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Library's Storytelling Festival Offers Free Programs

"A World of Fables" runs through March 23

Cumberland County's 4th annual Storytelling Festival runs through March 23 at all eight library locations. This year's festival, "A World of Fables," offers family-friendly programs that include professional story tellers, puppet shows and puppet-making workshops for children. The festival culminates this weekend at Headquarters Library, 300 Maiden Lane.

Lloyd Arneach will perform during Fourth Friday at 7 p.m. on March 22 at Headquarters Library. Arneach was born and raised on the Cherokee Reservation in North Carolina, so his Native American storytelling encompasses the "old stories" of the Cherokee to contemporary stories. Older audiences will appreciate his humorous, informative, and extremely moving storytelling style.

Doug Berky Theatre and Hobey Ford's Golden Rod Puppets will also perform at Headquarters Library the following day, March 23. Berky will present "GEMS: The World's Wisdom Stories" at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. His storytelling styles draws from worldwide methods such as mime and puppetry that showcase his elaborate masks.

Ford's Golden Rod Puppets will be presented at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Ford is the winner of three Jim Henson Foundation grants and received a Citation for Excellence from the Union Internationale de la Marionnette. Ford's variety of puppetry includes Bunraku (Japan), rod, marionettes and shadow puppetry. He adapts tales from various cultures for many of his performances, always adding a special "Golden Rod" twist.

All events are free and open to the public. For more information, call 483-7727, visit cumberland.lib.nc.us/ccplsite or find us on Facebook.

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