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**“TALES ON SMRT TRAINS” BRINGS
ENCHANTING STORIES TO CHILDREN ON THE GO**

Press Release

1 Jointly organised by SMRT, the National Library Board (NLB) and the Society for Reading and Literacy (SRL), the popular “Tales on SMRT Trains” is back for the June school holidays! This year, more than 400 children are expected to participate in four free* storytelling sessions on board SMRT’s trains. For the first time, the storytelling sessions comprise read aloud sessions to encourage interactivity and participation from the young audience.

2 Conducted by eight professional storytellers, the storytelling sessions start today, 30 May 2006, with a wide range of stories to suit different age groups. (Please see Annexes for the schedule of storytelling sessions and profiles of storytellers).

3 Members of the public who wish to register for “Tales on SMRT Trains” can head down to the Bukit Merah Community Library, Woodlands Regional Library and Toa Payoh Community Library for the sessions on Thursday 1 June, Tuesday 6 June and Thursday 8 June respectively.

*Usual MRT/LRT ticketing charges apply

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ANNEX 1 SCHEDULE OF “TALES ON SMRT TRAINS” STORYTELLING SESSIONS

Date & Time	Registration Point	MRT Journey	Meeting Point	Medium
Tue, 30 May 06 10am – 11 am	Geylang East Community Library	Kallang to Pasir Ris and vice versa	Kallang MRT Station	English
Thurs, 1 June 06 10am – 11am	Bukit Merah Community Library	Redhill to Boon Lay and vice versa	Redhill MRT Station	English
Tue, 6 June 06 10am – 11am	Woodlands Regional Library	Woodlands to Jurong East and vice versa	Woodlands MRT Station	English
Thurs, 8 June 06 10am – 11am	Toa Payoh Community Library	Toa Payoh to Jurong East	Toa Payoh MRT Station	English

ANNEX 2 PROFILE OF STORYTELLERS

DAVID SEOW was born and raised in Singapore. He studied at Anglo-Chinese School, Oregon Episcopal School and subsequently the University of Portland, Oregon. After a stint as a sitcom writer with the Television Corporation of Singapore, he embarked on a career in children's literature. He is the author of twenty-four well-received children's books, many of which feature his young niece and nephews as the main characters.

ROSEMARIE SOMAIAH of Asian Storytelling Network, has taught, led workshops and told stories for children and adults in schools, libraries, and museums in Singapore and overseas. She has performed at The Arts House, the Asian Civilisations Museum, the Substation, the Singapore Art Museum, and at festivals like Kidsfest, The Asian Children's Festival and The Storytellers Showcase in Singapore and the Scottish Storytelling Festival in Edinburgh. Rosemarie currently leads The Storytellers' Circle of the Society for Reading and Literacy (SRL) and is Secretary of the Singapore Drama Educators' Association (SDEA).

In addition to David Seow and Rosemarie Somaiah, the other storytellers for the four sessions of "Tales on SMRT Trains" are listed below:

- Denise Bertrand
- Janet George
- Juim Gan
- Kee Haspel
- Heather Reutens
- Heather Anderson