

## Young Readers Programme Storytellers list – West Midlands

### Leslie Tate

Author, Poet

Leslie Tate, as an experienced teacher and educational manager, can relate modern poetry and novels to set texts at GCSE and A level in a way that includes all levels of ability and gives a real insight into the heart and soul of a book looked at from a writer's perspective.

Works with: Key stage 4

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Current CRB check: No

Current Enhanced Disclosure: No

Prices

Per hour: £0 - 50 Per half day: £50 - £100 Per day: £100 - £150

### Colin King

Storyteller, Author

Interactive oral storytelling with traditional tales and self-penned stories from a wide variety of cultures. Performances involve audiences in a little drama and in creating sound effects using various percussion instruments. Use of other languages, accents etc is made where appropriate. Stories suitable for pupils from reception age to students in secondary schools are available. Lesson plans, follow-up ideas and, if required, workshop on story writing can be provided.



Works with: All ages

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Current CRB check: Yes

Current Enhanced Disclosure: Yes

Prices

Per half day: £100 - £150 Per day: £150 - £200

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### Marion Leeper

Storyteller

Marion Leeper grew up in a family of actors, raconteurs, tellers of tall tales and downright liars. She has been listening to and telling stories (true and less true) for longer than she can remember. Her interactive multi-sensory stories come from all around the world, with props magically appearing from the pockets of her story coat. She has worked with young children for many years as a teacher and storyteller, and specialises in collecting young children's stories, and encouraging storytelling and story writing skills. She presents shows and workshops for adults, people with special needs, and children of all ages.

Works with: Preschool, key stage 1, key stage 2

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Current CRB check: Yes

Current Enhanced Disclosure: Yes

Prices

Per hour: £0 - £50 Per half day: £100 - £150 Per day: £150 - £200

### Stingwray Laughing Crow

Storyteller, Musician, Illustrator, Circus Arts

Circus skills, drumming (hand) percussion and storytelling workshops for all ages, including special needs.

Works with: All ages

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### Fiona Collins Storyteller

Fiona has been telling stories from around the world professionally for twenty years. She is especially interested in tales of strong girls and women and in the ancient Welsh tales of Y Mabinogi. She works in English and Welsh. Her story sessions are lively, inspiring, interactive and accessible, enabling even the shyest listener to participate and contribute. She enjoys working with young people who want to become storytellers themselves, with very young children, and those with special needs. She leads workshops in storytelling skills and word magic for children, carers and teachers, helping them to develop their own abilities as storytellers.



Works with: All ages.

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Current Enhanced Disclosure: Yes

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### Carol Florence

Storyteller, Author

I have a lot of experience in mainstream and special needs settings and I have been able to explore how the imagination of children of all ages can be nurtured and nourished. I create innovative sessions for schools and pre-schools that include themed story circles or longer story workshops. During a workshop we explore one particular myth or fairy tale and the adventure unfolds with storytelling, movement, music, visualisation and role play. To enhance story making and recording I offer book-making, weaving and sewing projects and the making of story objects or props. This holistic and creative approach promotes careful listening, develops speaking skills, and can motivate children to explore reading and writing.

Works with: All ages

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Also works in: Wales, North West, South West

Current CRB check: Yes

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### Susanna Oldfield Storyteller

Storytelling sessions available for every age group. The storytelling is entertaining, interactive and educational. Also available: story-making workshops where participants create their own story and storytelling training workshops for beginners through to advanced. Storytelling Sessions for under-fives: colourful and interactive storytelling with songs, rhymes and actions. Stories for this age group range from classic stories like Oscar Wilde's 'The Selfish Giant' to contemporary favourites such as 'The Gruffalo'. Storytelling for lower and upper primary ages: fun and furious heroic adventures such as *Jason and the Argonauts* and other gripping tales. The storytelling is energetic and interactive, and the children have the opportunity to join in through role play, chants, rhymes and actions. Storytelling for teenagers and adults: traditional stories of wit, wisdom and humour to draw in and entertain.



Works with: All ages  
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## Anna Conomos

Storyteller, Musician, Singer

Award winning storyteller, Anna Conomos, offers fun and interactive workshops for all ages. Anna can tailor-make her workshops to suit your needs. Anna will give you the key skills needed to tell a good story by exploring plot, characterisation, language, rhythm, vocal dynamics. Anna's Greek ancestors come to life in her gripping ancient myths. She has worked all over the world and her tunes and tales span the globe. She offers heritage workshops that will teach you how to bring to life stories from your own cultural background and how to use bilingualism in storytelling. Anna will illustrate how to enhance your story by combining art forms such as song and music. Anna also offers intergenerational storytelling workshops, facilitating the exchange of stories between primary and secondary schools and elderly care homes. She runs workshops for under 5s with traditional favourites such as 'The Gruffalo' and uses interactive rhymes, songs and characterisation to engage the children in storytelling and encourage their imaginative faculties. She also works with special needs using workshops to put together a multi-sensory storytelling performance.



Works with: All ages

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Current CRB check: Yes

Current Enhanced Disclosure: Yes

Prices

Per half day: £150 - £200 Per day: £250 - £300

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### Adele Moss

Storyteller

I have a wide range of stories from many different cultures which enable me to tailor make a programme for a group according to a theme or particular need. I have worked with musicians and visual artists and often use songs and movement in my stories. I encourage participation and am happy to work with teachers to create follow-up activities. I have extensive experience in bridge building projects across age groups and cultures, particularly intergenerational projects with older people and primary school children.



Works with: All ages

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Current CRB check: Yes

Current Enhanced Disclosure: Yes

Prices

Per day: £250 - £300

### Children's Discovery Centre

Storytellers, Authors, Poets, Musicians, Illustrators, Rappers, Magicians, Playwrights

We organise children's authors, storytellers, poets and illustrators to perform, and workshop in schools.

Works with: All ages

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Also works in: East Midlands, West Midlands, Greater London, North West, Eastern, South East, Yorkshire and Humberside, South West

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Prices

Per day: £300 - £350

### John Malam

Author

Fiction reading for Reception; biography reading for Year 1 and 2; talks for Year 3 to 9 on 'The Journey of a Non-Fiction Book'; hands-on role-play workshop for Year 5 to 9 where children work in teams to create their own non-fiction books (focus on co-operative learning and teamwork).

Works with: Preschool, key stage 1, key stage 2, key stage 3

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Also works in: Wales, Isle of Man, North West, Yorkshire and Humberside

Current CRB check: Yes

Current Enhanced Disclosure: Yes

Prices

Per day: £300 - £350

### Mythstories

Storytellers

The world's first storytelling museum - a catalyst for creativity. Bring your class/group for a 2-hour session of stories and workshops tailor-made for them. Step into the countryside on a story-walk, or come to Shropshire for some site-specific storytelling. We can work with you on short or long-term projects in your school. We also offer CPD sessions in the museum or at your school. Our website is a free educational resource, full of stories.



Works with: All ages

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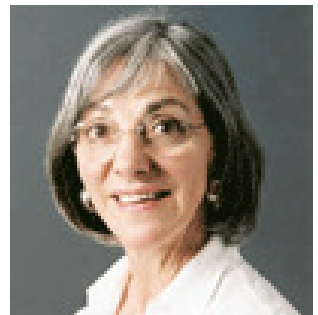
### Prices

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### Jan Ormerod

Author, Illustrator

Jan is an author and illustrator of more than 70 children's books, an art teacher and lecturer in teacher's colleges and art colleges. Jan is available for bookings in schools, libraries and similar venues, for performances or workshops with all age groups from nursery to post graduate. A performance may consist of reading stories, showing picture books, teaching and sharing finger & action rhymes. Jan also conducts writing and illustration workshops or talks about the processes of writing and publishing using Power Point presentations & giving children, students, parents and teachers the opportunity to ask questions individually in open forum. Sessions are, of course, adjusted to suit the age-range and size of each group.



Works with: Preschool, key stage 1, key stage 2

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Current CRB check: Yes

Current Enhanced Disclosure: No

### Prices

Per day: £350 +

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## Dave Smith

Storyteller, Author

The objective of these sessions is to identify ways to make writing more entertaining, and to debunk the idea some have, that being a writer is only for the gifted amongst us. Hopefully it helps the pupils get over the 'fear of the blank page.' These sessions are designed to give pupils a range of techniques they may employ in their own creative writing. Pupils will then be encouraged to create their own piece of work using some of the methods which have been outlined.



Works with: Key stage 3, key stage 4

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Current CRB check: Yes

Current Enhanced Disclosure: Yes

Prices

Per day: £350 +