

Thursday, April 24,

LaRon Williams

9:30 – 10:15

10:30 – 11:15

1:30 – 2:15

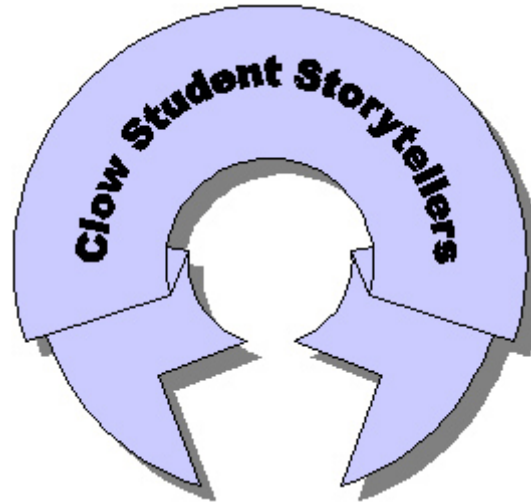
2:30 – 3:15



Over the past few years, LaRon Williams has been steadily earning a reputation as one of the finest storytellers in the state of Michigan. His salient gift is his remarkable rapport with audiences of all kinds. Children and adults respond with equal enthusiasm to his warmth and vigor as he uses dialect, facial expressions and movement to breathe life into tales which transcend the boundaries of class and age.

Williams is motivated in part by the belief that the power and beauty of African culture should be shared, and that the lessons of struggle, perseverance, and survival of Africans in the Western Hemisphere are part of a legacy we all should recognize and own.

Ultimately, he believes that a narrow love of one's own culture is not enough; that we all have to take the time to tell each other our stories - with all the joy and frowns and pain and smiles that they bring. That "...we have to come to know and accept the ways in which we are different and become aware of an appreciate the ways in which we're alike, and that we have to use that knowl-



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For more information on storytelling and our storytellers visit the following websites:

National Storytelling Network

www.storynet.org

Illinois Storytelling, Inc.

www.storytelling.org

Clow Student Storytellers

http://backpack.ipisd.org/clow/story_telling/st_index.htm

1st Annual Robert E. Clow Storytelling Festival

April 21-24, 2003



2002/2003

Clow Student Storytellers

Monday, April 21, 2003



Jim Pfitzer
10:30 – 11:15 am

As a boy growing up in scenic East Tennessee, Jim's relationships with nature and family were always interesting and often entertaining.

As an adult, Jim has continued to have an active involvement with the outdoors. From these experiences, which include personal encounters with owls, bats, and many other wild creatures, spring Jim's personal tales of adventure, mishap, and redemption. Jim also tells animal and

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Leanne Johnson

Leanne combines her love of music with her passion for storytelling to bring new life to old tales for listeners of all ages. She has been telling stories professionally

since 1989, and has shared tales from Kansas City, Missouri, to Dublin, Ireland. Her repertoire includes Irish and other international folk tales, ghost stories, and silly songs and stories. Many of her tales are sprinkled with the musical accompaniment of a Celtic harp or bodhran.

A story session with Leanne is lively, entertaining, thought-provoking, and just plain fun. She gracefully balances her performances with humor, intelligence, and good will. Words

Tuesday, April 22, 2003



Sheila Rossi
10:30 - 11:15

Sheila Rossi "The Story Lady", is a resident of Naperville. She is a certified teacher with a master's degree in library science. Her career includes time as Brookdale Elementary School's LMC

director.

She tells stories to fill her audience with the sheer joy of listening to stories, an experience that has been almost lost in our hectic

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The Double Deckers
1:40 – 2:20
2:40 – 3:15

Jim and Karen Decker are a husband-wife storytelling duo. Their many years of harmonious marriage have resulted in a "smooth, integrated style" just right for stories told by two. Children and adults alike are caught up in the high jinks as the Double Deckers banter back and forth.

The spirit and joy of the Deckers is evident whether they are telling whimsical funny tales, or gentle poignant stories. The Double Deckers have told their stories of humor and goodwill in libraries, schools, churches, and storytelling festivals throughout the midwest.



Wednesday, April 23, 2003

Linda Gorham
10 – 10:45



Linda's stories are fun, full of energy, and designed to enhance the love of reading. Linda's stories reinforce values, spark the imagination, and explore the world of ideas and traditions from other cultures. No room for listeners only - be ready for participatory storytelling. Get ready to chant, get ready to move, get ready for fun! And watch out, you may be inspired, relive a memory, and

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Donna Dettman
2:30 – 3:15

Donna loves to read, and she loves to talk! All of those words are spilling out now as she shares her stories with listeners young and old. She uses her voice, face and body to transport listeners to the land of imagination where challenges are met and obstacles are overcome. When she involves you in her stories you dare to dream.

She tells folktales from around the world, participation stories, and some of the best of today's children's literature. Donna's stories give us a human connection in this fast-



Enjoy an evening presentation by the Student Storytellers.