

# For The Love of Literacy Conference

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## Puppets Tell The Story: Workshop Outline

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### **2:30 p.m. Fingerpuppets**

Ensy Weensy Spider puppet with the book, *Spider On the Floor* by Raffi

3 Little Monkeys with the book, *Five Little Monkeys Play Hide and Seek* by Eileen Christelow

### **2:45 p.m. Hand Puppet Techniques for Manipulation**

#### **2:55 p.m. Rhymes**

Panda Bear hand puppet with the book, *Panda Bear Panda Bear What Do You See?* by Bill Martin Jr.

Mouse hand puppet with the book, *Hickory Dickory Dock* by Keith Baker

#### **3:15 p.m. Storytelling with Puppets**

Lion hand puppet with the book, *Lizzy's Lion* by Dennis Lee

Dog hand puppet with the book, *Bark George* by Jules Feiffer

Frog hand puppet with the book, *Wide Mouthed Frog* by Keith Faulkner

#### **3:30 p.m. Puppet Play**

Three Little Pigs with the book, *Puppet Play* by Moira Butterfield



## **Quick Tips For Puppetry Success!**

**The eyes have it**  
(look at the audience, not you, the puppet)

**Open wide**  
(don't chew your words, open on the main sound)

**Stand at attention**  
(use your other hand to prop up your puppet elbow)

**Let's talk**  
(look at the audience, not the other puppet when speaking)

**Show your profile**  
(the listening puppet turns to the speaking puppet)

**What do you think?**  
(engage the audience by asking them questions about what will happen)

**An Evening at the Improv**  
(read the script as a guide but speak in conversation for a natural, relaxed performance)

**Keep chugging along**  
(the audience doesn't have a script so they don't know you just goofed up, keep the train moving)

**Enjoy!**

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### **Resource List for Puppetry and Storytelling**

**Amazingly Easy Puppet Plays: 42 New Scripts For One-Person Puppetry**, Dee Anderson, Chicago: ALA, 1997, 0838906974.

**Finger Folk**

Marilyn Lohmes, Atkinson: Alleyside Press, 1999, 1579500269

**Flannelboard Storybook**

Gloria Vaughn & Frances Taylor, Atlanta: Humanics, 1986, 0893340936

**Leading Kids To Books Through Puppets**

Caroline Feller Bauer, Chicago: ALA, 1997, 0838907067

**Most Excellent Book of How To Be a Puppeteer**

Roger Lade, Mankato: Stargazer Books, 2007. 9781596041257

**Muppets Make Puppets! How To Create and Operate Over 35 Great Puppets Using Stuff From Around Your House**

Cheryl Henson, New York: Workman Pub, 1994, 1563057085

**Puppet Play (Series)**

Moira Butterfield, Oxford, Heinemann Library, 1988, 0431034818

**Simple Puppets You Can Make**

Jennifer MacLennan, New York: Sterling Pub, 1988, 0806968168

**Storytelling Made Easy With Puppets**

Jan Van Schuyver, Phoenix: Oryx Press, 1993, 0897747321

**Storytelling With Puppets (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)**

Connie Champlin, Chicago: ALA, 1998, 0838907091

**Storyteller's Start-Up Book: Finding, Learning, Performing & Using Folktales**

Margaret Read MacDonald, Little Rock: August House, 1993, 0874833043