

Why is Storytelling Important?



Benefits to Kids

- Self-expression
- Enhance Language Skills
- Community
- Improve Listening Skills
- Build Narrative Skills
- Hasten Literacy Development

Why Should I Incorporate Music?



Benefits to Kids

- Self-expression
- Enhance Language Skills
- Develop Creative Problem Solving
- Improve Spatial Intelligence
- Higher Grades in High School
- Higher Scores on Standardized Tests





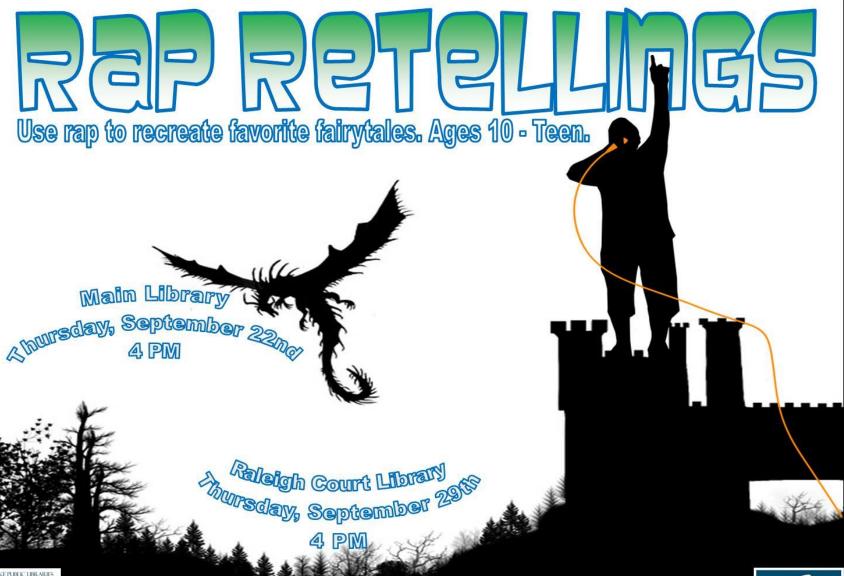
- If you're the teller, choose a story you connect with deeply.
- Write your own story or have the kids write their own.
- Allow for participants to have options if they are retelling and let them choose.
- Consider your audience.
 - Will they identify with the story?
 - What age groups?

But, Dont Want to Sing!



You Don't Have To Be the Teller or the Singer

- Partner with local musicians or storytellers if you feel uncomfortable.
- Assist youth in song-writing endeavors, but encourage them to be the performers.



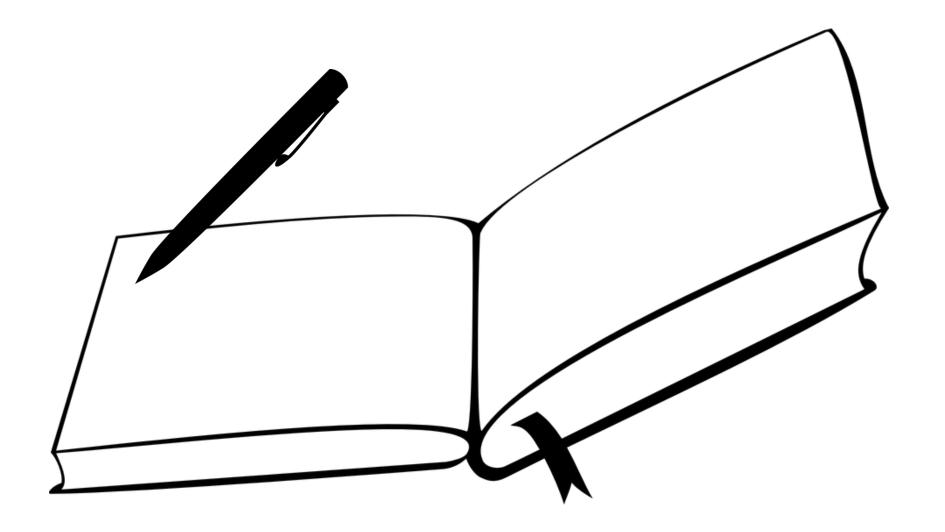




Ideas for Growth

- Partner with local schools, homeschool or after-school groups.
- Form a musical storytelling troupe.
- Allow kids to create videos of their performances.
- Allow kids to perform live for a library program.

Now, Let's Write!



Resources

Storytelling & Fairy Tales

Books

Folktales Aloud

Web

- The Cultural Evolution of Storytelling and Fairy Tales: Human Communication and Memetics
- Fairy Tale Programming Is Alive and Well

Resources Continued

Music

Web

- Twelve Benefits of Music Education
- The Consequences of Curtailing Music Education
- The Benefits of Music Education

Program Inspiration & Implementation Web

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