

Stor E Telling
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February is Black History month. Offering a theme related storytelling program? Here are three websites that bring the pages of history to life.

Education First – Black History Activities

<http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/BHM/AfroAm.html>

The History Channel

Video clips, great speeches, resources and more.

<http://www.historychannel.com/blackhistory/>

Infoplease

History, timelines, contemporary issues, etc., a valuable link for anyone researching Black History.

<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/bhm1.html>

Beyond the Fire: Teen Experiences of War

Real life stories of 15 teenagers, now living in the U.S., who have survived war in seven war zones: Includes materials for educators, such as lesson plans, conflict timelines, and links to related sites. <http://www.itvs.org/beyondthefire/>

In The First Person

Over 2,500 collections of oral history from around the world: personal narratives, letters, diaries, memoirs, autobiographies, and oral histories; a goldmine of information.

<http://www.alexanderstreet7.com/firp/>

The House of Bards

Another treasure trove of tales; medieval texts from Celtic countries or on Celtic themes.

<http://www.geocities.com/branwaedd/hbindex.html>

Mermaids on the Web

Listen to their call; this site offers you more than 1,720 resources about mermaids, selkies and sirens.

<http://www.isidore-of-seville.com/mermaids/index.html>

Panchatantra

The original text was written in Sanskrit about 200 B.C. Now you can read the tales in English and Japanese.

<http://www.market4us.com/panchatantra/>

The Teacher's Guide to Folklife Resources From the American Folklife Center an array materials related to documentation and field research.

http://www.loc.gov/folklife/teachers/subject_list.php?subjects=Documentation+and+Field+Research

Break out those mailing labels! It's not too early to start thinking about your summer storytelling programs. Here are three websites that offer contact information on libraries in the USA and beyond. Ready, set, go!

LIBWEB

<http://lists.webjunction.org/libweb/>

Public Libraries.com

<http://www.publiclibraries.com/index.html>

Public Libraries of Europe

<http://dspace.dial.pipex.com/town/square/ac940/eurolib.html>

What Valentine's Day would be complete without some love stories to share? From the cities of love and lights; offerings from the SurLaLune website by Giambattista Basile and Charles Perrault.

<http://www.surlalunefairytales.com/pentamerone/>

<http://www.surlalunefairytales.com/authors/perrault.html>

From Greek Mythology, seven beautiful, yet tragic love stories.

<http://thanasis.com/love.htm>

Need a little trivia to sweeten up your Valentine's Day storytelling venues?

The History of Valentine's Day

From the History Channel, enough inside information on romance to make you swoon.

<http://www.historychannel.com/exhibits/valentine/index.jsp>

Esther Howland – Mother of the American Valentine

“The story of one visionary, whose talent, imagination, dedication, and perseverance created a fascinating industry....”

<http://telebody.com/valentines/howland.htm>