

REPORT/UPDATE: KUUMBA STORTELLERS OF GA 2018

This has been some (enjoyable, different & rewarding) experience as President of KSOG, ... SMILES!!

Our endeavors for 2018 have included:

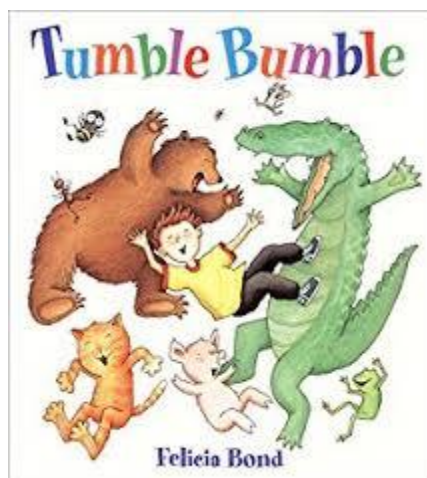
1. Constant updating our BY-LAWS. To this date:
2. Successful February 2018 “Historical Portraits” local library” free & open to the public...our 2019 “HP” will be a ticketed event.
3. Successful May 27, 2018 “MaMa Tales Performance” 12 Annual the idea of this performance came from our treasured Storyteller Ernestine Brown!!!
4. School participations: Hosea Feeds The Hungry performance our Community participation
5. GEEARS Summer Program



another community participation. We read these books

BOOK SELECTIONS FOR 2018 MAYOR'S **SUMMER** READING CLUB

*The theme for the **summer** is friendship!*



Tumble Bumble, by Felicia Bond

Written and Illustrated by Felicia Bond, the illustrator of the bestselling If You Give... series, *Tumble Bumble* is a fun-filled tale of a tiny bug who goes for a walk and meets all kinds of creatures!

When a tiny bug decides to go for a walk, anything can happen! He might meet a cat, a crocodile, a pig, or even a bee to dance and play with, and that means more friends for everyone. Board book for birth to two years old.



***Seed Magic*, by Jane Buchanan, Illustrated by Charlotte Riley-Webb**

Rose and her brothers mock the old Birdman, who sits in his wheelchair surrounded by ugly gray pigeons. The Birdman thinks his pigeons are beautiful, but the only things Rose thinks are beautiful are gardens full of red and yellow and blue flowers. The Birdman fills Rose's hand with seeds and tells her they are magic if she plants them outside her window they will grow a garden. Her brothers don't believe, but Rose sets the seeds out and waits. Soon, just as the Birdman promised, a garden appears before her eyes a musical flurry of blue and red and yellow birds, drawn to Rose's window by seed magic. Paperback for three to five year olds.

We did 3 sessions on each book to ages 0-2; & 3-5 ages at 3 different sites. Seven of us dedicated Storytellers did this Community Endeavor.

6. Other School kick off – Clayton County School System – August 3, 2018
7. September 8, 2018 "PaPa Tales" 3rd Annual (idea Akbar Imhotep) Free.
8. October 6, 2018 Performance with The Family Festival sponsored by The Atlanta Parent Magazine.

One of our long range Goals is to form Partnerships with Organizations that will host our ticketed Events. This year 2018 we formed new partnerships with: 1) The Southwest Arts Center for usage of the Black Box capacity 80. 2) The Aviation Cultural Arts Center capacity 225 & 3) The Andrew/Young YMCA (our monthly meetings started here as of September 2018. We are already in Partnership with The Hammonds House Museum and The Wren's Nest, The Atlanta/Fulton County Library System (cannot hold ticketed events in government facilities.

9. Kuumba Storytellers of Ga launched our First Annual Fall Fund Drive Raiser of which your prayers are needed to enhance our Financial \$\$\$ Success.

The dedication to Storytelling is in the Heart, Soul and Mind of us at KSOG. We are indeed moving constantly in a state of Success uplifting our Culture and telling our stories to those who will endeavor in the joy of "**Culture Word Cuisine**" at its Best in **Melodic** and **Gymnastic Rhythm** of our Stories.

10. Three participants in the 2018 NABS Festival/Conference: 1) Ernestine Brown – Featured Storyteller 2) Deborah Strahorn – Workshop Presenter and 3) Gwendolyn J. Napier – Inductee in the Elders Circle.

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