

Guerilla storytime

By Desiree Baron.

I had the pleasure of convening “Guerilla storytime”, presented by Dana Horrocks and Lindsey Krabbenhoff, founders of JBrary, a library of storytime resources for anyone working with children. They believe that sharing programming ideas and expertise are an important component for advocacy for children’s services.

In the session, the presenters and participants shared many tips on what to do when faced with a challenging situation in the middle of storytime. Participants offered up ideas and tips on various issues, for example, engaging chatty or uninvolved parents back into the group — by transitioning into a parent-child action song, or singing a song that everyone knows. To share early literacy tips for

parents, it was suggested that parents could learn the words to the songs with bookmarks and handouts. The best part of the session was everyone sharing their favourite rhymes and songs from their own storytime repertoires...Everything from welcoming songs, to wiggle rhymes, and farewell songs. It was a fun, interactive session for all!

To see the songs, rhymes and finger plays shared in the session, visit the JBrary blog <http://jbrary.com/queerilla-storytime-british-columbia-library-conference-2014/#more-810>.

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