

Storyteller Neena Girish – Resume

Motto: Learning Never Stops. Challenge Yourself for Betterment In Life. Judge yourself and find room to improve rather than give explanations to others!

Be Happy and Let Others Be Happy.

About:

I am a storyteller by passion and a professional certified performance storyteller. I started my Podcast, "littlestorytellers", during the lockdown to keep students engaged with books through storytelling in the absence of physical books. Till the year 2022 stories narrated by students and parents have been streamed in the podcast. In the year 2023 I have been doing storytelling and read aloud. My Podcast, "littlestorytellers, has partnered with Storyweavers, and Pratham Books' initiative #GetChildrenRead doing read aloud for children and schools.

Through my Podcast I have done three collaborative initiatives:

1. Celebrating National Reading Month
2. Flying colours a series for Motivating students appearing for board exams
3. Recent high light is the on going series – A Podcast Of Hope, making way to #inclusivecommunity. This series was started as part of creating awareness, acceptance and inclusion among the community along with the message and need of empathy and togetherness.

I firmly believe that Stories have the power to capture our emotions and imaginations while helping us develop our cognitive skills and critical thinking skills. Storytelling is a powerful tool that helps us develop our communication and language skills. It also helps our thought process and critical thinking skills along with our personality development. With this belief I provide services in schools to help students improve their personal development through storytelling and activities as per NEP 2020

As an ex librarian have also presented a paper at Delhi University during the International Conference of Academic Library(ICAL 2023) along with my fellow school librarian from Kendriya Vidyalaya. The same paper has been published as chapter 20 in "Library And Research Ecosystem Management Framework And Advocacy."

Ever since my voluntary retirement from St. Paul's School Hauz Khas New Delhi as a school librarian I have been into storytelling, Teachers Training and Podcasting. Currently I am providing services as a storyteller and teacher trainer in various online and offline platforms.

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Trainings conducted: Year – 2022-2024

1. **Storytelling Pedagogy for Teachers (CFD WORKSHOP 2022-23)** on 25th February 2023 for Primary teachers of Naval Children's School Kochi(offline).
2. **Storytelling Pedagogy and Toy based learning (CFD WORKSHOP 2023-24)** on 16th June via google meet for Primary teachers of Naval Children's school.
3. **Storytelling Pedagogy for School Librarians:** on 5th July in the year 2023 via google meet for school librarians of Bhavans Vidya Mandir to help them understand how to develop reading activities and help students improve their reading and writing skills through stories. The webinar was organised by Shikshan Bharati Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan New Delhi.
4. **Trained teachers** of Chellapan Vidyamandir Chennai on Storytelling Pedagogy June 2024.
5. **Conducted Storytelling** session for Students of KPM Model School Kollam Myanad and Kendriya Vidyalaya SAP Thiruvananthapuram on July/August 2024 using Kamishibai Storytelling technique.
6. **Conducted storytelling** session for 400 primary students from classes 1 and 2 at Good Shepherd School Thiruvananthapuram. Celebrating One day one story.
7. **Conducted online training** session for Librarians and teachers on June 22 2024 on Storytelling Pedagogy and Toy Based Learning.
8. **Conducted online training** session for Librarians and teachers as KTGlobal resource person on Storytelling Pedagogy on 26th September 2024.

Currently I am a proud member of Spectrum The Awareness Project Team and with an aim of creating awareness. I do voluntary storytelling sessions for neurodivergent kids and parents on Spectrum The Awareness Facebook page.

Also a Member of:

1. School Library Association India
2. Enlit kids (Kathashtakam/KTGlobal)

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Back Story:

14 Years Experience as School Librarian at St. Paul's School Hauz Khas New Delhi.

Knowledge Of Library Management and Software, library curriculum.

Achievements:

1. Received Leadership Skills Training from The International Federation Of Library Association Netherlands In Year 2017 At Gd Goenka University Campus Sohna Road Gurugram
2. Received "Get Litt the Most Motivating Librarian Award" 2020-21
3. Certificate in Performance Storytelling
4. Conducted Storytelling Workshops for Students on Different Platforms.
5. Created Podcast and Blog During the Pandemic for The Students to Stay Connected with Books in The Absence of Physical Books.
6. Trained School Librarians and Teachers to Connect Storytelling as Part of Curriculum and Language Development.
7. Member of School Library Association India (Sla India) and Publication Coordinator of SLA India Online Newsletter.
8. Participated And Presented Paper Along With Fellow Librarian (Sla Gb Member) during the International Conference on Academic Libraries (ICAL 2023), 6-8/04/2023, at Delhi University on the topic, School Librarianship In India: Excellence And Professionalism – Analyzing School Libraries and Librarians in Post Covid Time".