

Why I Love Newspapers By Donnell Suggs

As a small boy, my dream was to become either a professional baseball player or a sports writer for The New York Daily News. I never did get to play pro ball.

I do, however, get to live my dream as the regional sports editor and lead sports reporter for the Lake Oconee News, an award-winning weekly newspaper in Greensboro, Ga.

Getting up in the morning, picking the paper up and being able to read about everything (well, almost everything) going on in the world, and, in the case of my local paper, the world around me, has always intrigued me. I would always think to myself, "I want to be part of this world."

The beauty of a newspaper is that it does not need batteries to operate, a flat screen for you to see it, or buttons or levers for you to control it. It fits in your hands and your back pocket. It's rarely ever heavy, hot, cold or sharp. It inspires without making a sound.

The feel of a newspaper in my hands has always had a magical effect on me. I believe it always will. My byline is in the paper every week. My dream has come true. Those are the reasons I love newspapers.