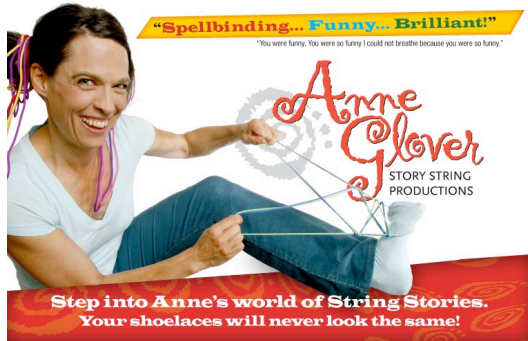


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About Anne



Anne started making up stories with string in Grade 4. Years later, she discovered books with more string figures and string stories. Now she travels around the world telling stories and teaching string figures. She loves introducing teachers and students to telling stories with string because we do string stories with real string, in real time, and interact face to face with real people. It is so simple that anyone can do it, and so fascinating that no one can resist it.

About the Show

- The performance is 45 minutes long plus Q & A. The students will be invited to participate orally and some will be invited to take part in string figure demonstrations. However, students should *not* bring their own strings to the show.
- In a school gym, it's best if the audience is on the floor so everyone can see. (If using benches please make only one row.)
- Anne brings her own sound system.
- *You can see more about Anne's work and some sample videos at www.anneglover.ca.*

About String Figures

- Often we think of string figures as a children's game, but they have been part of many cultures' heritage for thousands of years - all around the world, and for all ages.
- Check the school library for string figure books by Camilla Gryski or others. There are also many online resources including Anne Glover youtube videos.
- During the show, students can watch for string shapes they recognize, and for new ones they like.
- *Strings, CDs and DVDs are available at www.anneglover.ca.*

Curriculum Connections

- Social Studies: *Identity, culture and society*. What can string figures tell us about people in different parts of the world?
- Language arts: with or without a string as visual aid, create your own story to tell, then to write (or vice versa).
- DPA: String time encourages creativity and cooperation, and develops fine motor skills.

Before or After the Show

- Distribute string (about 2m per person, then tie the ends) and experiment with what you can make.
- Make up a string story, and tell it to a partner.
- Write down your string story (in words or pictures).
- Use string to tell a traditional story (e.g., Hansel and Gretel, Jack and the Beanstalk)
- Make a list of string figures you can do. Include your own inventions!
- You can write to Anne: info@anneglover.ca

Discussion After the Show

- How did Anne make her stories come alive? What did she use?
- Why do people like stories? What do you like in a story?
- How are string figures like video games? How are they different?

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