

# Welcome

“Light in the Dark” – the 2026 World Storytelling Day theme – speaks to something universal: our shared longing for hope, clarity, and connection.

First launched in Sweden, World Storytelling Day is now celebrated across the globe. Here in Coronado, we gather in the beautiful and historic Coronado Public Library for a full day of performances, workshops, art, and music.

Oral storytelling is our oldest art form. Long before screens, radio, or even books, stories passed from voice to ear carried wisdom, history, humor, and wonder. In the telling, stories are shaped by both teller and listener – alive in the moment.

For more than forty years, Storytellers of San Diego, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has brought the art of oral storytelling to audiences throughout the region.

Learn more, view our calendar, and support our work at: [www.storytellersofsandiego.org](http://www.storytellersofsandiego.org).

## Schedule

10 AM

Welcome  
“Light in the Dark”



11 AM

Sea to Shining Sea

Good Craic: Irish  
Stories and Music  
Martin de Cogain

12 PM

Concert with  
COSA's Jazz  
Musicians

Getting Your Loved  
Ones To Tell THEIR  
Stories  
Adam Mellema

1 PM

A Community Tree  
Art & Music with  
Deidra Davis

Revolutionary  
Women  
Darcy Tucker

2 PM

Out Loud:  
Teen Voices

Open Mic &  
Story Swap

3 PM

Voices at the  
Waters Edge



- Winn Room
- Ruby Room
- Spreckels Reading Room

# 2026

# Storytelling Festival



Stories that  
illuminate.

Voices that connect.

## March 21, 2026

All Day | Free to attend

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# Programs

## Light in the Dark

10:00 - 10:50 AM | Winn Room

Local and visiting storytellers share true stories, folktales, and history inspired by the 2026 World Storytelling Day theme.

## Sea to Shining Sea

11:00 - 11:50 AM | Winn Room

Celebrating America's 250th birthday with stories from coast to coast – from revolutionary days to modern times.

## Good Craic: Irish Stories and Music

Mairtín de Cógáin

11:00 - 11:50 AM | Spreckels Reading Room

Twice All-Ireland storytelling champion from Cork brings the vibrant tradition of the seanchaí to life with energy, wit, and irresistible charm

## Musical Interlude

12:00 - 12:50 PM | Winn Room

Enjoy toe-tapping music with award-winning teen musicians from the Coronado School of the Arts.



## Getting Your Loved Ones To Tell THEIR Stories

Adam Mellema

12:00 - 12:50 PM | Ruby Room

Grammy winner, television personality, and internationally acclaimed storyteller shares his “secret sauce” for gathering and preserving stories from family and friends.



## A Community Tree

Art and Music with Deidra Davis

1:00 - 1:50 PM | Winn Room

Stories of community unfold as visual artist Deidra Davis creates a live art installation. Take home a piece of the tree – and a memory of the day.

## Revolutionary Women

Darci Tucker

1:00 - 1:50 PM | Spreckels Reading Room



A dynamic first-person portrayal exploring the American Revolution through the eyes of three women of colonial America – illuminating rights, roles, and civic responsibility.

## Out Loud: Teen Voice

2:00 - 2:50 PM | Winn Room

Student storytellers from Morse High share true tales and imagined worlds – funny, thoughtful, surprising, and real.

## Open Mic & Story Swap

2:00 - 2:50 PM | Spreckels Reading Room

Personal stories from local tellers, shaped by their participation in the recent Storytelling Institute at the Coronado Library, followed by open mic. 2-5 minutes each. No notes. All heart.



## Voices at the Waters Edge

3:00 - 4:50 PM | Winn Room

An inspiring closing celebration of personal and traditional stories to send you home with new stories, good memories, and light in the dark.