

NES STORYTELLING STARTER KIT

An invitation to tell a story...



Storytelling is personal, creative, and memorable.

It is based in the very essence of human communication. Think about it. From the moment someone asks you what you have been doing lately, you are crafting tales of adventures enjoyed, disappointments endured, life events celebrated to share with another. You have told stories spontaneously all your life.

Where do Storytellers tell their tales? Performance Storytellers share stories in schools, libraries, homeless shelters, senior centers, at home with families, religious organizations, prisons, corporate meetings, parks, neighborhood organizations, colleges and more. They perform at fairs, festivals, at house concerts and on big stages.



Why tell stories? Storytelling is a powerful way to share human experience with others. With children, stories teach listening and social skills. They teach lessons in how to meet a challenge and how to handle consequences. They nurture imagination and creativity.

With adults, stories can bring powerful insights, remembered long afterward. They can tell history or promote a sense of community. They entertain and delight. Telling stories connects us to an oral tradition that goes back to the very beginning of all cultures and places.



So, what is my first step? Put down the book, the script, or your notes, and just talk. Engage your imagination. Tell a child the story of Little Red Riding Hood in your own words. Tell your friend about the adventure you had on vacation. Tell your worship group about a lesson you learned. Soon you will learn that your tale gets better when you take a few moments to think about it and practice it before you tell it. You will find that your performance skills grow with experience. *Enjoy sharing the gift of story!*



When you are ready to learn more from and about other storytellers in the Northeast, let us know. We will be delighted to help.

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