

Rachel Hedman

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Education

MA in Reading, Concentration in Storytelling, *East Tennessee State University*, Graduated 5/14

BA in Communications Marketing with Honors, *Brigham Young University*, Graduated 4/01

Work Experience

Associate Librarian, *Davis County Library*, South Branch, Bountiful, UT, 6/10 – Present, Work on Average 18 hours/week, Branch Manager Mary Moore Krebs, Director Chris Sanford

- Build, maintain, and market for tweens/teens to boost circulation while sustaining ordering of Young Adult collection in books, CDs, DVDs, playaways or any other formats
- Provide Reader's Advisory for patrons with specialized attention for transitional reads from the Children's collection and on through to the Adult's collection as well as basic computer needs

Professional Storyteller, *Storytelling Adventures*, West Jordan, UT, 5/05 – Present, Work on Average 10 hours/week, Independent Contractor

- Synchronize needs of venues so to connect with audiences found at libraries, schools, museums, and other community and private events
- Research, practice, and perform storytelling sessions and workshops

Independent Agent, *Aflac Insurance*, Fresno, CA and Layton, UT, 1/02 – 8/11, Work on Average 40 hours/week, Independent Contractor

- Set appointments with local business owners and present insurance products
- Enrolled employees with insurance and assist with claims

Volunteer Experience (Sampling)

Found/Director, *Story Crossroads*, West Jordan, UT, 4/15 – Present

- Coordinate funding, promotion, and administrative duties for year-round planning including Festival featuring 15 professional story artists and 40 youth and senior tellers
- Conduct meetings with civic, education, arts, and community leaders to collaborate efforts

Storyteller Chair/Executive Committee Member, *Weber State University Storytelling Festival*, Ogden, UT, 9/08 – 3/17

- Scheduled, planned and managed live auditions for 30 adult teller slots
- Conducted committee meetings so to find ways to adhere to needs of 30 adult tellers and over 70 youth tellers including annual Youth Teller Reunion

Board Member, *National Youth Storytelling Showcase*, Orem, UT, 9/10 – 9/14

- Preserved the history of the organization and determine ways to honor the past while brainstorming ways to improve future participation and recognition
- Mentored, coached, and led story games to polish skills of the youth finalists

President/State Liaison, *Utah Storytelling Guild*, Layton, UT, 2/10 – 2/12

- Acted as ambassador with individuals and organizations to promote the art
- Energized and support 75+ members through activities and gatherings

Co-Chair, *Youth, Educators, and Storytellers Alliance*, Midvale, UT, 7/05 – 7/08

- Synchronized curriculum standards with the use of story in the classroom on national level
- Prepared workshops, conference calls, and projects for 150 members

Den Leader and Cub Master, *Cub Scouts*, Fresno, CA and Layton, UT and West Jordan, UT, 2/02 – 1/17

- Directed fun and educational weekly meetings with four to twelve 8-year-olds
- Maintained training through monthly Roundtables and other events

Storytelling Awards and Grants

Karen J. Ashton Storytelling Award, Youngest Recipient, Received 2/18

Honored for storytelling service and leadership given once a year through Weber State University Storytelling Festival and named after Karen J. Ashton who founded Timpanogos Storytelling

National Storytelling Network Western Regional Service and Leadership Award (ORACLE),
Received 6/12

Nominated and approved by regional and national committees

J.J. Reneaux Mentorship Grant, 1st Recipient, Received 11/05

Coached from 9/12/06 to 9/15/06 face-to-face by national storyteller Don Doyle

National Storytelling Network Grant for New Voices, Received 7/05

Attended National Storytelling Conference in Oklahoma City, OK in 7/05

Arne Nixon Storytelling Award, Received 4/05

Honored by Lemoore High School Students in CA by award given annually to an outstanding storyteller/storyteacher

National Teaching Experience

Annual Workshop Presenter/Storyteller, *Arne Nixon Storytelling Festival*, Lemoore, CA, 4/04-Present, mentor high school tellers and teach teachers how to use storytelling in the classroom

Workshop Presenter, *National Storytelling Conference*, St. Louis, MO, 7/14/07, taught marketing basics

Storytelling Representative for U.S. Ambassadors, *Brigham Young University*, Provo, UT and flown to Napa, CA, 9/3/00-9/4/00, performed for ambassadors and families

Weekly Storytelling Presenter, *Legacy Elementary School*, American Fork, UT, 1/00-3/00, led 4-H club

Founder/President/Teacher, *Brigham Young University Storytelling Club*, Provo, UT, 1/98-4/01, led club

Publications

Master's Thesis Writer, Gathered and taught adoption folktales to adoptive families entitled *Year of the Adopted Family: Selected Folktales for the Seasons of Adoptee Personal and Cultural Identity*, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN, 1/14

Columnist, *Storytelling Magazine* in "New Voices" section, 1/08-12/11

Blog Writer, Wrote 100 posts on storytelling art from with blog entitled *Voice—A Storyteller's Lifestyle* (www.storytellingadventures.blogspot.com), 8/18/06-11/1/10

Publication of Story, Found in Nov./Dec. 2005 *Storytelling Magazine* entitled "Telling the Notes"

Honors Thesis Writer, Interviewed 24 national storytellers and key people in the American Storytelling Movement entitled *Transformation of the Storyteller's Identity and Role through the American Storytelling Movement*, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT, 12/00

Other Skills

Leadership, Public Speaking, Organization, Brainstorming, Research, Typing 70 wpm

References

Available upon request