Today’s Presenters

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A Peer-Created Community
What is **Storytime Underground**?

Motto: Literacy is not a luxury.

We support each other.

We promote each other.

We train each other.

Community

Training

Advice

Storytime Underground History

Cory the idea genius

Started with Guerrilla Storytime

Amy and Kendra joined to create SU

Advocacy, training, encouragement for ALL
Who is Storytime Underground?

7 Joint Chiefs

Community: YOU

Cory!

Kendra!

Soraya!
How can you be involved?

- Ask a Ninja
- Guest Blogger
- Storytime University
- Facebook and Twitter
- Guerrilla Storytime
- State Representatives
Ask a Ninja

Users can pose questions

We send them to our “ninjas” to answer

Responses are chosen each week and posted to the blog

Recognizes professionals in the field
Blog Posts and Guest Blogging

- Ask a Ninja
- Coolest Things
- Fast Facts
- Advocacy
- Resources
- Hey, Why Don’t You
- Storytime University
- Rants and Guest Bloggers!
Storytime University

How to enroll

“Register” link on website

Benefits

Validation

Tracking

Skills expansion

FUN
Storytime University

**Digital badges for:**
- Flannel Friday
- Grasshopper: Learning
  - Watch a Webinar
- Guerrilla: Guerrilla storytimes
- Ninja: Ask a Ninja
- Resolve to Rock
- Samurai: Coolest Things
- Sensei: Teaching
- Storytime ABCs
- Thrive Thursday
- Warrior: Guest blogging
Social Media

**Facebook:**

Over 4,600 early literacy related members

Libraries, schools, day cares, preschools, museums, ALA, non ALA, EVERYONE

Dozens of questions asked every day

Whole range of experienced responses!

Community support and engagement

**Twitter:**

Building on platform

Opportunity to connect resources and blog
Guerrilla Storytime

Peer-to-Peer skill sharing

Early literacy prompts for group responses

So. Much. FUN.

Props, fingerplays, songs, books, early literacy activities and more

Theory + Practice

Anyone can do it!

Guerrilla Storytime Kit

Recaps
State Representatives

District reps

State chapter reps

Local reps
Where Is Storytime Underground?

Website: storytimeunderground.org

Facebook: /groups/storytimeunderground/

Twitter: @StorytimeU
Questions?

Contact us: storytimeunderground@gmail.com

**Joint Chiefs:**
Cory Eckert, Kendra Jones, Soraya Silverman-Montano

**New Joint Chiefs:**
Julie Crabb, Brytani Fraser, Mary Kuehner, Holly Storck-Post