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Lakeland Library Cooperative Workshop: August 20, 2018

Singing A Story: Telling A Song: Moving and Grooving with Rhythms and Rhymes

Movement is a child's first language! When we combine movement with stories, songs, rhythms and rhymes; we help children build the foundation for early literacy skills like listening, speaking, reading and writing.

In support of healthy early childhood learning experiences and the ALA Every Child Ready to Read initiative, narrative consultant, writer and storyteller, Jenifer Strauss will feature stories, songs, play, and movement in a full-body workshop filled with interaction, engagement and "Use-Right-Away" storytime ideas. Participants will learn how to plan and execute a well-balanced storytime that allows young patrons to be active and creative with language. Song lyrics, stories and supporting research provided. Make-and-Take options will be provided for use-right-away puppets and props.

Biography:

Dynamic and thought provoking...engaging and educational...heart-warming and sometimes outrageous...Jenifer Strauss ***Uses STORY to Enrich Lives!*** Offering a unique brand of energy-injected performances, workshops, trainings and keynotes, she captures interest, motivates learning and inspires writing!

A former elementary educator of ten years, Jen discovered that people think, learn and imagine in narrative. In 1993 she combined her love of teaching and story and founded Story Be Told Productions, helping educators, organizations and individuals use story to connect, communicate, and clarify their goals.

Jen is creator of the Turning Points Personal Narrative Process, and Co-founder of The Center for Imagination. Since 1997, Jen has been one of the juried Touring Arts performers for the Michigan Humanities Council that offers grant money for performances www.michiganhumanities.org.