

Morgan Schatz Blackrose

Storyteller and Literacy Advocate

Workshops for Librarians in NSW in 2014 & 2015



Morgan advocates improved social, health and literacy outcomes in communities, through the promotion of oral literature in early childhood language programmes. A professional storyteller and trainer for the past 26 years, she has collaborated with educators on presenting storytelling programmes addressing delays in children's speech and language development, family literacy, child protection, tolerance and healthy eating. In 2014/15 Morgan is offering a selection of workshops Australia-wide.

WORKSHOPS

All workshops include provision of a specific storytelling handbook for participants

Mouthmovers: Rhymes and stories with a focus on the environment, health and the human body.

Chinny Chin Chin: Presenting multi-literacy storytimes for 21st century children, with new raps and rhymes.

Talkabout: Rhymes written in collaboration with a Speech Pathologist; suitable for general populations of young children, but with additional information about speech and language development.

Feast: Retellings of folktales about food with activities, promoting healthy eating and safe and simple food preparation.

Stories for Everyone: Designing age, cultural and thematically appropriate programmes for storytimes, school holiday activities and family events.

Storytime for Well-Being: Promoting stories of peace, tolerance and harmony through the oral telling of folktales, including a guided meditation.

PARTICIPANT OUTCOMES

Participants are familiarised with language arts as an effective scaffold for producing educational outcomes, developing self esteem in children, strengthening families and health promotion. They learn new rhymes, songs and/or stories and a framework for their presentation in storytime programmes and community events. Participants explore their own oral presentation style and development of their skills in the use of dramatic, visual and musical props. They are shown ways of integrating oral literature resources into existing programmes and given ideas on developing community literacy initiatives.

MORGAN'S WORK

2011 - 2013 Employed by Kempsey Library to co-ordinate the *Storytelling for Literacy and Connectedness Project*; presenting storytimes on an outreach basis to Playgroups, Aboriginal and Young Mothers Groups in the Macleay Shire, NSW.

2004 - 2013 Artist in Residence, Performer and Workshop Presenter to students and educators in 20 countries.

Speaker at European Council of International Schools (ECIS) Conference, Nice, France (2008), International Association of School Librarians (IASL) Conference, Brisbane Aus. (2010) Shanghai Literary Festival, (2010 and 2011).

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WORKSHOP DETAILS & BOOKINGS

Workshops 3 hours - Maximum 2 workshops per day Fee \$140 per person per workshop
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