



K-16 Educator Workshop

Kamishibai Storytelling:

Engaging visual and oral literacies in the classroom

Connecting to the Common Core Literacy Standards

Kamishibai is a dynamic and interactive storytelling form from Japan that allows students to develop mastery of multiple literacies, while also learning to combine these literacies effectively. This hands-on, interactive workshop led by Tara McGowan is based on her book, *The Kamishibai Classroom: Engaging Multiple Literacies through the Art of "Paper Theater"* (2010), and her experiences of more than a decade teaching kamishibai in public school classrooms and other venues in the United States. The workshop will cover a broad range of techniques used by kamishibai practitioners in Japan, past and present, making connections to early traditions of picture-storytelling in Japan and to present-day manga and animé. It also explores how teaching through kamishibai performance can be aligned to the new core curriculum standards. The hands-on, interactive techniques demonstrated in this workshop are perfect for getting students involved in the fun and learning that occur when they create and perform original stories.

Tara McGowan graduated from the University of Pennsylvania's Language and Literacy in Education division of the Graduate School of Education in 2012. Her dissertation examined the literacies involved in elementary school students' performances of original kamishibai stories.

Tara is a visual artist, who has lived and studied in Japan for many years. Her programs bring Japan to life through story, song, and image, and the artwork and artifacts she creates help students visualize the objects and landscape of everyday life. Tara earned a BA from Princeton University in Comparative Literature and East Asian Studies and later returned to Princeton to receive her teaching credential. She spent a year at the Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies in Yokohama and a year at Kyoto University, studying Japanese folklore on an Ito Foundation Fellowship. She has returned to Japan many times to perform and study with kamishibai artists and storytellers.

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Tara McGowan
Storyteller, Visual Artist,
Teacher, Writer

**Saturday
Feb. 8, 2014**

10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Page Hall
The Ohio State University**

(1810 College Rd, next to Ohio Union)

**No Japanese language or cultural knowledge needed!
Register by 1/20/14 at:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/kamishibai>

**Free to educators (includes lunch).
Limited space so register early**

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