



# Discover the Art of Storytelling

**March 23, 2019 10 a.m. to 4 p.m**

**Bexley Public Library  
2411 East Main St., Bexley, OH 43209**

## Program

- 10:00 -10:15 Arrival and registration (coffee and fruit)
- 10:15 -10:30 **Kevin Cordi:** Introduction & Welcome
- 10:30 -12:00 **Anthony Gibbs: Behind the Scenes of Bringing a Character to Life**  
*Telling a story through a first person perspective can be fun and engaging. Telling a story through the perspective of a real person in history brings even more nuance to the craft. In this presentation, learn the skills needed to bring a historical character to life by being a History Detective, a History Keeper, and a History Teller.*
- noon - 12:45 Lunch from Jimmy Johns plus salad, drinks, desert
- 12:45 – 1:15 Brief business announcements
- 1:15 - 2:15 **Lindsay Bonilla: From Telling to Writing**  
*Telling and writing are like two sides of the same coin. But when it comes to writing picture books, where do the worlds of telling and writing converge and where do they diverge? In this workshop, storyteller and children's book author, Lindsay Bonilla, will share which parts of her storytelling background she draws upon when crafting a picture book and which ones she must put aside and why. Lindsay will guide participants to look critically at current picture books in the market and share what she has learned along the road to publication.*
- 2:15 – 2:30 Break
- 2:30 - 4:00 Story Swap

**Registration:** \$10 for SOCO and OSN members plus \$10 for lunch  
\$15 for non-members plus \$10 for lunch

***Arranged by Storytellers of Central Ohio***

## Program Leaders / Speakers



**Anthony Gibbs** is a teaching artist who has taught and presented many history programs and character impressions for students of all ages. He has traveled around the region sharing dramatic historical stories in schools, libraries, museums, and other venues. Anthony captures his audiences with spellbinding performances that keep listeners on the edge of their seats. He is a gifted storyteller and astute in his knowledge of historical content. He engages the audience in his presentations with his commanding presence, historical knowledge, authentic props, and excellent oratorical skills. He studied at the Ohio State University in the field of History. He currently works for the Ohio History Connection as the Manager of Local History Services. The stories he brings to life are tales of great courage, tireless determination, and long lasting hope. Anthony loves history, and leaves his audiences with a greater respect and appreciation for the power of storytelling and the timeless messages we can all learn from our history.



**Lindsay Bonilla** spent her childhood voraciously reading books, scribbling stories, and taking the lead roles in her front porch solo stage plays. As a theatre major at Northwestern University, she fell in love with folktales and world travel. This led her to Madrid where she spent a year and a half touring Spain and Portugal with the audience-participatory theatre company, Interacting.

Since starting her own storytelling company, World of Difference Ltd., Lindsay has had the opportunity to tell stories to school children in Haiti and Ghana, teach workshops to youth pastors in Guatemala and El Salvador and even perform street theatre in Puerto Rico and New York City. All of these experiences have made her passionate about building understanding and relationships across cultures while inspiring the imagination.

Lindsay is the author of the picture book, POLAR BEAR ISLAND, winner of a 2018 Parents' Choice Award. Her next picture book, I LOVE YOU WITH ALL OF MY HEARTS, will be published in the spring of 2021 by Creative Editions.

When she's not writing or telling stories, she's busy acting them out with her kids.

Lindsay's love for travel has taken her to five continents, but most days she can be found at home in North Canton, Ohio with her husband (Estith), sons (Rafael and Alejandro), and their rescue dog, Blitzen.

Lindsay is a member of the National Storytelling Network (NSN) and the Society for Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI). Learn more at [lindsaybonilla.com](http://lindsaybonilla.com).



**Kevin Cordi, PhD, President, Ohio Storytelling Network**, is a teacher, storyteller and author who has been awarded The Film Advisory Board of Excellence Award and The Storytelling World Award. For over twenty-five years, Kevin has not only told stories on a national and international platform, but uses stories to help others find meaning in their work, school, and personal lives.