

Storytelling Workshops



Rachael Harrington is a storyteller whose work has taken her around the globe, presenting performances and workshops in schools, arts venues, community settings, and as a guest lecturer at Rutgers University. She has trained librarians and educators in using storytelling to promote pre-literacy skills and social emotional competencies at The New Jersey Association of School Libraries Conference, The New Jersey Education Association Conference, and at the Young Child Expo and Conference, and has led workshops in storytelling technique for The Rutgers Center for Literacy Development. She presented an English Language Learners project, "Our Story", at New Jersey Association of School Libraries, New Jersey TESOL Conference, and the American Association of School Libraries Conference, and is published in Voices, the journal of NJ TESOL. She is the recipient of two NYC DOE Grants, performs at various festivals and is a member of The National Storytelling Network.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Story Play: Enlivening and Extending Storytelling with Dramatic Play

Using play in storytelling is a powerful way to invite listeners to imagine themselves into a story. In this fun-filled workshop, librarians will learn dramatic play techniques to use when telling folk and fairy tales, and will understand how to implement these techniques to craft interactive storytelling experiences. The workshop will begin with theater games that inspire play. The group will then examine one story, exploring the use of dramatic play techniques such as call-and-response, rhythm, kinetic movement, and elaborative talk. Each participant will then receive a story, developing a storytelling performance full of play to be shared with the group. Additionally, we will dream up activities for extending story learning after a tale. Participants will leave inspired to build play into storytelling!

Story Speak: Using Storytelling to Build Communication Skills and Community for English Language Learners

The language of story is universal! In this workshop, librarians will explore how traditional oral storytelling creates a safe space for English Language Learners to develop receptive and productive language, express their cultures, and build community. Through interactive exercises and small group work, participants will examine elements of oral storytelling that are beneficial to English Language Learners and will use these elements to craft an inclusive traditional tale telling. Additionally, librarians will learn storytelling games that build communication skills at any language level and are easily played in a group setting. Participants will leave with a portfolio of folk and fairy tales perfect for telling with English Language Learners, and the tools to create sustained English Language Learner storytelling experiences.

Pocket Stories: Social Emotional Learning through Storytelling

In this energetic workshop librarians will get on their feet to become storytellers, learning lively stories that encourage self-awareness, empathy, and responsible decision making. Participants will explore how storytelling and dramatic play within these stories can bolster Social and Emotional Competencies in listeners of all ages. Participants will leave the session with a pocket full of big-impact stories that are easily unfolded and brought to life at a moment's notice!

CSLP Pricing & Travel

All prices include workshop time, research, prep, materials, and travel within two hours drive from NYC. Additional travel beyond 2 hours drive from NYC must be covered by hiring organization.

10% off each day beyond the first day of a multiple day booking

- Up to 4 hours: \$300
- 4-8 hours: \$500

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