



NEWSLETTER

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Our Next SOCO Meeting

Our next SOCO meeting will be in September(**date to be Announced**), in St. Matthias' Reading Enrichment Room. St. Matthias is located at 1582 Ferris Rd. in Columbus.

Summer is a Time for Reading

I remember spending a lot of hot, humid Ohio summer afternoons sitting under the huge oak tree in our backyard and reading in the shade. It was the only tree we had in the yard and that tree had survived against all odds. You see, my Dad dug up that tree at my grandma and grandpa's down in Portsmouth and drove it back to Columbus on top of our car. Amazingly, it not only survived, but it thrived! I always believed it was because it wanted to provide my brother and me with glorious shade. And maybe it did. I spent many a happy afternoon reading in the shade of those wonderful branches.

Fast forward some years - As a teacher who was also a mom and continuing ed student, I still found time to read in the summer. Actually, I read year round because, well, I'm a lover of books, but I could read even more in the summer! I read everywhere now. I listened to books on tape, and later CD, in the car. I propped a book on the kitchen counter and read while I washed those inevitable hand dishes that couldn't go in the dishwasher. Any time I could squeeze in, I read.

I've been retired for almost 5 years now and I'm still an avid reader. I read mystery novels for pure pleasure and children's books and other tales for pleasure and to inspire my storytelling. And now I will be volunteering part of my summer to share tales with young people who might not hear a lot of stories in the summer through our outreach program - **Columbus Story Adventures**. I enjoy the opportunity to relive the days of reading under that big oak tree even though I probably won't be sitting under a tree and I won't just be enjoying a story by myself. But stories seem better when they're shared, don't they?

The CSA committee has gathered and purchased 542 books for telling this summer. We have 268 titles with multiples of some of the titles. We have about 32 titles that are Spanish only or in English and Spanish. Once you know where you are telling and when, contact me, Teri Lott, to arrange to get books for your site.

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Ohio Storytelling Network

We're contacting you on behalf of the Ohio Storytelling Network (formerly OOPS!), have changed the name to parallel that of the National Storytelling Network), and are starting to have 4 meetings a year with at least one workshop at each.

This year, we have a small conference day planned (see below) and are starting to plan a larger conference for 2019, most likely also in Dayton.

Call me if you'd like to talk. 440-476-6646. Or reply by e-mail. But, since I'm sewing a lot these days it may take a little while to get back to you. (Quilts have taken over my life!) Here is the information about the conference— theme is history/heritage.

Please share it with those you know who may be interested. Omope Carter Daboiku is organizing the day and has a wonderful lineup of presenters!

Telling Our Stories—History and Heritage

Join us in Dayton for a weekend of storytelling and good fellowship among storytellers.

Friday, June 15

Reception, story swap — 7-9 p.m. — Location to be announced

Saturday, June 16

Paul Laurence Dunbar House Visitor Center
217 North Dunbar Street at Edison Street
Dayton, Ohio

Note: There will be a fee for Saturday:

\$20 OSN members, \$30 Non-members, \$25 Seniors, students

Continental Breakfast and Lunch Included

9:00 am Registration, Continental Breakfast, Story Swap

10:00 am Presentation: Everybody Eats Rice

Omope Carter Daboiku

Ms. Carter's delightful story about a neighborhood where everyone's similarities

and differences are apparent in the way they prepare rice demonstrates an excellent example of a literature-based cultural study about immigration and rice agriculture. This is the kind of presentation that schools appreciate and will support.

11:30 am Break, short swap

12:00 pm Lunch, business meeting

1:00 pm Workshop: Entering the History: Combining Process Drama and Storytelling
Kevin Cordi

In this active workshop, learn how to take a piece of history and, as a class or group, enter the world that you are studying. Learn how role, position, stance, and trouble moves how we interpret the history. Learn the value of "Ensemble Storytelling" and the way that you can use this method to connect deeply to historical events.

2:30 pm Break

2:45 pm Historical Interpretation as Narrator, as Character

Bob Peterson and Stephen Hollen

While Stephen Hollen brings a person from the past to life by becoming that historical character, Bob Peterson brings historical resources and events to life as an historical interpreter in ways that stimulate as well as educate. We will enjoy exploring the past with two historical figures and learn more about presenting historically correct information in ways that connect meaningfully with our audiences.

4:15 pm Break, Swap, Wrap-up

Dinner on our own

Possible evening performance or story swap — location to be determined

Sunday morning story swap for those staying over — location to be determined

Janelle Reardon

A word from our President.

Julie needs tellers for our various volunteer events. Contact her to find out what dates are still available.

We will be voting for officers and board members for the coming year by mail/email, as soon as I call a Board meeting and get it going. The process will be the same as voting for tellers for Telebration and Fireside Tales.

Pictures of any storytelling event you attend are welcome on our Facebook group page. It's Storytellers of Central Ohio.

If you aren't a member, you will need to ask to join. We are a closed group.

See you in September.

Rebecca Coleman



**THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER
IN JULY OR AUGUST.**

