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Storytelling Festival Kickoff at the Kearney Public Library

Warm your heart and tickle your funny bone with national award-winning storytellers Kate Campbell and Ed Stivender during the week-long Kearney Storytelling Festival.

Ed Stivender will kick-off the festival Tuesday, January 19 at Kearney Public Library at 7:00 p.m. with Stories for Families. He is a former high school teacher who has traveled the world as a storyteller. He is known for the spinning of yarns both epic and ridiculous, drawn from centuries-old traditions, or improvised on the spur of the moment. Ed has been a featured teller at the National Storytelling Festival, was inducted into its Circle of Excellence, and has performed at festivals in Ireland, Austria, New Zealand, and Indonesia.

Ed returns to the Library on Friday, January 22, at 11:00 a.m. with Stories for Pre-schoolers and their families when he will spin yarns and tell tales accompanied by his banjo.

The Storytelling Festival final showcase will be January 23 at Kearney Public Library. The showcase will feature National Storytellers Kate Campbell and Ed Stivender as well as local tellers: Chuck Peek, Judi Sickler, Mary Henning, and David Bauer. There will be storytelling for all ages with sessions at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

See you at the Kearney Public Library, 2020 1st Avenue, for stories and fun!

Then Saturday evening the final performance will be Storytelling for Adults at the Museum of Nebraska Art for grownups to enjoy a night of stories just for them starting at 7:00 p.m. featuring national tellers, Kate Campbell and Ed Stivender. MONA is located at 2401 Central Avenue, Kearney, NE.

The programs are funded in part by Humanities Nebraska and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment.

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