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## Storytelling Festival to Fill Park with Imagination and Inspiration

Acclaimed storytellers will gather at Historic Oak View County Park on Sept. 29 for the 36th annual Storytelling Festival, presented by Wake County Public Libraries in collaboration with Wake County Parks, Recreation and Open Space. This free event will take place from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Bring chairs or blankets and spend the fall day listening to:

- [Willa Brigham](#), a two-time Emmy Award-winning host of WRAL's TV show, "Smart Start," and an inspirational speaker, storyteller, writer and performing artist.
- [Josh Goforth](#), whose talents have been featured in the film "Songcatcher" and PBS documentary "Folkways: The Fiddle."
- [Linda Gorham](#), an award-winning recording artist who has performed internationally as a storyteller, speaker and workshop leader.
- [Michael Reno Harrell](#), an award-winning songwriter, veteran storyteller and entertainer who was a featured teller at the National Storytelling Festival and teller-in-residence at the International Storytelling Center.

- Wake County's talented youth librarians, who will present storytimes modeling core practices from Every Child Ready to Read early literacy program.

Families can enjoy stories at three different sites, songs on the wagon shuttle and hands-on learning experiences at the activity tents. Food will be available for purchase.

Storytelling will take place underneath large tents, and the event will occur rain or shine. For more information, contact Brandy Hamilton at [brandy.hamilton@wakegov.com](mailto:brandy.hamilton@wakegov.com) or 919-250-1013.

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