

A Little Something About Judy . . .

Judy Sima is one of Michigan's favorite storytellers. She has been featured at conferences and festivals, schools, and libraries throughout Michigan and across the country. A retired middle school librarian, Judy has been entertaining audiences since 1983. Judy has introduced many young people and adults to the art of storytelling. For seventeen years, Judy coached a middle school student storytelling troupe resulting in her award-winning book, *Raising Voices: Creating Youth Storytelling Groups and Troupes*. According to the National Storytelling Network, Judy is considered to be "The Pied Piper of Storytelling in Metro Detroit," some call her the "Fairy Godmother of Storytelling" as she continually helps and encourages beginning and experienced storytellers improve their craft. She is the recipient of two National Storytelling Network Oracle Awards for "Service and Leadership" as well as "Distinguished National Service. Judy is the editor of "MI Story," the only electronic calendar listing public storytelling events in Michigan.

