Tuesday October 27, 2015  
11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.  
E202  A Thousand Voices: The Power of Storytelling  
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Ursula K. LeGuin reminded us that "there have been no societies that did not tell stories." Explore how to use this universal feature of every country and every culture to connect people in meaningful ways. Cordell will share specific tools and techniques that will help our school community members - students, staff, parents, and other library users - find common truths as they share their unique stories.

Slideshow: [http://www.slideshare.net/diane/a-thousand-voices-the-power-of-storytelling](http://www.slideshare.net/diane/a-thousand-voices-the-power-of-storytelling)

Why Do People Tell Stories?  
- People tell stories:  
  - to bring people together  
  - to instill values  
  - to make sense of the world  
  - to better understand themselves  
  - to pass on knowledge  
  - for entertainment  
  - for fame or recognition

Family tree:  
- Norman Rockwell [http://www.nrm.org/MT/text/FamilyTree.html](http://www.nrm.org/MT/text/FamilyTree.html)  
- Robert Lawson (Caldecott Medal), “They Were Strong and Good”  
  *some text was considered controversial and has been changed in modern printings*  
  [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/They_Were_Strong_and_Good](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/They_Were_Strong_and_Good)

Recipes and memories activity

What Are Some Components of a Good Story?  
- Setting and Characters  
- Plot  
- Voice/Style  
- Universality

5 Tips for New Storytellers [https://iversity.org/blog/johnn-5-tips-storytellers/](https://iversity.org/blog/johnn-5-tips-storytellers/)


Storytelling as joke telling
[https://ianmchugh.wordpress.com/on-writing/storytelling-as-joke-telling/](https://ianmchugh.wordpress.com/on-writing/storytelling-as-joke-telling/)

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**How Does Storytelling Enhance Learning?**

- **Increases Engagement**
  - Skype with an Author [https://education.skype.com/literacy](https://education.skype.com/literacy)

- **Provides Motivation**
  - Story Box Project [http://www.storyboxproject.com/](http://www.storyboxproject.com/)

- **Produces an Authentic Product**
  - Washington University Film and Media Archive (video interviews about life during the Great Depression) [https://www.youtube.com/user/wufilmarhives?feature=watch](https://www.youtube.com/user/wufilmarhives?feature=watch)

- **Nurtures Research Skills**

- **Develops Creativity**


*Figment (online hub of teen and young adult reading and writing)

- **Builds Public Speaking Skills**
  - TEDx Teen [http://tedxteen.com/](http://tedxteen.com/)
  - Optimist International Oratorical Contest [http://www.optimist.org/e/member/scholarships5.cfm](http://www.optimist.org/e/member/scholarships5.cfm)
- National Youth Storytelling Showcase
  http://www.nationalyouthstorytellingshowcase.org/NYSS/Welcome.html
- SkillsUSA http://skillsusa.org/
  ● Fosters Empathy

Matt Rozell’s WWII history projects
  ● The World War II Living History Project http://www.hfcsd.org/ww2/
  ● Teaching History Matters blog http://teachinghistorymatters.com/
  ● A Train Near Magdeburg http://matthewrozell.com/a-train-near-magdeburg/

How Can I Discover, Create, and Share Stories?

Story triggers
  ● Places, seasons, times of day
  ● Scents
  ● Sounds: music, voices, accents
  ● Objects

“Magic Box” activity
  ● commercial: Wonderful Objects
    http://www.wonderandcompany.com/introducing-wonderful-objects-unbox-a-story/
  ● teacher or student created
    http://portable-teacher.blogspot.com/2015/09/making-magic.html

How We Share Stories
  ● By Writing
  ● Through Images
  ● Via Recordings
  ● Person to Person

StoryCorps https://storycorps.org/
  ● Great Questions Lists [for interviews] https://storycorps.org/great-questions/
  ● at your library https://storycorps.org/your-library/
The Great Thanksgiving Listen (video)  

- September 11 initiative https://storycorps.org/september-11th/
- Eagle Scout Project of Alexander Fryer  
https://sites.google.com/site/okceagleproject2015/home

Ten to Try: Storytelling Sites and Apps:
1. Storybird http://www.storybird.com/
2. FlipSnack http://www.flipsnack.com/
4. Animoto https://animoto.com/
5. Book Creator Free  
6. Shadow Puppet Edu  
7. Felt Board app  
https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/felt-board/id492342753?mt=8&ign-mpt=uo%3D4
8. Class Tools 3D Gallery Generator http://www.classtools.net/3D/
9. Class dojo (tell the “story” of your class to parents and others)  
https://www.classdojo.com/classstory/

Ten Webtools for Digital Storytelling and Book Trailers - shared by Naomi Bates  

Storytelling Quotes:
- “To be a person is to have a story to tell.” - Isak Dinesen
- “History is nothing but a series of stories, whether it be world history or family history.” - Bill Mooney and David Holt
- “Our mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers handed down their favorite recipes over the years, often scribbled on a card or a piece of paper. Stories about the origin of
the recipe were often told as well, and these collections were prized and shared again and again over the years.” - Julie Vetter, Food Blogger

- “I believe that stories are incredibly important, possibly in ways we don’t understand, in allowing us to make sense of our lives, in allowing us to escape our lives, in giving us empathy and in creating the world that we live in.” - Neil Gaiman

- “Stories make community; make one feel they belong to something.” - Leslie Marmon Silko.

- “If there is no sharing, there is no learning.” - David Wiley

- “Life will go on as long as there is someone to sing, to dance, to tell stories and to listen.” - Oren Lyons

- “It takes a thousand voices to tell a single story.” - Native American saying

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