

A Host of Resources for Coaching Youth Storytellers

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There are a multitude of resources available to those who wish to teach, tell, support and encourage youth storytelling. Below are a variety of website and book resources to assist you as you wind your way through the wonderful world of oral tradition. This is by no means a comprehensive list, but rather a starting point for your journey. Whether you are a storyteller, educator, librarian or student, I hope you find something to spark your imagination!

WEBSITE RESOURCES

The Call of Story

Listen to some of the best storytellers of today as they discuss various issues surrounding storytelling, memory, story prompts and more. <http://www.callofstory.org/>

Enoch Pratt Libraries

Discover different styles of telling while listening to some of our most beloved storytellers share their tales. http://www.epfl.net/kids/estories/ESTORIES_archive_list.cfm

Myths, Folktales and Fairytales

Explore folklore with Nina Jaffe, experience a storytelling workshop with Gerald Fierst or a myth writing workshop with Jane Yolen. Teacher guides, assessments, rubrics, and stories complement the information. http://teacher.scholastic.com/writewit/mff/folktales_home.htm

Once Upon A Story – A Manuel for Teaching Storytelling

A comprehensive, online storytelling resource that will guide beginning tellers from page to the stage. http://www.tampastory.org/tsf_manual.htm

Pacific Resources for Education and Learning

Drama and multimedia strategies, along with additional resources, will help your ESL students shine using storytelling as their springboard! <http://www.prel.org/eslstrategies/index.html>

Story Lovers

An extensive array of stories and books. Click on the “Exclusively for Storytellers” and you will find your own private folklore library at your fingertips. <http://www.story-lovers.com/>

Turner Learning Network

An Educator’s Guide to Storytelling; tips on teaching storytelling, National Standards, Assessments and Cross Curricular Approaches. <http://www.turnerlearning.com/turnersouth/storytelling/index.html>

Robert Clow Elementary School Storytellers

Susan Black and Beverly Frett direct a storytelling club in IL. Their website offers terrific information and resources on how to begin your own project. http://backpack.ipisd.org/clow/story_telling/st_index.htm

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Story Arts Online

Includes hints on techniques, contacts with online story resources and web sites devoted to the art of storytelling. <http://www.storyarts.org/>

Storytell Listserv

A free online forum devoted to storytelling, offering an endless source of information and support for both beginning and experienced storytellers. <http://www.twu.edu/COPE/SLIS/STORYTELL.HTM>

Storytelling Arts of Indiana

Teaching Guides, games, activities and resources from such quality tellers as Heather Forest, Doug Lipman, Ed Stivender, etc. <http://www.geocities.com/storiesinc/TeachersGuide.html#Games>

Teaching with Folklore Index

An entry point for busy teachers who wish to use folklore Internet resources; activities, lesson plan, extensions and links to stories are all here. <http://www.qesn.meq.gouv.qc.ca/folklore/index.htm>

Youth Storytelling

A portal to four different websites specific to youth storytelling. Your host is Kevin Cordi, nationally known storyteller, teacher and storycoach. <http://www.youthstorytelling.com/>

BOOK RESOURCES

Baltuck, Naomi, **Crazy Gibberish and other story hour stretches**

DeSpain, Pleasant **Eleven Nature Tales; A Multicultural Journey** Little Rock, Ark.: August House 1996

DeSpain, Pleasant. **Thirty-Three Multicultural Tales to Tell.** August House, 1997.

DeSpain, Pleasant **Twenty: Two Splendid Tales To Tell From Around the World Volume One** August House 1994

DeSpain, Pleasant **Twenty-Two Splendid Tales to Tell From Around the World Volume Two** August House 1994

Hamilton, Martha & Mitch Weiss. **How & Why Stories: World Tales Kids Can Read and Tell.** August House, 1999.

Hamilton, Martha & Mitch Weiss: **Noodlehead Stories: World Tales Kids Can Read & Tell: Little Rock, AR:** August House, 2000.

Hamilton, Martha & Mitch Weiss (1996) **Stories in My Pocket; Tales Kids Can Tell** Golden, CO: Fulcrum Pub.

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Hamilton, Martha & Mitch Weiss **Through the Grapevine: World Tales Kids Can Read & Tell** Little Rock: August House Publishers, 2001.

Harrison, Annette, **Easy-to-tell Stories for Young Children** Jonesborough, Tenn. National Storytelling Press, 1992.

MacDonald, Margaret Read. **Twenty Tellable Tales: Audience Participation Folktales for the Beginning Storyteller.** Wilson, 1986.

Raines, Shirley C. & Rebecca Isbell **Tell It Again!: Easy-To Tell Stories With Activities For Young Children** Beltsville, Md. : Gryphon House, 1999.

Raines, Shirley C. & Rebecca Isbell **Tell It Again! 2: Easy-To-Tell Stories With Activities for Young Children** Beltsville, MD: Gryphon House, 2000

TEACHING RESOURCES

Brand Trostle, Susan and Jeanne M. Donato.

Storytelling in Emergent Literacy: Fostering Multiple Intelligences. Albany, New York: Delmar, 2001

Hamilton, Martha and Mitch Weiss.

Children Tell Stories: A Teaching Guide. Richard C. Owen, 1990.

Haven, Kendall. **Super Simple Storytelling: A Can-Do Guide for Every Classroom, Every Day.** Englewood, CO: Teacher Ideas Press, 2000.

Lipman, Doug. **The Storytelling Coach: how to listen, praise, and bring out people's best.** August House, 1995.

MacDonald, Margaret Read. **The Storyteller's Start-Up Book: Finding, Learning, Performing, and Using Folktales.** Little Rock: August House, 1993

Sima, Judy and Kevin Cordi **Raising Voices: Creating Youth Storytelling Groups and Troupes** Libraries Unlimited 2003

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