

T&T Virtual Adult Storytime

Theme: China

The purpose of the Virtual Adult Storytime is to provide older adults in the Wadsworth Community with content to facilitate sharing and reminiscing during a time we cannot meet in person.

Story/ Book/ Folktale (People of all ages benefit from hearing stories read aloud. For older adults it can be a chance to stir memories and use their imagination)

Interesting Facts about China (read aloud to residence):

- The flag of China (*photo below*) was officially adopted on October 1, 1949. The red of the Chinese flag symbolizes the communist revolution, and it's also the traditional color of the people. The large gold star represents communism, while the four smaller stars represent the social classes of the people.
- China has the largest population in the world, with over 1.393 billion people.
- The Chinese New Year celebration lasts for 15 days. It typically starts in late January to early February by our calendar.
- The Chinese invented paper, gunpowder, the compass, toilet paper, and the art of printing.
- The Chinese invented the kite over 3,000 years ago, and they used it to frighten their enemies during the war!

- Twenty thousand trees are cut down every year to make chopsticks in China.

Video of Books read:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w0VstkMy1cg&feature=youtu.be>

(Beautiful Warrior, the Legend of the Nun's Kung Fu
Mrs. Harkness and the Panda)

“Tell Me a Story” Pictures (A picture can truly say a thousand words; the pictures included here can spur older adults to remember and even be creative in describing a story from the image. After prompting them, let them become the storytellers)

***Pictures attached at bottom**

Use leading statements and questions such as:

“What is happening in this photo?”

“Who has seen one of these before?”

“Tell me if you had one of these?”

“This one is funny.”

Etc.

Video Links (These are provided for enrichment of the theme. Music, dance, etc. enrich auditory, visual, and memory in older adults. Entertainment and engagement are enhanced with these tools)

Traditional Fan Dance:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nVsJDZCyMsM>

China Scenery Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ffePGpqZy0Y>

Theme-related Activities (Continued enrichment of the theme provided; choose what will work best with your population)

Chopstick Practice -- Give the residence a pair of chopsticks (a local Chinese restaurant may donate these) and some cotton balls so they can try to pick them up. It's okay if they use two hands, it's a good hand-eye coordination activity.

Chinese Fan Craft --

<https://www.firstpalette.com/craft/asian-folding-fan.html>

Supplies: Copy paper (white or colored if they don't want to decorate)

Colored pencils/ crayons/ markers

Craft sticks

Glue gun

Panda Coloring Page -- (attached below)









