

Programs by Dr. Michael Lockett, “The Normal Storyteller”

International Storyteller, Children’s Author, Keynote Speaker, and Workshop Leader

Dr. Lockett has given nearly 3000 programs across America and as far away as eastern Asia. Some of the notable organizations Dr. Lockett has presented for include:

- * National Storytelling Conference – Keynote Speaker for YES Pre-Conference
- * Sterling Storytelling and Arts Festival
- * National Regional Storytelling Concert Performer
- * Korean Association of Primary English Educators Conference, Seoul, Korea
- * Programs in Taiwan for Brilliant International Group
- * Tibe Bookfair in Taiwan, Featured Performer in 2007, 2008, 2010
- * Iowa Reading Conference, Featured Author
- * Indiana Reading Conference, Featured Speaker
- * Workshops in South Korea for JY Books
- * Storytelling Programs in China for Giant Elephant Books
- * Workshops in Shanghai for CK Washington and Kaiser Kastle Education
- * Workshops/Programs in Hong Kong for Sesame Publications and Commercial Books
- * Workshops/Book Release Performances for Brilliant International Group, Taiwan
- * Taiwan Missionary Fellowship Conference
- * New England Storytelling Conference, Rhode Island
- * Wisconsin State Social Studies Conference
- * Great Lakes Social Studies Conferences in Chicago and Madison
- * ASCD Kindergarten Conference in Chicago - Featured Presenter (multiple years)
- * Three Apples Storytelling Festival
- * Workshops for CETC/Caves in Taiwan
- * Workshops for JOY English Schools in Taiwan
- * 2008 International Storytelling Festival in Taiwan
- * Greenlake Family Camp in Wisconsin
- * International Christian Storytelling Conference
- * Illinois Elementary School Association
- * Midwest Conference for Early Childhood Educators
- * International Reading Association Annual Conferences in Atlanta, Chicago, New Orleans, Orlando, San Antonio, and Toronto
- * Great Lakes Reading Conferences in Grand Rapids, Michigan and Chicago, Illinois
- * Illinois Reading Council and Programs for IRC Affiliates throughout Illinois
- * National Council for Teachers of English
- * Illinois Association for Curriculum Development
- * National Association for Early Childhood Educators
- * Improving America’s Schools Act Conferences
- * Illinois Urban Education Conference
- * Illinois Migrant Education Conference
- * Illinois Young Authors’ Conference
- * Illinois Teachers of Mathematics Conference
- * Title I Region VII Technical Assistance Conference
- * No Child Left Behind Conference, Chicago, IL
- * Numerous Programs for Illinois Regional Offices of Education
- * Numerous Programs for Schools, Churches, Libraries and Community Groups



All-School Assemblies – Times and number of programs vary for each school. Dr. Lockett's preference is for 45-55 minute programs. Dr. Lockett can work with any age or ability grouping and provide stories that are the most age and content appropriate. All of his programs are clean, family oriented stories. Even his occasional scary stories are told in a way that ends with the students laughing and never going home with nightmares. *Able to plan stories around themes.

Festival Storyteller – Call on Dr. Lockett for programs and workshops at festivals. Folk Tales, Children's Stories, Audience Participation Tales, *Ghost Stories*, Civil War Stories and more

Artist-in-Residence – Dr. Lockett can provide programs of various lengths. Some schools enjoy having Dr. Lockett give a storytelling demonstration for students early in the week then have him visit classrooms throughout the week to teach students how to tell stories. Others enjoy having an assembly with their own young tellers sharing stories.

Young Authors' Meetings – Dr. Lockett has been a keynote speaker and storyteller at many state and local young authors' conferences. He weaves messages about reading and writing between his fun-filled stories. Adults love to sit in on these programs to share their children's joy and love of good stories. Parents go home filled with ideas about how to help their children at home. Students leave these sessions with a renewed sense that reading and writing stories is fun. Some schools use Dr. Lockett to kick off a Young Authors' Campaign. Other schools bring him in to celebrate the students' success at writing at a Young Authors' Tea or Party.

Parent Programs – Dr. Lockett is a frequent presenter for parent programs and family literacy nights. Parents who have participated in his stimulating presentations have applauded his expertise in how parents can help their children with their education. Lockett goes beyond his performance as The Normal Storyteller to share research and information, adding educational commercials between the laughter and fun. Providing high quality programs to students and their parents together is such a high priority for Dr. Lockett that he offers schools discounted rates for family programs in the evening for schools that book him for storytelling assemblies during the day. (Certain restrictions apply.)

Churches – Sunday Schools – Vacation Bible Schools –Mike has studied as an adult storyteller under John Walsh (Christian Storytelling.com) and has added the skill of "Bible Telling" to his talents. He shares a Christian message interwoven with good stories, poems that he has written and music. He has been a frequent presenter for Ladies' Organizations, Senior Saints, Children's Sunday School classes, Youth Groups and more. Dr. Lockett has presented at Family Life Camps, Missionary Conferences, and Sunday School Conventions.

Civil War Programs – Dr. Lockett visits schools dressed in his 1860's Civil War uniform to share stories of the War Between the States. He does not stress the blood and gore, but rather the "strange – but – true stories" that capture the attention of listeners of all ages.

Community Programs – Dr. Lockett gives programs for many civic organizations and community groups including scouts, senior groups, nursing homes, Alzheimer's units, alternative education programs, fraternal organizations, and early childhood programs.

Teacher Workshops – Call or E-mail Dr Lockett to talk about the variety of workshops he can do. Let "The Normal Storyteller" plan a program that will meet your school's needs.