STORY 1 FRAC UNDERGROU a guide to facilitating Guerrilla storytimes

WHAT IS IT

Guerrilla Storytime is a peer-to-peer skill sharing event, a training methodology that allows all storytime providers to learn new skills, and a public way to show how hard youth services librarians work.

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HOW DOES IT WORK

A leader or volunteer storytimer chooses a challenge and demonstrates how they would answer or do an activity. Other volunteers can also chime in with their experiences and favorites. When conversation quiets down on one challenge, move on to another.

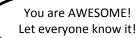




- Storytimers, their creative brains and about an hour to facilitate
- Challenges, challenges, and more challenges! We have some examples: print them off, glue them to popsicle sticks and you're good to go!
- You can write your own challenges too!
- Props (parachute, bean bags, ukulele, scarves, shakers) are great for demonstrations and microphone if necessary







- Advocacy! Put your skills on display when you share tips and tools in public.
- Adventure! Learn something from new friends.
- Networking! Meet other library professionals and potential employers.

Let everyone know it!



Guerrilla storytime CHALLENGESU

These are some examples you can use. Feel free to write your own! You can print these off, stick them to popsicle sticks, bling out a "Challenge Cup" and voilà! When the energy and responses start to fade, move on to a new challenge. You may need to act out some to get things started. And don't forget to let the audience ask their own questions too all throughout!

Your audience has the wiggles!
What do you do?

There are parents talking in the back. What do you do?

No one is dancing to the songs. What do you do?

A parent says that they miss the other storytime leader. What do you do?

What's your favorite way to add **TALKING** into storytime?

What's your favorite way to add **SINGING** into storytime?

What's your favorite way to add **READING** into storytime? Get creative!

What's your favorite way to add **WRITING** into storytime?

What's your favorite way to add **PLAYING** into storytime?

Share a parent message for one of the ECRR literacy skills.

Transition from a song/activity to a book as if you were in storytime.

A parent brings a 6 year old to toddler storytime. What do you do?

A child keeps pulling felt pieces off of your flannel board. What do you do?

A child cannot keep their hands to themselves. What do you do?

An ambulance pulls up to your library and kids run to look. What do you do?

A phone rings during storytime but no one silences it. What do you do?

A kid says "I don't like this book!"	
before you read it.	What do you do?

You've just lost your voice five minutes before storytime. What do you do?

You've got some rude parents—heavy sighs, rolling eyes. What do you do?

What's your favorite way to add **NARRITIVE SKILLS** into storytime?

How do you add VOCABULARY into storytime?

How do you add **PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS** into storytime?

How do you add **PRINT AWARENESS** into storytime?

How do you add PRINT MOTIVATION into storytime?

How do you add LETTER KNOWLEDGE into storytime?

What's your favorite opening song? Act it out.

What's your favorite closing song? Act it out.

What's your favorite "5 Little" rhyme? Act it out.

What's your favorite parachute activity? Act it out.

What's your favorite fingerplay? Act it out.

What's your favorite scarf song? Act it out.

What's your favorite rhythm stick song? Act it out.

How do you make storytime accessible for any with physical limitations?

How have you incorporated different languages into storytime?

How do you make storytime welcoming for non-traditional families?

How do you incorporate books/songs from other cultures into storytime?

There's a kid up front who answers all the questions. What do you do?

There are little ones who don't want to give back the props. What do you do?

A parent won't respond to their kid's disruptive behavior. What do you do?

Your storytime has erupted into total chaos! What do you do?

A child is having a severe emotional reaction to a book. What do you do?

A parent is upset you're incorporating media into storytime. What do you do?

How do you incorporate sensory activities into storytime?

What's your favorite part of your job?

What are different ways you engage children to interact with a story?

You're reading a book and realize a page is missing! What do you do?

Share your most memorable experience in storytime.

How do you introduce storytime rules? What if you have a rule breaker?