

Lynn Ruehlmann Storyteller

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"Lynn made the characters come to life. Like facets of the finest gem, her stories are brilliantly cut!" --Norfolk Academy

Programs available:



"Late, But Making Good Time"

From written narrative to tellable tales, these are stories from life told with humor by their author. 4th grade – adult

"Perseus: A Greek Hero and His Myth Adventures"

The myth of Perseus, including his encounters with the Grey Women, the Gorgons, Hermes and Athena, and his marriage to Andromeda. Narrated by Lynn and acted out by students wearing whimsical masks and costumes.

2nd grade – 8th grade



"Storytelling Sampler"

Experience storytelling in a delectable array of forms: a folktale, a myth, a personal story, a story from history, a literary tale.

3rd grade - adult

"It Happened in the White House: True Tales of the Eight Virginia Presidents and Their Wives"

Meet the wives and hear stories about these eight men, whose presidencies spanned United States history from the Revolution through World War I.

4th grade – adults



"Steadfast and Spirited: Stories of the American Revolution"

The war seen through three true tales: Deborah Sampson, a female Patriot who fought disguised as a man; Peggy Shippen, the Loyalist wife of Benedict Arnold; and Phillis Wheatley, a slave turned poet.

4th grade – adults

"Spy! The Story of Civil War Spy Elizabeth Van Lew"

The story of a bold woman who supported the Union and aided soldiers and slaves while living in the Confederate capitol.

4th grade – adults



"Greek and Grand"

An assortment of Greek myths including how Hermes invented the lute, why Io was turned into a cow, and what happened to Aristaeus' bees.

3rd grade - adults

"Tales of Ancient Egypt"

Stories told by Egyptians thousands of years ago, from their version of "Cinderella" to a myth about Osiris and Isis to a folktale about a prince and his fates. 2nd - 8th grade



"The Odyssey"

The adventure-packed story of Odysseus' journey home from the Trojan War, told with Greek folk tunes played on a harp. 6th grade – adults

"Quilting Aesop"

Character building stories by Aesop, told with audience participation, using a quilt with a silhouette from each story. K – 3rd grade



"In a Kingdom Not So Far Away"

From familiar and cozy to exciting and rediscovered, these are the world's favorite fairy tales. K – 5th grade

"Whale Tales and Mermaids"

True stories about whales and scientists, plus a folktale from New England, a dolphin myth, and a literary whale story by Rudyard Kipling. K – family



"Squawks, Squeals, Ribbits and Roars"

Stories, songs and fingerplays with audience participation about animals and other noisy creatures, including a shy but stage-struck dragon puppet. Pre-K – 5th grade

"Hug a Bug"

Mischievous fireflies! Marrying bumble bees! Race-running beetles! A singing, dancing Shoefly puppet! What's next? Join this audience participatory show and you'll find out! Pre-K – 5th grade



"Tuned Up and Telling: Tales Told with Music"

While telling stories about a troubadour playing harp for the sea king, or a turtle rescuing a drum, or the magical song of a blue jay, Lynn accompanies each story with music on a variety of instruments. Specific stories are chosen depending on the audience. 3rd grade – adults

Taking on different energetic, entertaining characters in telling each story, Lynn transports listeners back in history, through myths, folktales and stories about real people she's known.

- Lynn was named "Best Actress in a Comedy" by Folio
- "Artist of the Year" by YAV
- Awarded grants by Virginia Commission for the Arts yearly since 2002.
- Her CDs "Spy! The Story of Civil War Spy Elizabeth Van Lew" and "It Happened in the White House" both won national awards.

For scheduling and questions, please contact

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