



NEWSLETTER

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Our Next SOCO Meeting

Our next SOCO meeting will be on Mar. 10, 2018 at **09:30a.m.** in St. Matthias' Reading Enrichment Room. St. Matthias is located at 1582 Ferris Rd. in Columbus.

For Our Meeting Program on March 10th, would you each come with a 5 minute bit to share about how you structure your stories? No one is required to participate, though. I'm going to give you about 20 minutes of "the Hero's Journey" first identified by Joseph Campbell, and then we will go around the room and get anyone's input. I know it is hard to keep it to 5 minutes, I really want to stay on-point so we can get to story sharing.

Rebecca Coleman

SOCO Was Represented at the Dublin Literacy Conference



Several of our storytellers are also authors and provided some of their books for this event. Although we sold no books, we did get name recognition. Teachers, and principals had a chance to review these books.

Fun on the road

Recently, I spent a great deal of time as a passenger while my hubby and I drove to S.W. Florida and back. It gave me the opportunity to notice some unusual signs and billboards. I thought I'd share a few with you. Enjoy!

1. In Dry Ridge, KY. I saw an advertisement on a billboard for a Mexican restaurant called El Rio. For those of you who do not speak Spanish, this means that The River Mexican Restaurant is found in the town of Dry Ridge. Perhaps they could share some of their river with the town?!?
2. On I75 just before the Kentucky River there was this sign - "No Stopping. Bridge under Surveillance. I wonder what they think the bridge has done??"
3. Many of the electronic freeway signs in Tennessee said: "Ain't nobody got time for a wreck - slow it down!" Isn't that the truth!
4. In Valdosta, Georgia there was a billboard that said only "Bummer". This was followed by one that said, "Shucks". That one was followed by one that said, "Ugg." I was wondering if this was just a local joke. But, then there was a billboard showing a lady with her arms up in despair and the words, "I should have stopped at Valdosta Toyota." The signs were so clever they almost made me want to find the dealership and I'm a long time Honda owner!
5. I saw a Florida campground sign stating, "Dog and horse friendly". Nice to know that folks traveling with their horses have a friendly place to stay.
6. And, finally, there was an advertisement for a hotel near Bythewood, NC called The Lizard's Thicket. Hmmm.... I like lizards, but does this mean each hotel room comes with it's own? No thanks :)

Always look around for signs that will give you a giggle.

Teri Lott

The Best Part of Winter!

This has been a quiet winter but so productive! I took the opportunity to review stories that I had put aside. Since I often tell to young people, I try to update my programs to address the interests of that impetuous audience. Sometimes when I think a story isn't working as well as I want, I put it on the shelf so to speak. But this winter I decided to reconsider those choices. Maybe the problem isn't the stories but the way I am telling them. So on a snow day afternoon I played around with new ways of telling these discarded tales. I played with a variety of characters' voices and told the events from their perspectives. Then I'd started at the end of a story and worked back words or I set it in a new context. It was truly entertaining and it lead me to reconsider the merits of these tales and why I liked them in the first place. I love that time of discovery! The process of making a story uniquely my own is even more rewarding than telling sometimes!

Thank goodness for snow days and slow days when I have the time and space to fellow my creative impulse and see where it goes!

Michelle Cornell

P.S. I have to admit, I am glad to see the backside of winter as we move into brighter days!

"Green Season"

Ok, it's the "green season" and it's time for the jokes about the Irish and drinking alcohol...Just know that when I am talking with my fellow Irish-Americans I can enjoy those jokes but outside the group I usually don't share those jokes because of the snide and sometimes blatant stereotyping against the Irish,.beside most of the most outrageous drunks on St. Patrick's Day aren't even Irish they are just using it as an excuse to get drunk at our expense. Ok I vented for the season.

Julie McGhee

Storytellers Needed

STORYTELLERS NEEDED FOR THE COLUMBUS ARTS FESTIVAL

Times: June 9,2018 Traditional Tales from 1pm to 3pm

June 10,2018 Contemporary Tales 12 to 1:30 pm

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