

Tellabration! Celebration of story at The New Children's Museum

WEST HARTFORD, Conn (October 31, 2014) - Tellabration is a mammoth storytelling event - and that's no tall tale! This is a storytelling phenomenon happening all over the world.

On November 16 at 1pm, The New Children's Museum will host a Tellebration to introduce children to the art of storytelling.

Our storytelling guest will be Ann Shapiro sharing science related stories that explore how people from different cultures explained nature in the past. She will also sing some songs from her environmental recording "Songs for the Earth."

Shapiro has been entertaining children with her participatory music and storytelling programs for over twenty years. She is recommended by the CT Office of the Arts as a Teaching Artist and since 1999, serves as Executive Director for The CT Storytelling Center. A teaching artist in residence in CT schools, she helps students and teachers keep folk traditions alive by sharing old stories and songs, followed by creating their own.

The Children's Museum staff gets in on the storytelling spirit, too. Hear the stories behind one of the constellations at each of the day's planetarium shows, learn the stories behind our animals and how they came to live in our wildlife sanctuary, and from 2:00 – 4:00, visitors can create their own tales — then combine creativity with engineering by building shadow puppets to share their stories.

These events are included with general admission. For more information contact Jonah Cohen at 860-231-2830 X34.

Tellabration is one of the programs offered by The Connecticut Storytelling Center, based at Connecticut College in New London. A full listing of Tellabration sites in Connecticut with dates and times can be found by logging onto <http://www.connstorycenter.org/tellabration.htm> or by calling The Connecticut Storytelling Center at 860-439-2764.

The New Children's Museum is home to over 100 live animals, including the now famous Fennec foxes, hands-on science exhibits, out-of-this-world digital planetarium shows, and programs for younger children and families. The Children's Museum and Roaring Brook Nature Center are the region's premiere destinations for science and nature exploration.

The museum is located at 950 Trout Brook Drive in West Hartford and at Roaring Brook Nature Center in Canton. More information is available at www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org.

