



2020 Summer Reading Workshops – “Imagine Your Story”
February 12, 2020
Bennington Free Library

- **9:00am-9:30am** ----- Registration & Chatting with Other Attendees
- **9:30am-9:45am** ----- Welcome & Introductions
- **9:45am-10:00am** ----- Brief Overview of 2020 Summer Reading Manual
- **10:00am-12:00pm** ----- “Opening the Circle: Presenting Indigenous Stories & Traditions from Around the World with Awareness & Sensitivity” with Michael Caduto
- **12:00pm-12:30pm** ----- Lunch
- **12:30pm-1:15pm** ----- Demonstrations & presentations – choose:
 - Google CS Demo with Sam Maskell, Rockingham Free Public Library
 - VT Fairy Tale Festival Presentation with Jane Ramos, Sherburne Memorial Library
- **1:15pm-2:15pm** ----- Activity Fair – Table Stations & Networking
- **2:15pm-3:15pm** ----- Group Discussion & Brainstorming
- **3:15pm-3:30pm** ----- Group Share & Wrap-Up

“Opening the Circle” Description:

Popular author, master storyteller and educator Michael Caduto will share the magic of stories from around the world as springboards for experiential activities that explore indigenous traditions, literacy connections and Earth stewardship. Michael will engage the audience as we open a window to cultural awareness through storytelling, native instruments, songs and a circle dance. Time will be devoted to questions and discussion about how to evaluate and choose reading materials with regard for the concerns of native peoples. Everyone will receive a handout exploring issues and approaches to consider when sharing with awareness and respect.

Presentation Descriptions:

- **Google CS Demo:** If you'd like to include more computer science learning opportunities in your library, but feel intimidated teaching it yourself, this hands-on crash course is for you. Using curriculum and videos created by Google CS, kids will learn how to use code to tell fun and interactive stories. Storytelling emphasizes creativity by encouraging students to tell a unique story at each class. Best of all: YOU don't have to be a computer wizard to use these free tools to offer this program in your library! This demo is geared towards kids in grades 4-7 but the program can be tailored for different age groups.
- **VT Fairy Tale Festival:** Find out what draws 800-900 people to a festival designed to showcase Vermont's amazing public libraries. I'll share photos of activities and fabulous librarians, give you craft and project ideas to inspire your summer programming, and offer easy and inexpensive fund raising ideas to use anytime during the year to help increase your own programming budget so that you can continue to offer great programs to your community. You'll also find out how to score a free program from one of the best Viking reenactment groups in New England.

Collaboration and Planning: