# Storytelling for Community Relationships

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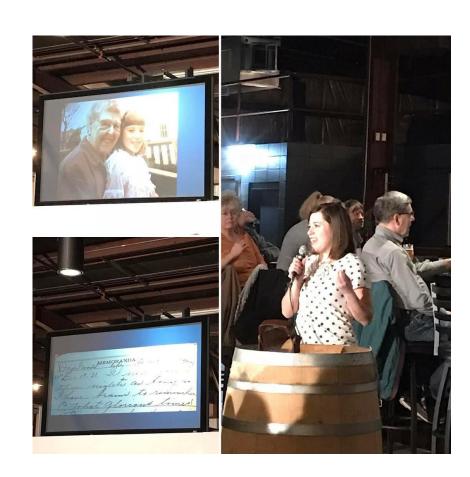
#### Welcome!

- Introduction to Storytelling
- Storytelling in Public Libraries
- Ongoing Storytelling
- Creating a Sustainable Action Plan

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What is storytelling?



### Why Storytelling Matters



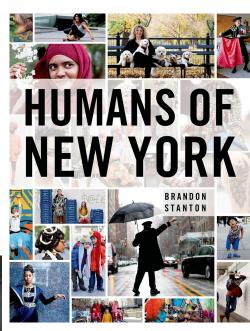
Why storytelling matters | Garr Reynolds | TEDxKyoto

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YbV3b-l1sZs

## Storytelling in Businesses & Organizations







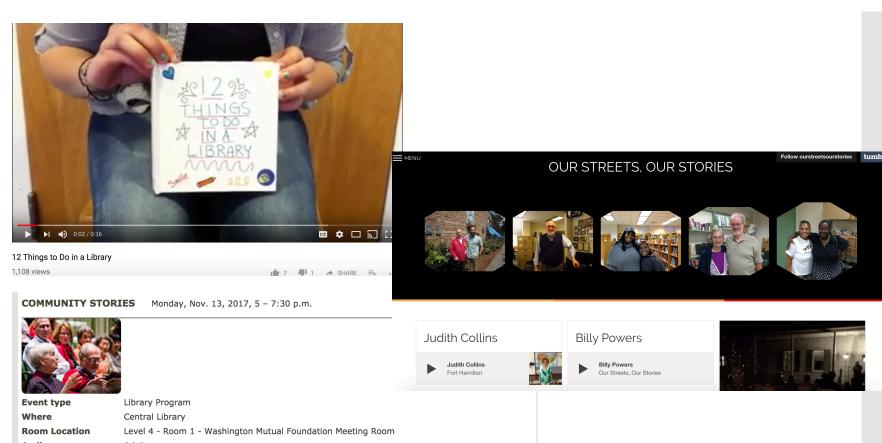
### Storytelling in Public Libraries

- Diverse community groups
- Collaborative opportunities
- Variety of stories with one overall concept

# Start Storytelling Today to Create Library Advocates

- Make connections with existing library partners
- Integrate into programming
- Create structured storytelling initiatives

### Storytelling in Public Libraries



Audience Adults
Language English

**Summary** A group of community volunteers from WITA (the Washington Technology Industry Association)

invite you to a unique opportunity for experiencing two hours of community connection through

storytelling.

**Description** Seattle's communities are changing as rapidly as our skyline, with about 1100 new residents per

week. Join us as a diverse group of speakers ("Memoirs") share their stories in a dialogue with "Readers." This event will provide a positive framework for conversations that challenge

stereotypes and prejudices.

lotes Library events and programs are free and everyone is welcome. Registration is not required.

Recorded for Podcast This event will be recorded for future podcast.

Contact Info \*Central Library 206-386-4636 or Ask a Librarian

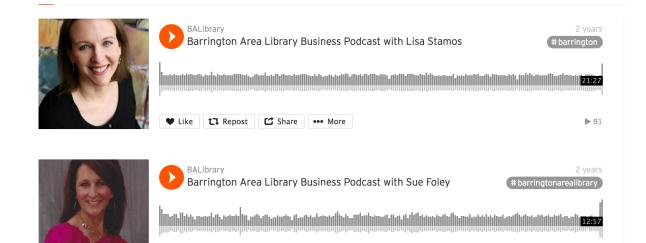
**Room Capacity** Space is limited at library events. Please come early to make sure you get a seat. Due to the fire

code, we can't exceed the maximum capacity for our rooms.

### Different ways to Share Stories

- Ongoing technology series
- Programming
- Ongoing Activities

### Ongoing Technology Series



Tracks Albums Playlists Reposts

- Podcasts
- Livestreams
- Videos







The Library OnConference's Keynote Speaker with R. David Lankes

602 views





▶ 45



Live! In Westmont: TLD Design Center and Gallery

#### Programming

- Open Mic Night
- Storytelling Events
- Local History
- Promote Library Services

Join us for the 18th Annual Storytelling Celebration, Nov. 8-11, 2017 sponsored by MCC-Maple Woods.



The Kansas City Storytelling Celebration, hosted by MCC-Maple Woods, will be celebrated with lively stories, anecdotes, myths, legends and lessons. Our 18th Annual Celebration will celebrate the time honored tradition of storytelling and will be held in more than 100 sites across the Kansas City metro area. For a schedule of public events visit kcstorytelling.org.





### Ongoing Activities

- Library Story Corps
- Contribution walls/chalkboards/sticky notes
- Community Conversations

## Social media and website promotion

- Short videos on social media livestream features
- Active participation for reader's advisory, local history and town events
- Story blog/page on website

#### Sustainable Action Plan

- Library staff
- Budget
- Community Needs
- Focus on what matters- don't try and be everything to everyone!
- Targeted goals

### Thank you!

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