

Storytellers of San Diego and the San Diego County Library present:

Creating a Community of Storytellers

2nd Annual Storytelling Institute

Encinitas Library – September 9 through October 14, 2019

General Description

Storytelling! It's everywhere these days. Whether you are preparing for a career move or to lead the toast at a special event, we know through personal observation and an ever-expanding body of scientific research that a good story can clarify, motivate, enliven, and change the world. But how to develop this resource? Get ready, because the Storytellers of San Diego and the Encinitas Library are once again joining forces to offer the 2nd annual Storytelling Institute to the public.

In a series of six, hands-on workshops the Storytellers of San Diego expertly guide you through the creative process using tried-and-true storytelling resources, exercises, and strategies. Our instructors are professional storytellers with extensive experience in both teaching and performing in a wide variety of settings - from theater and education, to health-care and business. Participants explore different facets of working with stories and how to apply them to their individual needs. While each workshop is designed to be taken separately, when taken in combination they offer a set of complementary skills and experiences, with highly-effective results.

A certificate of completion is awarded to participants who attend all of the workshops in the course. To allow for optimal coaching and interaction, most of the workshops are limited in size, and thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Encinitas Library, all of the workshops are free. Contact the library to register for one or more workshop today!

Workshop Schedule

Date: Monday, September 9, 2019, 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Title: Introduction to Storytelling

Description: Have you ever wanted to stand up and tell your own story? Need to tell a story at a family gathering or at your next staff meeting at work? This 2-hour workshop will introduce you to the elements and history of oral storytelling and guide you through creating a plan for the skills you want to learn. Time for Q & A with the professional storytellers will follow the session. No registration is required; attendance is limited to seats on hand.

Presenters: Jim Dieckman & Special Guests

Location: Encinitas Library, Community Room



Date: Monday, September 16, 2019, 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Title: Finding the Right Story

Description: “Where do you get your stories?” It’s a common question, and one with no easy answer. It’s tempting to just say, “Everywhere!” but let’s get specific. This session will guide participants to consider sources for effective stories, with the audience, environment, and desired effects in mind. We’ll explore a variety of sources – mining your own life for compelling experiences, finding fascinating nuggets in the experiences of others (both famous and not-so-much) discovering historical pivot points, adapting authored tales, referencing well-known folktales for common ground. Participants will leave with several ready-to-tell stories and ideas for discovering more.



Instructor: Marilyn McPhie

Location: Encinitas Library, Study Rooms B & C

Class Size: 20 persons (Registration required)

Date: Monday, September 23, 2019, 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Title: Preparing a Story to Tell

Description: Once you have identified a story that you want to learn or tell, what happens next? This workshop will focus on ways to learn and practice a story, as well as taking you through decisions like where does the story start, what to leave in or take out, how does it end, and how to use the senses to add satisfying details to your story. We will also explore how the audience and setting for telling might change the story. Participants will work with a short new story (provided in the session) to learn more about the process of going deeper with a new story.



Instructor: Patti Christensen

Location: Encinitas Library, Study Rooms B & C

Class Size: 20 persons (Registration required)

Date: Monday, September 30, 2019, 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Title: Embody Your Story

What is stage presence? Let’s buff it up! Come explore ways and techniques to focus your story, build a character, direct your audience’s focus, and engage your audience for a compelling performance. We’ll practice some non-threatening warmups and theater exercises together. Please wear flat shoes and comfortable clothing. There will be an opportunity to tell a two-minute short story by signing up for a spot at the workshop.



Instructor: Mindy Donner

Location: Encinitas Library, Study Rooms B & C

Class Size: 20 persons (Registration required)

Date: Monday, October 7, 2019, 5:00 – 7:00 PM

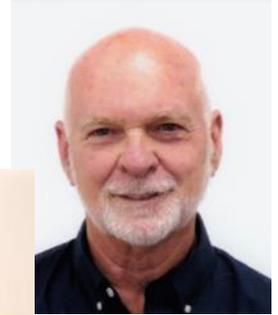
Title: Working with Personal Stories

Description: Personal experiences frequently form the most moving stories a storyteller can tell. The wedding that was a comedy of errors, the text message that was sent to the wrong Jim, the pregnancy that came late in life, the lost child, the lover who disappeared, the friend who fought for the wrong side, the award you never dreamed you could achieve, the woman who was told the job depended on little extras..... these are the kind of life moments that are fabrics for fashioning great stories. Discover how you can transform life experiences into entertaining, moving, relevant, and powerful stories. What's your story?

Instructors: Aryln Hackett & O J Mozon, Jr.

Location: Encinitas Library, Community Room

Class Size: 30 persons (Registration required)



Date: Monday, October 14, 2019, 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Title: Bringing Life to Your Story

Description: Participants briefly analyze elements of what makes a story come alive and the effect oral story telling has on an audience through inter-active exercises and storytelling games. Then, each participant will have an opportunity to tell an enlivening 5-minute excerpt of story they have brought OR may choose from those provided at the workshop and receive direct feedback on their performance in a safe and supportive environment.

Instructor: Li-Anne Mufson

Location: Encinitas Library, Study Rooms B & C

Class Size: 20 persons (Registration required)

