



# **Expanding, Enhancing & Invigorating Children's Services in School & Public Libraries**

## ***Sherry Norfolk's Staff Development Workshops***

Sherry offers a wide variety of staff development opportunities to improve library service to children. During her 17 years in public libraries, both as a children's librarian and Youth Services Coordinator, Sherry received awards from the Urban Libraries Council, the National Association of Counties, American Library Association, and Florida Library Association for developing and implementing innovative and creative library services. She is recognized as an enthusiastic, inspiring workshop leader, providing training for LYRASIS, the Northeast Florida Library Network, Anchorage Municipal Libraries, Arizona State Library, Florida State Library, Georgia Public Library Services, Hawaii State Libraries, Louisiana State Library, Utah State Library, Metrowest Massachusetts Regional Library System, Miami-Dade Public Library System, St. Louis Public Library, St. Louis County Public Library, Knox County (TN) Public Libraries and the Singapore National Library. She is a popular presenter at ALA, PLA, and state library conferences!

Sherry is the co-author of:

- Storytelling and Science (working title, McFarland Publishers, forthcoming 2016)
- The Virginia Giant: The True Story of Peter Francisco (The History Press, 2014)
- Social Studies in the Storytelling Classroom (Parkhurst Bros., 2012)
- The Storytelling Classroom: Applications Across the Curriculum (Libraries Unlimited, 2006)
- Literacy Development in the Storytelling Classroom (Libraries Unlimited, 2009)
- The Moral of the Story: Folktales for Character Development, 2<sup>nd</sup> . Ed. (August House, 2006),
- Six picture books.

## **A MENU OF WORKSHOPS**

### **Storytelling and the Common Core State Standards: A Natural Fit**

Explore a multitude of storytelling strategies that Media Specialists and Librarians can use to wholly and authentically integrate research, reading, and writing with Social Studies, Science and Math.

## **Storytelling and Science: The Deepening Spiral**

Investigate various storytelling strategies that librarians can use to engage elementary students in scientific inquiry and creative design strategies.

## **Storytelling for Librarians**

Learn to tell stories with style and confidence! In this hands-on, highly interactive introduction to the art of storytelling and its applications in public library children's services, we'll explore the ways in which storytelling can enliven and enrich library programming; how to choose and develop an age-appropriate story; and, effective use of voice, body language, gesture and facial expression.

## **The Basics of Library Programming for Children**

A primer in all the basic skills you will need, including but not limited to choosing, preparing and sharing picture-books, storytelling, fingerplays, puppetry, flannelboards and other novelties, props, creative drama, crafts, and arranging for guest speakers.

## **Library Programming with the Brain in Mind**

Recent research lays a theoretical basis, providing new insights and perspectives on children's programming strategies and expectations, while engaging demonstrations and discussions put theory into practice. You'll leave with new program know-how and ideas, plus a renewed commitment to children's programming!

## **Actions and Options: Participatory Storytelling in Library Programming**

This hands-on workshop will explore a variety of ways to transform passive storytimes into active, exciting and rewarding adventures.

## **Lapsit Programming for Infants and Toddlers**

Learn the goals of lapsit programming, gain an understanding of the target audience, learn about the materials, activities and resources that really work, and get a handle on logistics. You'll leave with basic program know-how, plus ideas for expanding and enhancing existing lapsit programs!

## **What Struggling Readers Need and How to Provide It: Research-Based Approaches That Really Work!**

Recent research has provided startling and encouraging new insights into how to develop proficient readers. Learn about the research findings and how they can be applied in the home, at school and in the library, then create practical strategies for fostering a love of reading and helping kids develop the skills they need.

## **Storytelling: A Power Tool for Brain-Based Education**

Learn how the precepts of brain-based educational research can be applied easily and effectively through storytelling, thereby positively affecting test scores and competencies. Participants learn: basic precepts of brain-based research; techniques for applying these precepts through storytelling; ways in which storytelling can help children achieve their learning objectives; ways to use storytelling as an assessment tool for critical thinking skills.

## **Before the Skills: Motivating Readers**

In this highly interactive workshop, we examine the current research on reading motivation and engagement, and explore simple, practical and transformative suggestions for creating literacy-rich and motivating classrooms and libraries. The Moral of the Story: Character Education through Storytelling Meaningful, experiential character lessons can be taught effectively and non-didactically through storytelling! Learn to use storytelling to infuse character education throughout the curriculum, resulting in character education instruction that is meaningful and non-confrontational, and which is accessible to all learning styles and applicable to multiple intelligences.

## **Teaching Kids to Tell Stories**

Learn effective methods for teaching students of all ages how to learn-and-re-tell or create-and-tell stories, thus improving both written and oral communication skills as well as impacting critical thinking skills, increasing poise and enhancing self-esteem, and learning to accept and appreciate the creative efforts of others. Participants will learn: How to create, learn and tell stories; How to coach student tellers; Sources for instructional support; How to integrate student storytelling into the curriculum; and, How to develop student telling as an extra-curricular activity.

## **Building Blocks to Literacy**

Recent research provides new insights and perspectives on the ways storytelling helps lay the best possible foundation for learning in the early childhood classroom. Participants will explore relevant research and its practical applications, engaging in demonstrations and discussions that put theory into practice.

## **Kids Are Patrons, Too (a workshop for non-children's staff)**

Through demonstrations, lecture, role play and skits, participants will explore the ways in which each staff member can make young patrons' library experiences successful and satisfying through positive interaction, appropriate reference techniques, and realistic expectations.

## **The Summer Library Program: Professional development programming workshop for youth services specialists**

High-energy, fast-paced and interactive, this workshop is jam-packed with creative, cost-effective programming ideas for all ages! Sherry brings the collaborative manual to life with hands-on demonstrations of innovative approaches to enliven the summer schedule from beginning to end, including school visits, puppet shows, kick-offs and grand finales, storytimes for preK, book-related programming for K-3 and "tweens," workshops, crafts, and storytelling! Participants will be energized and inspired by Sherry's demonstrations of low staff-intensive, low-cost summer reading program ideas for every size library and every size kid.

Sherry has led Summer Library Program workshops for the Florida State Library, Louisiana State Library, Georgia Public Library Services and Utah State Library, each customized to the theme and resource requirements of the program and the state.

# **Customized Workshops**

You don't see exactly what you need? Sherry will be happy to work with you to develop a workshop that will meet your specific training needs.