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Summary of Qualifications

- Storytelling for all ages and occasions
 - Writing and storytelling workshops for elementary school students
 - Professional development and teachers' convention presentations
 - Corporate workshops involving team building and public presentation skills
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Biography Highlights

Poster Presentation:

Tell Me a Story, Canadian Library Association annual conference

Edmonton, AB, 2010

Workshops:

- *Performance Technique*, Storytellers of Canada/
Conteurs du Canada conference Victoria, BC, 2009
- Present highly-rated sessions at Teachers' Conventions and
Professional Development Days throughout Alberta Annually
- Twenty years experience leading creative writing and storytelling workshops
in many of Alberta's public and separate elementary schools

Storytelling:

- Northlands Storytelling Network, annual conference (concert) WI, USA, 2012
- Northern Lights Library System, *Summer Reading Club* tour AB, 2011
- Canadian Children's Book Centre *Book Week* tour ON, 2008
- The Young Alberta Books Society *Word Power*
regional school tour 2007, 2008, 2012
- The Young Alberta Books Society *Taleblazers* touring program,
visiting schools and libraries province-wide Annually
- Perform storytelling concerts at schools and public libraries across Canada
including Toronto, Calgary, Inuvik, St. John's and Labrador
- Perform in a wide variety of community storytelling events presented by T.A.L.E.S.

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Festivals:

- Ottawa Children's Storytelling Festival 2011
- Labrador Creative Arts Festival 2011
- NACC Festival of Stories (Yellowknife) 2009
- NACC Storytelling Road Festival 2009
- Toronto Festival of Storytelling 2009
- Ottawa Storytelling Festival 2003
- Yukon International Storytelling Festival 2002
- T.A.L.E.S./ Fort Edmonton Park Storytelling Festival Annually

Broadcast Journalist:

CBC Radio - Calgary
Honours, Broadcasting Program

1978 – 1989
Mount Royal University (College) 1978

Professional Development

- I have lead *storytelling* and *beginner writing* workshops for groups including: Storytellers of Canada-Conteurs du Canada, The Canadian Association for Young Children, The International Reading Association, The Early Childhood Education Council (Alberta Teachers' Association), as well as numerous Teachers' conventions and School Professional Development days.
- I offer *corporate workshops* using storytelling as a "team building" exercise. I've also hosted workshops focusing on improving public presentation skills and microphone technique.

Long Standing Memberships

- Canadian Children's Book Centre
- Alberta Foundation For The Arts "Artists and Education" - School Residency program
- T.A.L.E.S. (The Alberta League Encouraging Storytelling)
- SC/CC (Storytellers of Canada/Conteurs du Canada)
- CANSCAIP (Canadian Society of Children's Authors, Illustrators & Performers)
- The Children's Literature Roundtable
- Young Alberta Book Society

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PUBLICATIONS / RECORDINGS

- ***The Field of Boliauns*** United Cultures of Canada Association 2011
Re-telling of an Irish folktale and Edmonton Public Schools
Included in the anthology
World on a Maple Leaf: A Treasury of Canadian Multicultural Folktales

- ***LISTEN UP! Tellable Tales for Hungry Ears*** Kathy Jessup Solo CD 2009
Featuring seven original stories
*Recommended by The Canadian Children's Book Centre guide
"Best Books for Kids & Teens 2010"

- ***Mama and the Bear*** Red Deer Press 2005
An original story included in the anthology
Under the Wide Blue Sky: Alberta Stories to Read and Tell

- My stories and articles have appeared in various publications including ***CHICKADEE, TREE HOUSE FAMILY***, and ***WESTWORLD*** magazines, and the ***Edmonton Journal*** and ***Saskatchewan Senior*** Newspapers.

- I have featured stories on three CDs by The Alberta League Encouraging Storytelling:
A Collection of T.A.L.E.S, T.A.L.E.S... on the Wind, and ***Undaunted Enchantments***