

storytelling

Margie's lively storytelling programs are both entertaining and educational. She combines humor, surprising props, spellbinding language, and audience participation to connect listeners to the story.

school programs

On imagination, reading, and language (grades Preschool-6):

- **Tales Piled So High They Touch the Sky.** Legends, tall tales, and other stories about folks who think big, talk fast, and always have the last laugh.
- **Around the World in Stories.** Multicultural folktales and legends from around the world showing how stories travel around the globe and connect different cultures and times.
- **Guess What Happens Next.** Highlights the elements of anticipation, sequencing, and plot through lively, interactive stories.

"Margie knows the importance of establishing pre-reading habits and skills in young children, which cannot be understated. In many ways, Margie could be described as a mentor and encourager of reading."
- Julie Boekhout, kindergarten teacher, Central Lyon School

On American history and folklore (grades K-6):

- **Iowa History in Story and Legend.** With stories from Kate Shelley to the Cardiff Giant, this program makes history come alive.
- **Riding the Rails: Stories & Tales About Trains in American History.**

Character development and problem solving (grades K-6):

- **Three Cheers for the Underdog!** Stories that celebrate the "little guys" – the people and animals who never give up. Highlights persistence and strength.
- **Walk in My Shoes.** A collection of stories to encourage understanding and cooperation.

programs @ workshops



library programs

For ages 2-8:

- **Walking the Dog.** Funny, active stories about dogs and other silly critters we love. Full of nonsense rhymes and riddles, this program has lots of action, participation, puppets, and props.
- **A Story Sack of Giggles and Wiggles.** Stories full of silly people and critters. Emphasis on rhymes, word plays, and riddles.
- **Creepy, Crawly Critters & Bugs!** Stories about spiders, snakes, and bugs with songs, nature facts, and lots of laughs!

For ages 5-12:

- **Merlin, Magic, and Mysteries.** Wizard tales, daring deeds, and magical quests from folklore and mythology.
- **Tales from the Not-So-Dead Past.** Real-life stories and adventures from the border where fact meets fiction.

for all ages

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- **Dutch Treats.** Authentic Dutch folktales and some personal stories from the land of dikes and bikes.
- **Birds of a Feather: Stories for Bird Lovers of all Ages.** Both a fun and educational nature program, this includes historical tales of famous birds, as well as legends and folktales.
- **Traveling Tales.** Stories from and about family trips and vacations. Designed especially for humorous reflections or anticipation of family trips!
- **How Does Your Garden Grow: Stories from Margie the Flower Fanatic.** Legends and tales about flowers from folktales, mythology and life experience. Also includes some practical tidbits about gardening.

stories of faith

Margie has shared Biblical stories and intergenerational stories of faith at women's conferences, church events, mother-daughter banquets, and church retreats across the Midwest. Her chapter "Storytelling and the Church" in *The Art of Storytelling*, Moody Publisher, 2003, shares many ways in which people can share their faith through stories. Margie offers:

- **Training workshops and sessions for church volunteers**
- **Programs for church camps and retreats**
- **Keynote programs for church meetings, women's groups, and conferences**
- **Bible Telling and Stories of Faith.** Programs and workshops on telling Bible stories and shaping your personal faith stories.



workshops @ residencies

Margie offers storytelling workshops and residencies for teachers, students, and parents. She has taught in colleges, AEA classes, school workshops, elderhostels, churches, businesses, and community conferences. Visit Margie's web site for more information on available workshops, residencies, or keynote addresses.

comments

"Thank you so much for your wonderful storytelling on Family Reading Night. You did a great job and you helped make our night a success."

- Norene Bunt, Principal of South O'Brien Middle School

"Margie is an excellent storyteller and really involved the students. They want to know when you are coming back!"

- Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School

"What a gift you have and what a joy to see and hear you use it. The children (and adults) were thrilled with your stories."

- Camanche Public Library, Camanche, Iowa

"Great teller! Loved hearing her Kate Shelley story. I've lived in Iowa all 55+ of my years and I've never heard it told so well."

- Participant at Northlands Storytelling Conference

booking information

Program rates

Rates vary depending on the number and type of programs requested. Visit Margie's web site for current information about rates and to learn about Early Bird Discounts and other ways to reduce your programming costs.

www.thestoryconnection.com