

## **The Story Box Travels Again!**

In 1995 Storyteller/Teacher Kevin Cordi started The Story Box Project. This is a box of stories that travels throughout the nation and the world sharing stories where ever it travels. Each “Story Keeper” places stories and plays “host” to The Story Box. The Story Box has been launched again! It set sail from Ohio and among other places will travel to Australia, Oregon, California, and the National Youth Storytelling Showcase in Tennessee. But this time you can see and read about the travels!

“What is new is you can go to [www.kevincordi](http://www.kevincordi) and hear from the Story Keepers, read stories and even see a gallery of pictures.”. says Cordi. “I am excited because helps even more adults and kids to experience The Story Box on a personal level.”

Elizabeth Ann Yeary, librarian in Ohio said “Seeing the eager faces of students paying such close attention to each amazing story was very rewarding. Students were glad that their stories were valued and listened to by others; especially in different parts of our country.”

Emily Harris, who shared the box at The Story Labs in Florida said, the SBP is providing a very creative way to give voice to our diverse cultures in the state of Florida. With a story...our students, storytellers, teachers, and supporters have an opportunity to say, “This is who I am, this is what is important for me to tell you.”

She says the Story Box is more personal than email. “What treasures await inside this exquisite box? We open to find stories—messages carefully composed to entertain, to educate, to enlighten. ...There is no separation from the giver and the receiver... Email can’t touch this”

Billie Sue Noakes, Florida, states, “I think the SBP is one of the most heart-warming projects I’ve ever seen.” She stated that the project allows us to “reach back to that time in our lives when the entire world was before us, and we had only to believe in a story to make it true.”

Andrea Milano from Oregon invited all of the schools that participate in their storytelling festival to participate in the Story Box and from that experience, the festival of stories continued. “We were able to extend their enjoyment of storytelling beyond the assemblies, and made it easier for the teachers to bring storytelling right in their classrooms in a very tangible way.”

“It is early in the launch and already the three places that The Story Box has been has extended the project to include additional boxes and projects after it leaves their hometown, I am amazed at how people extend the story connections from The Story Box,” Cordi said.

And since Storytellers are the heart of stories, Kevin has agreed to ship a special “NSN Story Addition “to the box that he will send to the box wherever it is. We would

like to encourage you to submit a story, via CD, email, print, DVD to travel with the Box. Please send by May 15 . You can send your story to:

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You can email your story at [ketells@youthstorytelling.com](mailto:ketells@youthstorytelling.com) (Be sure to sign the release form on the website and send this in as well)

You can find out more at [www.kevincordi.com](http://www.kevincordi.com)

“Together we can make a difference with story.”