CONNIE Regan-Blake

STORYTELLER • WORKSHOP LEADER • COACH



Greetings Story fans! Lots going on in the story world in the coming months plus a chance to head to Florida next winter. Details below.

Key West Literary Seminar Scholarships for January 2027

Here are two scholarship opportunities for writers, teachers, & librarians to attend the **Key West Literary Seminar** in early 2027. They include travel, lodging, a stipend along with attending the **Conference**. I had the pleasure of presenting at this yearly seminar several times over the years and I highly recommend it! Always a delightful, entertaining and educational experience; plus you can take in some beach weather in the midst of winter!

The Emerging Writer Awards - to boost writers with strong voices, passionate interests, and compelling, urgent stories (deadline is June 1).

The Teacher & Librarian Scholarships - seeking a diverse group of 12 individuals who are making positive impacts upon readers in their communities (deadline is July 15).

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Storytellers Wild WeekLittle Switzerland, NCJune 28 to July 4, 2026

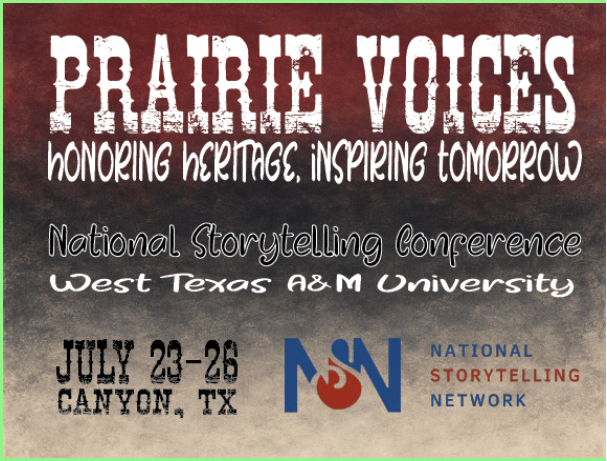
There is still room to join Connie in an idyllic setting for an in-person 7-day story-retreat at **Wild Acres** in the mountains of North Carolina. We understand that it is a holiday weekend and have scheduled activities so folks to leave on Friday if they need the travel time for Independence Day. **More Info**

Register Here →

National Storytelling Network Conference
Canyon, TX - July 23-26, 2026

Every year, the National Storytelling Network (NSN) invites voices from across the globe to come together in celebration of story. This July, folks are gathering in the Texas Panhandle. Whether you are a seasoned teller or a first-time attendee, you are welcomed with open arms!

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Here are some fun, story-performances for those who have been looking for a reason to come visit this magical land where I live . . . or maybe you call WNC/East TN home, too. Either way, please join me at one – or all – of these Summertime happenings.



FREE Stories & Supper
Ebbs Chapel Community Center
Friday, June 5th 6-8 pm

In honor of bringing the community together through storytelling, **Ebbs Chapel Community Center** in Madison County, NC, just north of Asheville on I-26 is hosting this family-friendly free Supper and story performance. Connie Regan-Blake is the featured teller. Come hear some mountain tales and maybe share a few memories with the folks around your supper table.

They have a safe, supervised kids' zone just for ages 5-10. Come Play!

Located at:
281 Laurel Valley Rd, Mars Hill NC 28754

Contact Connie with Questions →



June 2-6, 2026 at 2 pm
Jonesborough, TN

Liz Weir is traveling across the ocean from Ireland to spend a week in Jonesborough, TN as **Teller in Residence** at the **International Storytelling Center** June 2-6 with a 2 pm show each day! Be sure and catch one of her shows – or maybe all of them!

Tickets here - **International Storytelling Center**

More info →

Saturday, June 6
Jonesborough, TN

Also in East TN, on Saturday evening, June 6th you can catch "**From China to Appalachia**" an amazing show that is getting rave reviews, including 5 million views on TikTok! The performance will be at the newly renovated **Jackson Theater**, right across Main Street from the International Storytelling Center. Don't miss it!

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June 11, 12, & 13
Asheville, NC area

Adam Booth, is a beloved WV Storyteller Extraordinaire! He is coming to Asheville, NC June 11, 12, and 13th, doing performances at the Weaverville Community Center along with shows at 2 area libraries. Treat yourself to a great performance!
Weaverville Community Center, **South Buncombe Library**, & **Black Mountain Library**.

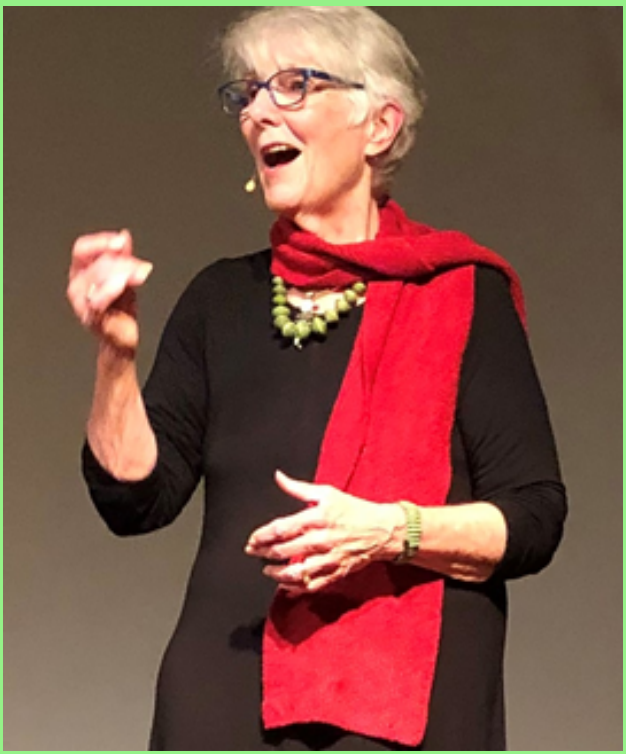
June 13, 2026 10 am to 6 pm
Hot Springs, NC

One of my very favorite acoustic folk festivals with Old-timey music, clog dancing, storytelling, ballad singing and more along with an array of food and arts & crafts vendors. Sponsored by the **Madison County Arts Council**, this yearly celebration is open to all – and it is FREE! Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy our beloved Appalachian culture.

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I have two more shows coming up.



I am doing a performance-workshop here in Asheville at OLLI (on UNCA Campus) July 7, 2026 - 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

I am the featured storyteller on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, as part of the "Appalachian Sampler" series this summer for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) on UNCA campus in Asheville. IT's a two-hour story performance/workshop focusing on the tradition of storytelling in the Mountains of Western North Carolina. All are invited.

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Mountain Dance and Folk Festival
July 31 to August 2, 2026 - 7-9 pm



I will be taking the stage on Friday, July 31st, at the **99th Annual Mountain Dance and Folk Festival** in Asheville, NC to share a traditional story. Our nation's longest-running folk festival, it features bluegrass, clogging, and storytelling, showcasing regional talent while celebrating Southern Appalachian traditions and honoring founder Bascom Lamar Lunsford's legacy. It all takes place at the Asheville High School Auditorium on McDowell Street Asheville, NC.

Tickets are now on sale!

Tickets →

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