lead
3. The body, including important research data
4. The “wrap” (conclusion)
5. The close (“Listening, learning and living together, it’s the science of life. ‘Family Album’ is a co-production of University of Florida IFAS Extension, the Department of Family, Youth and Community Sciences and of WUFT-FM. If you’d like to learn more, please visit our Web site at familyalbumradio.org.”)

Remember to tie it to FAMILIES!

Other important points to remember:

- Each script should be approximately 300 words long, *including* the open and the close.
- READ it OUT LOUD. Do the words *flow* easily, and can they be easily *enunciated*? Does it fit in two minutes *comfortably*?
- Type all text double-spaced, using the Times Roman font, caps and lower case. Use paragraphs as indicated in the examples.