

BIO

Rona Leventhal is the real deal! She has been a Teller of Tales, a Teacher of Storytelling and an Improvisational Theatre and Movement specialist for three decades. With her upbeat and supportive nature, Rona is a sought after workshop leader. Her workshops are hands-on, movement-based and fun! She guides people to feel safe to explore, take risks, and to walk away with skills that are immediately applicable...and the motivation to use them! She has presented workshops at storytelling, education and library conferences from coast to coast, including for the National Storytelling Network, the New England Library Association and the Cape Cod Library System. For seven years she produced and facilitated The Summer Storytelling Institute.

WORKSHOP

Moving the Body, Freeing the Mind: The Art of Storytelling

Ever wonder how to capture the attention of kids at story time? Want to put some pizzaz into promoting literacy? In this "how-to" workshop we will use improvisational theatre and movement to learn a story "from the inside out" by bringing a folktale to life. Storytelling is more than just getting up and talking - it is an art form! Learn how to grab listeners from the first word to the last image! Skills learned also transfer to helping to read expressively. Come learn skills for your toolbox and have some fun, too! Come dress in comfortable clothes for movement.

Appropriate for teachers, librarians, parents and others. Rona is a Professional Development Provider for educators for the state of Massachusetts. Libraries can arrange for librarians to receive continuing education points.

This workshop is 100% participatory!

Note: Rona also offers the following workshops:

- * Tales in Your Back Pocket: Applied Storytelling
- * Gazoots!: Reading Expressively with Children
- * Playing With Communication: Improv Theatre With a Purpose
- * Team Building

Publications:

Coeditor, Spinning Tales, Weaving Hope: Stories, Storytelling and Activities of Peace, Justice and the Environment. Storytelling World Honors Award.

Coauthor, Article: "Ten Reasons to Use Storytelling in the Classroom", Spinning Tales Weaving Hope

Book Chapter: "Storytelling: The What For, The How-To, The What Now!", web-based Guide to Storytelling, Northeast Storytelling Association

Article: "Storytelling and Movement", Florida Storytelling Association newsletter

Article: "The Many Faces of Environmental Tales", Storytelling Magazine, National Storytelling Network

Blog Articles: "It's Your Story - Tell It!"; "Grab 'Em, Keep 'Em: How to Begin a Story"; Moving the Body, Freeing the Mind: The Art of Storytelling". Northeast Storytelling Association

Recordings:

CD: "Into the Dark: Stories from the Shadows", Winner of Storytelling World Awards

CD: "Raps, Rhythms and Raps, Rhythms and Rhymes: Stories to Tap, Rap, Shake and Sing!"

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DETAILS:

Fees:

2 hour workshop: \$770 - \$820
3 hour workshop: \$1095 - \$1145
4 hour workshop: \$1420 - \$1470
Full Day Workshop: \$1970 - \$2050
(up to 8 hours)

Please talk with Rona if you would like her to come to your library but have budgetary concerns - really! She'll be happy to talk with you. Please consider collaborating with other libraries for these workshops.

I will travel just about anywhere! However, there may be additional travel costs, depending on distance.