



## Application for Summer Library Program Workshop Presenter

### BIO

Oba William King is a professional storyteller, workshop/seminar facilitator, and author of two Children's books. A recipient of the Illinois Arts Council Fellowship, and Gwendolyn Brooks Hands on Stanzas awards. Oba's Storytelling, English Language Arts, and Professional Development Workshop/Seminar for Adults were recently presented for: Reading Is Fundamental, Chicago • Parent Involvement with Jack and Jill Int • The University of Southern California, Camarillo • Tarleton State University, Texas • Funda Fest Providence Rhode Island • Cedar Hill Public Library, Tx • Portland Oregon Professional Tellers Workshop • The National Association of Black Storytellers-Education Committee Webinar Presentation Team • George Bush Presidential Library and Museum • and as Teller In Residence at The International Storytelling Center in Jonesborough, Tn 2017 and again 2019

### WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION \* The Imagination Station for adult presenters

Looking to increase connections with your audience? What little extra step can we take to increase their – and our – enjoyment of the story telling / listening experience?

Our workshops will share essential techniques such as • finding rhythm • riding the wave • making it funny or making it important. Also, using the pause • call & response • repeating lines • adding song • engaging the imagination. We will explore methods for bringing characters to life • subtle use of costume • imagery • voice • tone • facial expression, and gesture.

Full Day Workshops incorporate an additional Voice and Diction component designed to help presenters keep their instrument healthy, in “ready to use” shape, and relaxed. Also contains breathing exercises, a warm up ritual, and lessons for projection, as well as, vocal placement.

The majority of each workshop will be “hands on” activities: Oba uses just enough lecture to describe the goal of a particular segment and the demonstration of method. Participants will be, at times, on our feet, and working together to find and hone our strengths as storytellers/story presenters. There will be brief pauses to take notes during session demonstrations.

### SCHEDULE

Multiple options available: Sessions can be **90 minute, 4 hour, or full day or multi-day residency**

**Lodging:** when travel exceeds 3 hours one way • **Air or Rail** when travel at 5 hours or more.

Proposed workshop can be adjusted and aimed toward the “novice” to the “experienced” storyteller, story presenter, librarian, educator, parent or volunteer. Proposed workshop shall be open to all who are seeking to improve their storytelling experiences before live audiences. Oba will provide content hand-outs, and make available for participants to use beyond the session.

Oba William King has facilitated workshops and seminars in a wide variety of settings including national storytelling festivals with professional artists, parent involvement programs, student projects and programs for Teachers, Adults and Seniors.

### FACILITATOR INFORMATION & REFERENCES

#### website

[www.obawilliamking.com](http://www.obawilliamking.com)

#### publication

<https://www.chicagotribune.com/lifestyles/books/ct-prj-0216-storytelling-oba-william-king-20140214-story.html>

<http://voyagedallas.com/interview/meet-oba-william-king-justusarts-dfw/>

<http://www.tvcreates.org/chickens-dont-fly-storytelling-with-oba-william-king-at-beaverton-city-library/>

#### Audio/Video

<https://youtu.be/cl5A6NemUo8> • <https://youtu.be/WyLahEMi0TM> •

**FEES:** Negotiable to Standard Market Rates • Travel & Mileage • Lodging Optional • BlockBooking

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