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MEDIA SPECIALIST 1967-2004 Fitzgerald Public Schools, Warren, Michigan

- Arranged for the visit of children's book authors, performing artists, and storytellers in the Elementary, Middle, and High Schools as well as coordinated these visits in neighboring school districts.
- 1988-2004. Coached the Chatterton Talespinners, a Middle School student storytelling troupe.
- Established an annual "Fitzgerald Family Storytelling Festival."
- 1988- Present. Facilitated The Fitzgerald Parent-Tellers, an adult volunteer storytelling group that visit over 100 K-12 classrooms annually.
- Written and received grants to support Arts programs from the Michigan Council of the Humanities, Michigan Council for the Arts, Creative Writers in Schools, Macomb Intermediate School District for staff development.

STORYTELLER 1987 to Present

- Served on the National Storytelling Network Board of Directors for five years.
- 2001 to Present. Distribution editor of MI STORY, a monthly email storytelling publication.
- Current President of the Detroit Story League
- Served on the Northlands Storytelling Network Board of Director for nine years

PERFORMANCES

Northern Prairie Storytelling; Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Storytelling Along the Wabash, Vincennes, Indiana; Bethel College, Elkhart, Indiana; Chicken Festival, Chillicothe, Missouri; Kentucky Storytelling Festival; Jackson StoryFest, Jackson, Michigan; Canton Family Storytelling Festival, Canton, Michigan; Renaissance Storytelling Festival; Michigan Story Festival; Detroit Festival of Storytelling; Tellabration; Windsor, Ontario Canada; schools and libraries across the country.

CONFERENCE WORKSHOP PRESENTER/TRAINER

International Reading Association, American Association of School Librarians, National Storytelling Conference, Missouri Association of School Librarians, Tennessee Association of School Librarians, Northlands Storytelling Network, Ohio Order for the Perpetuation of Storytelling (OOPS), League for the Advancement of New England Storytelling (LANES), Kentucky Storytelling Conference, Timpanogos Storytelling Conference, Tejas Storytelling Conference, Florida Storytelling Camp, Massachusetts School Library Association, Mid-South Reading and Writing Institute, Michigan Association for Media in Education, Michigan Reading Association, Michigan Education Association Instruction and Professional Development, Metropolitan Detroit Science Teachers Association, and many public and private schools.

PUBLICATIONS

- *Raising Voices Creating Youth Storytelling Groups and Troupes*. Libraries Unlimited. Coauthored with Kevin Cordi.
- *"The Turnip" Good Character DVD* – Story Watchers Club
- *"The Boy Who Drew Cats" - August House Book of Scary Stories*. Contributor.
- *Beginners' Guide to Storytelling*. National Storytelling Press, Contributor.
- *The Storytelling Classroom: Applications Across the Curriculum*. Libraries Unlimited, Contributor.
- *Tales as Tool: Power of Story in the Classroom*. National Storytelling Press, Contributor.
- *Literacy Development in the Storytelling Classroom*. Libraries Unlimited, Contributor.
- *Storytelling Pathways to Literacy*. National Storytelling Press, contributor.
- *Media Spectrum*. Michigan Association for Media in Education.
- *Storytelling Magazine*. National Storytelling Network.
- *Northlands Journal*. Northlands Storytelling Network.
- *Storytelling World*. East Tennessee State University.
- *Book Links*. American Library Association.
- *Teaching Tolerance*. Southern Poverty Law Center

AWARDS

- Michigan Association for Media in Education Ruby Brown Award for Individual Excellence.
- Michigan Association for Media in Education Mentorship Award.
- National Storytelling Network Oracle Award for North Central Service and Leadership
- National Storytelling Network Oracle Award for Distinguished National Service