

2007 Summer Reading Performers



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2007 Summer Reading Performer Booking Procedures and Form

On the form below, please list the programs you are interested in having us schedule for you.

Most of the performers listed were selected by Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative's Summer Reading Committee. Others are recommendations from our members. In the future all performers added to the list must submit 3 library references in order to be added to the list.

Please review the list and decide which programs will be appropriate to enhance your summer reading programs. Some of the performances follow the "Get A Clue" theme and others do not.

We will try to schedule group performances with other libraries in your area in an attempt to keep your costs to a minimum.

If the performer lists more than one performance please be sure to specify the program you are interested in.

Performers participating in the Showcase on January 10, 2007 are marked *****Showcase Performer** on the list. Showcase performers may be booked immediately after the showcase in Vassar or from the list. Please do not do both.

If you are booking from the list, White Pine will confirm your bookings in writing, pay the performer and then invoice your library.

Please return this form to WPLC no later than January 27th, 2007.

Name of Library _____

Name of Performer: _____

Dates Preferred: 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice: _____ 3rd Choice _____

Time Preferred: 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice: _____ 3rd Choice _____

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2007 Summer Reading Program Performers List

JASON ABBOTT – *Magician*

Jason makes multiple handkerchiefs change color, magically links five headbands together to form one giant headband, produces an endless supply of bananas at his fingertips and does some funny puppetry with Puff the Magic Rabbit.

45 minute performance.

Cost: \$275.00 per performance. \$25.00 discount given for each additional performance on same day.

*****Showcase Performer**

ROBERT AND AUDREY ALLISON – Storytellers

“A World of Music & Stories” – is an upbeat concert of heartwarming music, humor and some interesting musical instruments. Lively melodies, familiar American songs, Caribbean tunes, original compositions and more are featured in this program. The music accompanied by stories is easily enjoyed by audiences of all ages.

For Get a Clue participants appropriate songs and stories will be included.

50-60 minute program.

Cost: \$350.00 per performance. 1-2 libraries on a single day = \$325.00 per site. \$350.00 per day (for 2 days) for 3-4 libraries.

BAT CONSERVATION SOCIETY—Live Animal Presentations

Step into the world of bats with this exciting presentation. This 1-hour presentation focuses on what attributes nocturnal animals have, why they are active at night, and how they can survive in the darkness. This is an exciting program with interesting live animals. Not well suited for preschool children. Limited to 60 participants per program.

Cost: \$175.00 per performance plus travel fees (\$100.00 Saginaw, Sanilac, Tuscola; \$175.00 Clare, Arenac; 2 program minimum + travel Iosco & Ogemaw).

JEAN BOLLY – Storyteller

Jean Bolley loves stories and it shows in her presentations. This year as we “Get a Clue” at your library, pull out the deerstalker hats and sharpen up your listening skills as Jean presents a program of riddle and interactive stories to keep her audience entertained and involved. Jean is willing to come up with a program to fit the library’s program if not participating in “Get a Clue”.

Background: Jean is a public librarian. She has a masters degree in storytelling from East Tennessee State University. She is listed in the current edition of the Michigan Council for the Humanities Touring Arts Guide. She has been telling stories for 15+ years.

45 minute program.

Cost: \$250.00 per performance, willing to give a discount for multiple bookings in the same area on the same day.

ROSS CHAMPION – Rosco the Clown

Programs include:

“Silly Magic”: is a regular Rosco the Clown performance.

“Story of Clowning”: Here’s an interactive program that hilariously motivates children to read. Rosco will share how he learned about becoming a clown by reading a book. Geared for grades K-6.

Rosco will also have a performance for the “Get a Clue” theme.

45 minute performance.

Cost: \$350.00 per performance. Discounts given for same day bookings.

*****Showcase Performer**

FLYING ACES PRO FRISBEE TEAM – Frisbee Demonstrations

See feats of aerial dexterity as you watch unbelievable things that can be done with a Frisbee, hacky sack and snake boards. This unique program is filled with excitement, humor, and spectacular athletic tricks.

Adaptable to any 40’ area – indoors or outdoors.

60 minute performance. \$400.00 per show.

“Trick, Kick Pro Hacky Sac. “ \$300.00 per show

One man show with Ulysses the Frisbee Dog is \$325.00. Discounts given for same day bookings.

Website: <http://www.flyingaces.com>

VICKI GASKO – Puppetry/Ventriloquism

Critterography has never been so fun! Journey through the seven continents in The Science of Critterography. Vikki's zany cast of creatures tell about their natural habitats, and about classic animal books. Dazzling illusions will capture the attention of children and adults alike.

45 minute performance.

Cost: \$350.00 per performance. Discounts given for additional same day bookings.

CHAD PATTERSON – Theatre

“The Case of the Missing Books” – The show will be filled with Acting Up Theatre Company staples of high energy comedy, many different character changes, wonderful lessons about solving problems and the importance of reading but most importantly and everyone's favorite thing about an Acting Up show: The audience participation!

Acting up Theatre Company

Cost: \$350.00 per performance. Additional same day performances = \$300.00 per library.

*****Showcase Performer**

MARC THOMAS & MAX THE MOOSE – Puppetry & Musical Entertainer

What do you do if you meet a moose on the trail? If it's Max the Moose, the answer is laugh a lot! Singer/songwriter Marc Thomas and his popular buddy Max will be inspiring young readers. Combining his original music and ventriloquism, Marc brings Max to life in a show that includes lots of audience participation.

Cost: \$290.00 per performance.

Website: <http://www.maxthemoose.com>

RICK MORSE' MERRY MARIONETTES

Rick Morse Puppets is one of the Midwest's leading producers of professional children's theater. To fit the “Get a Clue” theme Rick is creating a production of the most mysterious fairy tale of all, “Rumplestiltskin.” The story will be performed on a traditional marionette stage that hides the performer from the audience. After the performance, the masking curtain will be removed and a portion of the play will be repeated so the audience can see how the puppets are manipulated.

45 minute performance.

Cost: \$285.00 per performance.

PAWS – Tiger Baseball Mascot

It's Casey at the Bat starring Tiger Baseball Mascot PAWS! This interactive, energy-filled program encourages children to swing into reading.

1 hour performance.

Cost: \$125.00 plus mileage from Detroit.

WIL & SARAH REDING –Theatre

Rent a Rambling Naturalist utilizes theatrics and participatory interaction in its programs. Their programs, using a hands-on-interactive approach, entice audiences to understand and enjoy nature, historical, and cultural topics.

Program choices include:

“Yas Ennya Oyaka”: This character knows a lot about Great Lakes mammals. His information is about the rich ecosystem of the Midwest, and its inhabitants. Dressed like a woods person in an animal skin cape, a big black hat, an eye patch and moccasined feet, Yas will entertain as well as educate your audiences.

“Aresfoot”: The Loon Lady of the Wilderness: is a unique spokesperson for endangered species and the preservation of habitats. Dressed in a loon's costume, Aresfoot describes how bird species differ from one another, and how they adapt for survival.

“The Marsh Mallow Man”: This strange looking person brings wetland wonders to life even though he is from another country. Immerse yourself in the wetland and learn what a wetland is, their value, and how to help preserve them.

*Arts & Humanities Touring Program participant.

60 minute program.

Cost: \$175.00 per 1- hour performance, plus mileage from Kalamazoo, MI.

STEVEANNA ROOSE – Storyteller

Join professional storyteller Steveanna Roose as she captivates younger listeners using unique voice, props, humor and audience participation. Programs include:

Get clued into the mysteries of Michigan's wetlands and explore what clues are hidden inside “Touch and Guess” mystery boxes. Discover unbelievable plants through stories of “Little Green Monsters.” Meet and greet a live wetland mystery animal.

Other programs include:

Animals: Attracting backyard critters, bugs, bites, stings & itches, insects – the Good The Bad and the Ugly. Storytelling: American Girl Teas and Stories, Great Lakes Legends & Lore, Time for Turtles, Fun with Spooky stories. Living History: A Visit from a Pioneer Woman, Pioneer

Candle Making. Plants & Astronomy: Flower Faeries, Star Gazing & Sky stories, Creating your own Constellations & Rockets.

45 minute program with time for questions after the program.

Cost: \$250.00 each program plus round-trip mileage from Ovid MI at .40 per mile.

Special discounts for multiple same day bookings.

Receive \$50.00 off each program booked within a 60 mile radius, plus pay only a one time average mileage fee.

WILLIAM SCHULERT – Magician

Baffling Bill arrives with a trunk full of astounding magic meant to intrigue your audience, and emphasize the fun and importance of reading. Programs include:

Baffling Bill's Get a Clue Magic Show. This 40 minute program with Gus the Bunny will leave you clueless with an amazing magic show. Appropriate for ages 3-12.

Get a Clue Magic Workshop. Baffling Bill and Gus the Bunny will provide all of the clues needed to teach your group the secret of magic. This one hour hands on magic class is the perfect program for your hard to please teen groups-it is also appropriate for ages 6-12.

Each student will receive a bag of tricks to keep and each magic trick is patiently taught by Baffling Bill.

There is an additional \$1.00/student charge for bag of tricks they get to keep.

Cost: \$300.00 plus travel for one library. 2 libraries on the same day would be \$300.00 per library with no travel expense. 3 libraries on the same day would be \$275.00 per library with no travel expense. 4 libraries on the same day would be \$250.00 per library with no travel expense.

SCIENCE ALIVE – Live Animal Presentations

Classroom critters include a variety of live animals: reptiles, amphibians, birds, and mammals.

Due to hands-on nature of the presentation they accommodate groups of 30 or less.

50 minute program.

Cost: \$130.00 for the first presentation, discounts given for additional presentations in the same area. An additional fee based on mileage/travel time is included.

JUDY SIMA – Storyteller

“Riddle-de-dee: Stories to Solve and More.”

Join storyteller, Judy Sima, as she answers some age-old questions while asking new ones, with something extra thrown in just for fun. Judy’s engaging storytelling programs combine, folk, traditional, and modern tales with humor, songs, props and lots of audience participation. 50 minute performance.

Cost: goes down if more than one program the same day.

\$325.00 for one day performance. Two in one day \$300.00 each. Four in one day \$275.00 each. Hotel may be required for five in one day. No additional fee for transportation.

BEN SPITZER – Comedy, Magic, Juggling

Ben shares his joy of reading through hilarious magic and juggling routines. Ben’s show is compact enough to play the smallest corner, yet can expand in minutes to fill a large stage. This fun packed, fast past show includes lots of audience participation.

Cost: \$350.00 per performance. Discounts given for additional same day bookings.

<http://www.performingartistmanagement.com>

SPOONMAN – Comedian & Spoon Player

Catch the Rhythm of Reading is a humorous show filled with comedy and laughter. Jim Cruise includes audience participation, sing-along competitions and numerous educational messages.

Watch out though – you might just get spooned!

45 minute performance.

Cost: \$350.00 per performance. Discounts given for additional same day performances.

<http://www.performingartistmanagement.com>

LOIS SPRENGNETHER – Puppets/Storytelling

Lois Sprengnether & her puppet sidekick, Sheerluck Bones are on the trail of folktales from around the world and many cultures, all of which contain a mystery to be solved.

Many stories have audience involvement, including some stories that can be told in simultaneous voice and sign language. Can be tailored to audiences of all ages.

45 minute performance. Cost: \$250.00 for one performance, plus travel from Alma.

Sliding scale for multiple programs.

*****Showcase performer**

JENIFER IVISKAS STRAUSS – Storyteller

Storyteller, Jenifer Strauss has been creating theme-based programs and touring Michigan libraries for Summer Reading since 1993. Available for all themes, Jenifer will present a program of your choosing, or use the 2007 theme to present participatory programs that younger library patrons will enjoy.

Sherlock Holmes, The Pink Panther, and George Shannon have inspired Storyteller, Jenifer Strauss for Summer Reading 2007.

“Positively Puzzling Mysteries” is the title for the “Get A Clue” theme. Jenifer will be weaving a series of mysteries, involving the audience in the telling and the solving – all will enjoy this mystery bursting program.

“Who Done It” is the title for the teen program. In the spirit of the game, “Clue” and Mystery Dinner Theater Jenifer will involve the audience in a mystery clue hunt to find out “Who Done It”.

45 minute performance.

Cost: \$300.00 per show. \$450.00 for two libraries per day, \$550.00 for three libraries, \$650.00 for four. .40 cents a mile travel fee can be shared by libraries who share one or more days.

JOEL TACEY – Comedy & Juggling

“Secret Code Comedy Show” – Cool tricks, surprising gadgets, and funny stuff with their secret codes revealed! (Fits the Michigan State’s Theme of “Get a Clue”).

“Reading Rocket! Show” – Comedy juggling, magic and more highlight this exciting program. Big laughs and big fun for everyone!

“Laugh and Juggle with Joel” – Kids/Family/Teen Juggling Workshop.

New for Teens (see below).

“Guitar Hero, Jam with Joel” – Your chance to play this exciting rhythm & music video game and feel like a rock star! (just as popular as “Dance Dance Revolution”).

45 minute performances. Cost: \$300.00 for 1 program. \$275.00 per library for 2 shows. \$250.00 per library for 3 shows.

<http://choosetiptop.com/tacey.htm>

*****Showcase performer**

JEFF WAWRZASZEK – Magician

Get ready to laugh out loud at the funny antics that take place with this show. “Its Magic!” is a very polished stand-up show that appeals to all ages. This 45 minute program includes plenty of comedy and humor, audience participation, some sleight-of-hand magic and a classic or two presented to music. Also featured is a special routine designed to encourage reading and promotion of your reading program.

Cost: \$285.00 single show within 100 miles of Ann Arbor.
\$310.00 single show within 101-150 miles of Ann Arbor
\$265.00 per library, 2 shows same day, within 150 miles of Ann Arbor
\$250.00 per library, 3 shows same day, within 150 miles of Ann Arbor

YO-MASTER ZEEMO – Yo-Yo Demonstration

History of the yo-yo and yo-yo performance. Display of a variety of yo-yos.

Arts & Humanities Touring Program participant.

60 minute performance.

Cost: \$350.00 per performance + travel. Discounts available depending on how many in a day and where.

<http://www.zeemoshows.com/index.html>

YOUNG ENTOMOLOGISTS SOCIETY – Bugs on Wheels!

This is a fun and educational program full of activities. Programs are 45-60 minutes long and include oral presentation as well as time for viewing various artifacts. Live BUGS really do travel with this program! CSI Crime Scene Insects explore the field of forensic entomology through lively 2-d and 3-d props, slides, forensic equipment, specimens, live insects and audience participation (including solving of a simulated crime). Note: Although this program does touch upon the topics of death, murder and decay of human remains, the program DOES NOT dwell on these topics any more than is necessary and therefore is suitable for most children over the age of 6 years.

Other program choices include: Incredible insects, Spectacular Spiders & Scorpions.

Amazing Arthropods: Insects, Spiders and other Minibeasts and Beautiful Butterflies.

Mobile Minibeast Museum and Tabletop zoo is also offered.

Cost: \$175.00 per presentation plus travel. (.045 per mile from Lansing, \$25.00 minimum).

Discounts: cost sharing of roundtrip mileage for programs booked on the same date (when both programs are booked at the same time).