Africa, Animals & Artistes

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Longwood Summer Literacy Institute 2016 – Presenter Proposal, 60 minute session

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Please accept this skeleton of a proposal to be a presenter for the 2016 SLI. I am honored to be considered for a slot as a Presenter with the theme “Literacy Goes Global.” The unique children’s book Nyangusi Brought a Monkey to Church features English and Swahili text as well as several illustrations by young children in Tanzania.

I am a novice author/storyteller and have never participated in the institute before so I am submitting what I think you want. I am unsure of the amount of detail so I am submitting the bare bones in hopes it will be acceptable. As a 39 year veteran teacher and a presenter for a multitude of conferences I will be successful in the 60 minute session and participants will benefit, but it’s possible the written proposal may not be what you expected. I will strengthen the presentation file and add a handout later, but felt compelled to get a proposal in to you since I am beyond the deadline (I was just invited to submit this 3 days ago).

Brief description of session - Africa, Animals, & Artistes! This is an interactive session where literacy truly goes global. I will feature my latest children’s book, Nyangusi Brought a Monkey to Church – an escapade with a mission team in Tanzania. Participants will experience energy using music, storytelling, words that rhyme, art that inspires and creativity that sparks the imagination of all ages. Upon entering the room, participants hear traditional African music in the native language of Tanzania inviting them to listen closely while actively learning. Volunteers will dress in authentic clothing of the Maasai people of East Africa. Following the storytelling portion a barrage of information will be shared on basic storytelling. The power point will include why picture books, how they work, ways to classify books, keys to effective storytelling, delivery elements and other topics that relate. Participants leave with practical methods of stimulating interest in books and reading in children along with a sample lesson plan in their hand.

Outline/time schedule

10 minutes – Introductions  background of the author, the story and ways to benefit from session
5 minutes – Use of music  audience participation - upbeat Swahili song and movement
5 minutes – Dress up  audience participation – dress in authentic Maasai clothing
10 minutes – Storytelling  presentation of Nyangusi Brought a Monkey to Church
15 minutes – Power Point on storytelling  fast paced presentation - includes sample lesson plan
10 – 15 minutes – Wrap up  sharing ideas, and opportunity for Questions & Answers