

create would have strategies underlying them to make learning more enjoyable. The group that had attended the workshop offered to work with teachers to help them innovate in different forms of storytelling. These new forms could then be tried out in the classrooms, and reviewed periodically and improved upon. In addition to this the children of elementary grades could be encouraged to write and perform stories in their classroom. Once they are skilled in creating stories, the next step would be to improve their writing skills so that they are able to present stories in a written form with illustrations, etc.

Participants expressed the need to organize more such workshops and include more school teachers in such workshops so that storytelling could become a way of teaching rather than being limited to a single period in the library. They added that most teacher-education courses were also not giving much space to storytelling, and pressed for it to become a compulsory part of teacher-education curriculum.

Storytelling can be done in various forms, which may be poem, songs, narrations, etc. Stories can be told using these forms independently or by mixing them as needed.

“Children played at those stories; they dreamed about them. They took them to heart and acted as if to live inside them.”

- Gregory Maguire, *A Lion Among Men*.

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## Forthcoming Events

### **6th N.E.A.R. Language Education Conference**

Date: 24 May 2014

Organization: North-East Asian Regional Language Education Conference

Location: University of Niigata Prefecture, Niigata

Last date for submission of paper: 16 February

### **JALT 2014 International Conference**

Dates: 21- 24 November 2014

Organization: The Annual International Conference of the Japan Association for Language Teaching

Location: Tsukuba International Congress Center, Ibaraki Prefecture

Last date for submission of paper: 11 February 2014

### **ICLLTL 2015: International Conference on Linguistics, Language Teaching and Learning**

Dates: 28-29 March 2015

Location: Madrid, Spain

Last date for submission of paper: 31 October 2014

### **ICLLTL 2016: International Conference on Linguistics, Language Teaching and Learning**

Dates: 28-29 March 2016 Location: Madrid, Spain

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### **TESOL 2015 - 49th**

#### **Annual TESOL Convention and Exhibit**

Date: 25 March 2015

Location: Ontario, Canada

Last date for submission of paper: 01 June 2014

Website: <http://www.tesol.org>

### **The 2nd Task-Based Language Teaching in Asia Conference**

Dates: 17-18 May 2014

Organization: Task Based Learning Special Interest Group, Japan Association for Language Teaching

Location: Kinki University, Osaka

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