

Storytelling Masterclass Workshop: “Creating Original Stories” – Registration Form
Featuring Alberta Storyteller Kathy Jessup

November 6, 2011

9am-4pm

Library and Archives Canada, 395 Wellington Street

Intended Audience: This workshop is for tellers with performance experience who wish to explore creating their own stories. We will work on the structure and development of **oral** stories, addressing *fictional* as well as *true* stories (both personal and historical).

Brief Description: Participants will work their way through the various stages of story development: gathering ideas, developing a story line/structure, character development, embellishment and dialogue. They will also take the first steps towards learning their new story—finding out what works and what doesn't, and re-working their original concept as necessary.

Note: Participants need to bring pen & paper as some (minimal) writing is required.

Objectives: By the end of this workshop, participants will have:

- Learned the basic ingredients for shaping a good story
- Crafted rough versions of a fictional and a true story
- Tried various embellishment techniques

Method:

- We begin with a discussion on the differences and similarities between oral and written stories.
- Moving on to story development, we work through the various stages: first with a fictional story and then a true story. Variations on story structure are examined and participants are free to experiment with different styles.
- Participants choose one of their stories, and begin the process of learning it ---with emphasis on development rather than performance.
- Time permitting, Tellers share their rough story outlines with the group / feedback

Biography

Kathy Jessup is a former broadcast journalist, now enjoying life as a storyteller and children's writer based in Edmonton. Over the past twenty years, she has performed at libraries, schools, concerts and festivals across Canada. Her CD of original stories: *LISTEN UP! Tellable Tales for Hungry Ears* is recommended by the *Canadian Children's Book Centre*.

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The fee for this course is \$100 or \$75 for OST Members.

Registration closes October 24, 2011. The class will be capped, so register soon to ensure your place. Please bring a bag lunch and “lug a mug” coffee, tea and juice will be provided.

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