

PRISCILLA HOWE, STORYTELLER

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Bio

Priscilla Howe has a gift for sizing up audiences and delivering a whopping good time with stories, songs, puppet hilarity and stretches. A former children's librarian, she has been a full-time storyteller since 1993. She tells a mix of stories from books, folktales and her own stories, laced with generous dollops of humor.

Priscilla has given workshops specifically for librarians in Kansas, Colorado, Missouri, Utah and Connecticut. Carolyn Guernsey, Southwest Kansas Library System, said of Priscilla's 2005 SRP workshop, "I believe this is the most overwhelmingly positive response we've had for a Summer Reading Workshop in the thirteen years I've been here! [...] Many of the workshop participants commented to me how much they enjoyed it and how useful they found it."

Priscilla lives in Lawrence, KS and travels the world (fourteen countries and counting) with a bagful of puppets and a headful of stories.

Workshop description

Summer Reading Toolbox: Storytelling, Puppets, Songs, Stretches and More

Get ready to play as storyteller Priscilla Howe shares tips, tricks and techniques for entertaining and effective children's programming on the theme *Imagine your story*.

In this participatory workshop, Priscilla offers practical tools for librarians on:

- basic storytelling,
- simple "hands-in" puppet technique with Priscilla's puppet petting zoo,
- story stretches and songs related to the summer theme,
- audience management.

The workshop, suitable for both outgoing and perennially shy participants, includes lecture and demonstration (20%), fun exercises and games (40%), discussion (20%), sharing (10%), and Q and A (10%). The session can be configured according to the host's needs, from 90-minute to 6 hours. Longer workshops allow for more depth. Live workshops only, not online.

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Many of Priscilla's videos can be found on her youtube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/PriscillaHowe>

Recordings:

The ghost with the one black eye CD

Chickens! CD

The best (and worst) of beasts CD

The itsy bitsy tiger DVD

The bully billy goat DVD

Publications include many articles for *Storytelling Magazine* and an upcoming collection of Bulgarian folktales, *Clever, Kind, Tricky and Sly*, to be published by Parkhurst Brothers Publishers.

Fees and availability

90 minutes: \$400

2 hours: \$450

3 hours: \$650

4 hours: \$750

5 hours: \$850

6 hours: \$950

Plus travel fees (mileage at .55/mile or flight and ground transport, plus lodging if necessary).

Block booking discounts are open to negotiation.

Priscilla is willing to travel anywhere.