

Storytelling Resources

Places to Practice Telling and to Listen

Boston Storytelling Potluck – Meets once a month, usually on the first Sunday of each month at in the evening. Members get together at different homes, depending on who volunteered to host. Everyone brings a dish to share. Potluck dinner followed by storytelling. Anyone can volunteer to tell.
Emails: nytb@comcast.net and msdiamond@rcn.com

Story Space – Held at 6:45 PM on Tuesday evenings. Currently being held on Zoom. Visit their web page for info on joining Zoom. Open telling at 7:00 PM. Anyone can put their name in to request to tell. Names are then chosen at random. Anyone who has never told at Story Space before can put their name in as a First Time Teller and they will be given a chance to tell that night. All open telling stories limited to 8 min. A featured teller will tell for 45 min. \$8.00 requested donation.

<http://www.storyspace.org/Home.asp>

After Hours Adult Folktale Telling – Open Mic for telling traditional tales. Second Sundays at 7:00 PM at the Arts at the Armory Cafe, 191 Highland Ave., Somerville.

www.Facebook.com/adultfolktaletelling

MassMouth - Massmouth, which runs an annual series of well-attended MouthOffs and Story Slams, is working hard to popularize Storytelling in the present day.

<https://www.massmouth.org/>

SouthShore Story Slams... - runs Story Slams on Boston's South Shore. <http://massmouth.ning.com/>

Grown-up Storytime – in Somerville. Email: BostonGyst@boston.org for information.

Valley Voices Story Slam -Monthly Story Slams hosted at locations around western Massachusetts Feb-June, culminating in a “Best of Valley Voices” show at the Academy of Music Theatre in October. Podcast and video recordings of series and more information available at nepr.net/valleyvoices

Contact: Vanessa Cerillo & Kaitlyn Holloway, Producers

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Boston Comedy Chicks Features stand-up comedy, song, storytelling and genre-bending comedy in Boston and Jamaica Plain

Contact Robin Maxfield

Email: info@bostoncomedychicks.com

Worcester Story Circle - Contact Cindy Maybeck Email: cmaybeck@gmail.com

Storytelling – Writing Group – meets once a month at the Easthampton Library.

Contact Gail Herman

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Andover Story Guild - Regular meeting of local storytellers hosted in homes.

Contact: Susan Lenoe

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Story Café - A series of TV programs on Bedford, MA Public Access TV featuring an interview with and performance by a storyteller.

Contact Karen Chace

Email: storybug@aol.com

Fugitive Stories – True stories told live at The Gallery at Villageworks, West Acton, MA.

Meets monthly on Sundays.

Contact Rose Saia & David Gerratt

Email: stories@FugitiveProductions.com

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Conferences

Conferences usually offer many,many workshops on different aspects of storytelling offered by professional tellers. Also open tellings and performances.

Sharing the Fire Storytelling Conference – Held in March in MA. Organized by Northeast Storytelling.

Storytelling Workshop at Mt. Holyoke College - Storytelling workshop during January term.
Contact: Gail Herman
Email: gail@gailherman.net

Connecticut Storytelling Festival and Conference – Held in April. Organized by Connecticut Storytelling Center.

Tellabratons Storytelling Festival– Held on various dates throughout the month of November. People on 6 continents gather to tell and listen to stories. Performers are hires to tell at different venues.

Dawnland Storyfest – Conference held in February in New Hampshire. Organized by New Hampshire Storytelling Alliance.

White Mountain Storytelling Festival – Held in September in New Hampshire. Organized by New Hampshire Storytelling Alliance.

Granite State Story Swap – is really a conference. Held in September in New Hampshire. Organized by New Hampshire Storytelling Alliance.

National Storytelling Festival – October, Jonesborough, TN sponsored by The International Storytelling Center.
<https://www.storytellingcenter.net/festival/>

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Organizations

Northeast Storytelling – Membership provides discounts to some conferences, access to a listserv, access to member directory, newsletter subscription. Can use website to hire a storyteller, find storytelling events, find storytelling podcasts, find local storytelling organizations, read a blog about storytelling. Take an online storytelling class. Will soon be publishing a storytelling guide for new tellers.

<https://www.nestorytelling.org/>

Worldwide Virtual Storytelling Guild – Sponsored by Northeast Storytelling. The guild is live online and welcomes participants from all over the World. For those who interested in sharing stories, learning about storytelling, and enjoying peer feedback and community. This project began with the goals of reaching isolated tellers, encouraging novice tellers and sharing across cultures.

The guild meets four times monthly:

- the first Thursday night of each month at 8:30 pm (NY time)
- the second Saturday of the month at 6:00 pm (NY time)
- the third Sunday of the month at 12 noon (NY time)
- and Collaborative Storytelling meets the fourth Monday night of each month at 7:00 pm (NY time)

Visit Northeast Storytelling web page for details on receiving Zoom link.

National Storytelling Network – Nationwide on-line calendar of events, and by *State Liaisons*. Performers and Artist/Educators can be located by prospective employers in the *Teller Directory*. NSN also sponsors the *Storytell Discussion List*, an email forum for discussion about Storytelling, as well as *Tellabration!*, the World-Wide Night of Storytelling.