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The Power and Popularity of the Personal Story

Story has power to pass on history. Story has power to change minds. It can transmit images that are personal and easily remembered. Story can be used to gaslight or explain a difficult truth. The power of the personal story is apparent in politics, business, education, religion, art, and everyday life.

The personal story is as old as they come, from caves to the camp fires, to front porches and barrooms, to stage and airwaves. We have always told stories. Today we can share personal stories with millions of listeners on Facebook, YouTube, and other internet platforms.

But it’s not the ‘tellers’ alone that determine the popularity or the power. It’s the listeners who like what they hear and keep them coming back. Why? Perhaps it is through learning about others that we learn about ourselves. As we peek into others’ lives we recognize our own life’s stories. Listeners become tellers.

Personal stories fill Florida’s stages.

VOX will be at FAU the last Sundays in February and March. Look for Telling Tales, in Fort Lauderdale March 11. Fort Myers sold out the January story slam three days before the event. Orlando storytellers continue their successful Story Club Stage. Personal stories will flow at the Florida Storytelling Festival in Mount Dora. And don’t forget; Hagen Ranch Road Library Story Circle, WLRN The Public Storyteller. The Moth in Miami and The Boca Raton National League of Pen Women Spring Family Festival: March 4, has added a storytelling component to their Spring Family Festival at Center For Spiritual Living. Look for details in the pages of SFSN.

VOX returns
February 26 and March 26 at 8 p.m.
Free admission and PRIZES!
Living Room Café at Florida Atlantic University,
777 Glades Road, Boca Raton, FL
For more information contact Caren Neile at cneile@fau.edu

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Moonlight Tales—Songs and Story Cabaret
An Adult Song and Story Cabaret Free Event

Performers are:
Connecticut storytelling legend, Carol Birch,

Brazilian superstar, mime and storyteller Antonio Rocha,

Broadway veteran singing sensation Avery Sommers

Host, Caren Neile from 91.3 FM WLRN, host of the Public Storyteller.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017 7:00—9:00 P.M.

This outdoor café style storytelling in downtown Fort Lauderdale is the perfect place to meet friends for some world class entertainment. It’s casual, cozy and classy. The lineup is exceptional.

Follow the links to find out more about each artist.

Plan to come early and stay late.

MainLibrary
100 S. Andrews Ave
Outdoors on the north terrace
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Thanks to Broward County Libraries Division and Friends of the Fort Lauderdale Libraries
February 25, 2017— Tamara Green
My African-American Dream

Blending cold, hard history with light and laughter, this extraordinary performance exposes a simple truth: everybody wants a chance to possess his or her won American Dream. From conducting the Underground Railroad to recounting the turbulent 1950’s and 60’s. Tamara Green cradles African-American history, faith, and hope in the arms of the supernatural and mythical to create unforgettable urban legends,
Register here

March 11, 2017— Joseph Sobol
In the Deep Heart’s Core: A Celebration of William Butler Yeats

At once a poet’s autobiography, a theatrical song cycle, and a journey through the romantic imagination and the nation of Ireland, this stunning storytelling and musical performance follows the life of the Celtic visionary poet and activist William Butler Yeats, moving through dreams and heartbreaks forward ultimate spiritual triumph.

March 29, 2017— Kuniko Yamamoto:
From Japan with Love: the Magical, Musical storytelling of Kuniko Yamamoto

Japanese-born Kuniko Yamamoto combines charming Japanese folktale stories of her own personal experience with traditional musical instruments, magical masks, origami and mime to create storytelling that will have audience spellbound in their seats and begging for more.
The “Strange Occurrences” STORY SLAM

worldandeye.com/storyslam

SATURDAY MARCH 11 7:30 PM $15/10

The Telling Tales Story Slam is an intergenerational storytelling event. We are looking for teens (15+), adults, and seniors to be in the show. Please submit your idea for a 5-7 minute true, personal story about strange occurrences at worldandeye.com/storyslam

Funding for this project is provided in part by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Broward Cultural Council.
Florida Storytelling Festival has a national reputation for unique workshops, concerts, youthful voices, conversations with the tellers and recording opportunities. It is a yearly destination for first time listeners and advanced tellers from across the state. Come for a concert or workshop and stay for the weekend.

March 30—April 2, 2017
Mount Dora, FL

Questions? Follow the links below.

Tickets and Registrations

Featured Tellers

Workshops

Lodging

Youthful Voices

Festival Schedule

Advertising and Sponsorship

www.flstory.com
Pajama Jams Storytime

Stories and Play in your PJ’s

Dance, sing and play pretend with puppets, books, bubbles and more.

I hope Martha will bring her baby.

Monthly Theme

- **February 18 - Family and Home**
  This month we will build a house and play with the story of The Three Bears.
- **March 18 - Nursery Rhymes**
- **April 22 - Ocean Adventure**
- **May 20 - Spring Favorites**

Sugar Sand Park Community Center
300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton, 33432
Ages 18mo – 2, 10-10:45am
Ages 3 & 4yrs, 11:00am -12pm
$5, includes carousel token
All children must be accompanied by an adult.
More information at www.SugarSandPark.org
561-347-.3900

Learning fueled by curiosity and play

- Social engagement
- Physical coordination
- Pre-literacy and verbal skills
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STORIES AND ART 11:00—4:00
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19

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Sunday, Feb 19 • 11am-4pm
An interactive festival of the arts for kids!

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Performances  Strolling Acts

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Painting
Dance
Improv
Movement
Theater
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Stop by and say “Hi”
Loads of fun for little ones.
I’ll be there
telling stories all day.
Let's Promote Florida Storytelling.

Got storytelling news or an event that’s open to the public?

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COMING EVENTS

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Phyllis and Harvey Sandler Center

Presents

Thursday, March 9, 7:30 pm

With Caren Schnur Neile & Randi Fishenfeld

It’s haimish. It’s hip. It’s melody melting into story, and story into melody. Violinist Randi Fishenfeld and storyteller Caren Schnur Neile perform reimagined shtetl tales and a true-life tragicomedy about officiating at a beloved niece’s dual-faith wedding. It’s almost too good to be true.


Call 561-558-2520 for more info and tickets

This performance will be in the Beifeld Auditorium

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The Storytellers of the Round Table present

*Tea and Tales*

An Evening of Lively Storytelling

Tashahara Jallad  Rhonda Brazina

Mary Lou Williams  Joel Ying

On the second Thursday of the month
October to May
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tea & Tales $28

High Tea will be served at 6:30 pm - sandwiches, quiche, scones, pastries, tea
Storytelling begins at 7:00 p.m.
Make your prepaid reservation today.
Price includes tax and gratuity.

Please call 239-262-7894

Bil Lepp, the world's funniest storyteller, is coming back to Fort Myers on February 10th and 11th 2017. Bil is a nationally renowned storyteller and five time winner of the West Virginia Liars’ Contest.

Saturday, February 11, 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.
Matinee and evening programs are different.
Tickets:
$10 members, $15 for non-members.

Alliance for the Arts
10091 McGregor Blvd.
Fort Myers, FL 33919,

Join Bil for a storytelling workshop
Fri, Feb. 10, 2017, 7-9pm.
Tickets $15 for member, $20 non-members.
Call (239) 939-2787 or visit www.artinlee.org.
GUILDS AND CLUBS
Schedules may change. Call to insure regular schedule

Palm Beach County Storytelling Guild
First Monday of the month 5:00—6:30 Hagen Ranch Road Library,
14350 Hagen Ranch Road, Delray Beach, 33446 (561) 894-7500
Vera Fried Will host a group of listeners, tellers and those interested in finding out more about storytelling. Learn what other storytellers are doing, work on and Improve your stories.
Call Vera at (561) 637-8893 for more information

North Palm Beach County Storytelling Guild
Fourth Thursday of each month, 6:30 to 8:30 PM
The meeting consists of a learning experience focused on a specific storytelling skill.
You are welcome to tell a 5-7 min. fairy tale, folktale, scary story, bible story, family or personal story.
Palm Beach Gardens Library, 11303 Campus Drive, Palm Beach Gardens, FL
Contact Mickey DiSeina at msmickeystory@gmail.com

Broward County Storytelling Guild
Third Thursday of each month
Join Broward Storytellers Guild on Facebook or Meet Up
Contact Jo Bridges at 954.583.0705 for more info.

Miami Storytelling Guild
Sunday evenings at The Grateful Bread Bakery and Restaurant, 927 NE 125th St., North Miami
Contact Jim Gregory 305.607.3790, jimgregory2@icloud.com

Fort Myers Guild – Tamiami Tale Tellers
Third Thursday of each month, 7:00 to 9:00PM
Grand Court Retirement Community, 8351 College Parkway, Fort Myers, 33919
Contact Mary Lou Williams mwfortmyers@aol.com
TRUE STORIES TOLD LIVE

The Moth hosts live storytelling events in cities around the world. The ideal way to experience The Moth is live and in person, where you can feel the electricity in the room and be a part of the visceral dialogue between teller and audience. Learn more about Moth events here.

The Moth is in Miami the second Tuesday of the month at Olympia Theater. Map and Ticket Information

Put your name in the hat to tell a personal story to a live audience at The Moth story-slam. Doors open at 6:00, stories begin at 6:30 buy tickets and learn more at The Moth Events

THE PUBLIC STORYTELLER

TRUE STORIES OF LIFE IN SOUTH FLORIDA

Sundays, 4pm

on www.wlrn.org or 91.3 FM and 91.5 FM in South Florida,

Also featuring performances by professional storytellers.

Have a story to share? We want to hear it. Call

HEAR A STORY – TELL A STORY

I’LL TELL YOU MINE IF YOU TELL ME YOURS IF YOU TELL ME YOURS

First Monday of the month, every month: 4:00 - 5:00 PM Story Circle

Come with a story or just your curiosity. Tell it like it is, how it was or how you wish it were. You never know what you will hear. This has become one of the most popular story circles in South Florida.

Charismatic, Glad McLeod and very vivacious, Vera Fried alternate leading the stories and tellers.

Call Glad at: 516.582.9047 or Call Vera at 561-637-8893

Hagen Ranch Road Branch Library.

14350 Hagen Ranch Road, Delray Beach 33446 Click for map

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