

2016 SRC PERFORMER INFORMATION

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

ANIMAL PROGRAMS

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"Fit to Read & Write." It's a fun, interactive program in which I talk about all the things I've learned about maintaining a healthy lifestyle, exercise, sports, and reading. I'm in my seventies now, and I'm as healthy as I've ever been.

"Wildlife Heroes" This program features stories about the people Dr. Becker has written about in his books who work to save our endangered wildlife every day.

"Wild About Reading" During this program, Dr. Becker will read from his books, tell stories based on his exciting adventures in exotic locales around the world, and show video he shot while researching wild animals in their natural habitats.

"Amazon Adventure" The Amazon Rainforest in South America is one of the true wonders of the world, and children/family audiences at your library are invited to join Dr. Becker on an amazing journey of discovery through this mysterious rainforest ecosystem.

"African Safari" Join Dr. Becker for a safari through the wilds of East Africa, and view lions, giraffes, hippos, cheetahs, and many other animals in their savanna habitat through video Dr. Becker has shot while on safari.

"Wild Cats of the World" Dr. Becker will share his considerable knowledge of wild cats during this presentation and feature readings from his award winning book *Wild Cats Past & Present*.

"Stories from the Wild" Audiences will be entertained with stories of harrowing/humorous experiences Dr. Becker has had around the world observing wild animals in their natural habitats.

"So You Want to Work at a Zoo?" Based on Dr. Becker's experiences working as an administrator at the Columbus Zoo, this whimsical presentation will have audiences laughing nonstop as Dr. Becker shares his many misadventures while working alongside wild animals at the zoo. **Ages 5 & up. \$150**

Bring the Farm to You!

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Bring the Farm to You! Chickens, ducks, turkeys, rabbits, sheep, & goats can visit the library, providing real-life farm experiences for kids of all ages, allowing your participants to touch the animals that provide our food and fiber. Children and adults alike are delighted by holding a baby chick, watching a duck preen, or touching an animal whose coat could become their sweater. **All ages. Small Animals \$275 and two staff for first hour. Large animals - \$350 and two staff for one hour.**

Beekeeping. A tour of the interior of a hive, explanation of the complete life cycle of the honey bee with bee specimens and visual aids. Kids learn about the bee dance, swarming, and how the beekeeper manages a hive of over 30,000 stinging insect! (No live bees). **School age/families. \$175.**

Chick Hatching. In this 3-week package, kids can watch eggs hatch right in the library! Bring the Farm to You will supply all the tools for this incubating adventure. During the next 2 weeks, the life process will be uncovered as kids keep watch over the delicate conditions of incubation in the see-through incubator. As the eggs start cracking and chicks start emerging, staff and kids can move them over into the warm brooder, giving them the conditions to thrive – heat, water and food. For the next week, kids will watch the chicks grow, learning first-hand about the cycle of life. (You will need to have staff to feed the chicks and change the papers in the coop for the week they stay in the library.) **All Ages. \$250.**

Growing Classroom. Kids hands will be dirty and their minds engaged as they make their own growing medium and create their own fertilizer by assembling a worm bin. Worm bin, planted seeds and grow lights will remain in the library as kids discover daily the changes that take place as their seeds grow into mature plants. **School age. \$295**

Worm Composting. Grow your own fertilizer and learn about composting in this engaging live program. A pound of Red Wiggler worms are ready to squirm their way into your classroom, home, or office and eat your garbage! This 8-week experience begins with a 40-minute hands-on presentation about worms and composting, drawing your participants into the fascinating underground world of worms. Participants will assemble the needed ingredients that will start the worms off right in their new home. Throughout your 8 weeks with the worms, you'll feed them your leftovers, observing their transformation of food scraps into rich natural fertilizer. **All ages. \$250.**

Wool Spinning. History of spinning, animal and plant fibers, washing wool, carding combs, spindle and spinning wheel. **School age. \$175 Needs: space for setting pens for animal visits and a secure area to leave equipment that is part of an ongoing display.**

The Bugman (Mark Berman)

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bugs.org (website)

A Healthy BUG is a Happy, Alive BUG! Can insects be out of shape? Do they need to exercise? This fun, interactive program includes LIVE Bugs and Bugman's original bug videos demonstrating exciting fitness topics. We'll investigate breathing right, eating right, muscles, and resting among other interesting facts of staying in shape from the Bug's perspective. We might even break out in a round of Insect-Aerobics or try some "fitness food" with Bugs! **Ages 5 & up. \$300 plus mileage.**

David FitzSimmons

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Curious Critters. Explore the amazing, up-close worlds of common North American animals with award-winning photographer and writer David FitzSimmons. With the help of the audience, David will perform parts of his Curious Critters picture books, including his newest titles, Curious Critters Marine and Curious Critters Ohio. Children will shriek like hawks, hop like toads, and slither like snakes. Learn how butterflies drink, ways mammals fly, and why frogs sing. Show includes puppets and take-home activities for all children! **Ages 2-10. \$400 (CML)**

Gator Dave's Safari Adventures

Gator Dave Weaston

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"Reptiles and Amphibians, Oh MY!" Dave will bring a variety of animals he has rescued, possibly including snakes, alligators, tarantulas, owls, cockroaches, hedgehogs and more. He has over 20 years of experience working with zoos and educating children. He has a fun, dramatic presentation style. **Ages 5 & up. \$115 - \$350 depending on program.**

Ironwood Wolves

Matt Emmelhainz & Rachel Lauren

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Ironwood Wolves. They will bring their Ambassador Wolf, teach about family life, habitat, diet, and myths about wolves with a picture slideshow and show a short video about how wolves are important to the ecosystem as observed with the reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone National Park. There are also hands on elements such as a wolf pelt, wolf skull, and wolf paw print casting. **Ages 6-11. \$150. Needs: Please make sure that the performance area is taped off so the audience knows to not sit too close and make the Ambassador Wolf feel cramped. 5-10 feet. (CML)**

Ohio Nature Education
Manon Van Schoyck
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Formal Programs:

Birds of Prey; Nocturnal Animals; Animals We Love to Hate; Nature Detectives; Weird, Wonderful, Wacky Wildlife

Ages 5 and up. \$200 for one hour 3-4 live animals. Includes mileage.

Outdoor Displays Features a variety of our animals in free-ranging outdoor pens or on perches (birds) . Skunk, opossum, turtles, snakes (weather permitting), small birds of prey. **Note – our animals are WILD animals and are not able to be touched by the public. Pelts, wings, and study skins will be available for touching!! In case of inclement weather animals will be moved indoors but in display crates with barriers. For all ages. \$250 for 60-75 minutes 4-5 animals.**

Astronomy Discovery Displays

Features self-led, hands on astronomy discovery stations that children can move through at their own pace. Includes activities such as making Pocket Solar Systems, Star Finders, Solar Bracelets, exploring Moon phases and Craters, and more. **All ages & families! \$250 60-75 minutes.**

Literature-Based Programs

For pre-school to primary grade students. Features 1-2 books and 1-3 animals and 15-20 minutes of touching pelts, wings & things . Your choice of following themes: Owls; Bats & Spiders; Opossums & Skunks; Frogs & Snakes; Animal Hide & Seek. **Ages 3 – 8. \$200 for one hour.**

Ohio Wildlife

Attn: Barbara Ray

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Wildlife Encounters. Will present live animals, dispel some common myths and teach what can be done to protect wildlife.

Ages 3-12 years (specify pre-school or elementary). \$250

The Turtle Lady

Nancy Lockard

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Turtle Lady & Friends. Laugh and learn with the Turtle Lady as she shares her passion for turtles. Participants will get plenty of touching time with more than 20 turtles, some bearded dragons, corn snakes and an amphibian or two! **Ages 0-11, Ages 0-5, Ages 6-11. \$165.**

WAVE on Wheels

wavefoundation.org

<http://wavefoundation.org/education/outreach/>

Dan Dunlap WAVE Education Curator

859-815-1442

Penguins & sharks from the Newport Aquarium may come to your library. Other animals available. See website for more info. **All ages. \$200 - \$400.**

ART PROGRAMS

Michael Roy Baldrige

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michaelroysfold.com

Origami. Will personalize program to your theme.

Columbus Museum of Art

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Museum on the Move is a community outreach program through the Columbus Museum of Art that provides hands-on art activities at local festivals, fairs, libraries, and other cultural events and venues around central Ohio. CMA teaching artists can facilitate a 1-3 hour program for as many as 500 participants at your venue (30-40 minutes average drive time from Columbus) featuring a fun creative challenge and unexpected artmaking materials. Program prices range from \$150-500 depending on the length of program and number of participants. **A typical library program is 1-1.5 hour with approximately 30-40 participants and costs \$150.** Additional pricing options are available upon request.

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U Cre-8 Comics: Character Crafter. Design your own character from start to finish! Establish powers, design costume ideas, create a story and more! Also available – mini “comicon”.

All Ages. \$300 + \$.50 per mile (2 hours). Limit to 30 children. Needs: seating and work area for participants.

Steve Harpster

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Drawing animals with Numbers and Letters, 30 min. ages 3-6. This program, presented by an illustrator of children’s books, uses the I Pad projected on screen or wall with numbers and letters as basis of drawings so the program has a built in literacy component. Kids draw along with pencil and paper (we own several of his books.) Harpster will teach young artists how to draw by adding lines and shapes to each letter or number.

Drawing Pre-Hysterical Beasts, 45 minutes, Grades 1-6

Take a hilarious trip back in time to draw prehistoric animals that never existed like saber toothed poodles, dino-cows, and the ferocious tyrannosaurs hamster. Harpster leads young artists on an imaginary stroll through time with this fun animated drawing show. Each artist will be provided with a Harptoons pencil and paper.

Monsters, Heroes, and Video Game Creator, 45 minutes, grade level 6th - 12th

Harpster demonstrates more advanced drawing techniques to create characters for video games and comic books. Monsters, super heroes and Manga style art will be taught. Harpster will show tips and trick to battle creative blocks. Demonstrate advance art techniques and explain how to take your art to a finished level. Each artist will be provided with a drawing workbook, a Harptoons drawing pencil, and paper. **\$175. Can accommodate large groups. Needs: paper and pencils and a hard surface to draw on.**

Jeff Nicholas

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jnicholasart.com

“On Your Mark..Get Set...Draw”

Educational artist and veteran teacher, Jeff Nicholas, entertains his audience with original illustrations, humorous poems and stories while teaching how to create his “quick and quirky” characters using simple, draw along methods.

Drawn to be a Hero

Jeff Nicholas, entertains his audience with original illustrations, humorous poems and stories while teaching how to create his “heroically comical” characters using simple, draw along methods.

It's Sciencioinic! Enter Jeff's cartoon lab and experiment with scientifically creative characters in this draw along program for all ages. **Age 6 & up. \$225 + mileage.**

DANCE PROGRAMS

Shenee King

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West African dance. A 1-hour workshop that would include a dance demonstration, and a dance and song lesson based on the growing cycle, healthy foods and exercise. Willing to adapt program to fit your needs. **Ages 3-10. \$300.**

Richen-Timm Academy of Dance (Irish Dance Association of Columbus)

Attn: Allanda O'Neil

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Irish Dance from Richens/Timm Academy. Traditional Irish Step Dance along with information about the dances and the costumes. She will adjust the number of dancers to fit smaller locations. **All ages. \$100. Needs: for libraries with carpeted meeting rooms, a wooden floor is needed, (3 to 4 sheets of 4' x 8' heavy plywood duct taped together for dance floor). They also need a room for the dancers to change in and a microphone for the announcer.**

QUEEN NAJLA (Shirley Parish)

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African Culture Company. African drums, dance and songs with stories and games. **Ages 5+. \$400**

Family Fun Drum Circle. Box drums, conga, djun djun, and other percussion instruments. Limbo and dance and games are included - **Ages 5 + & Families. \$400**

Storytelling Drum Circle with instruments allows each participant a chance to add to the story! **All ages \$400**

African Dance Class only. All ages/limit 30 people. \$250

Limbo Contest only. All ages/limit 30 people. \$250

Conga Line only. All ages/limit 30 people. \$250.

Box Drum making workshop includes supplies, i.e. drum and drum sticks. **Maximum 20 participants/session. Ages 5 and up. \$400 ALL FEES ARE NEGOTIABLE.**

FOOD

The Caravan (formerly Cooking Caravan)

John Croke

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Chef Battle: Two Cooking Caravan chefs square off in an "Iron Chef" style cooking battle with audience members as sous chefs! Amplification is used in this presentation. **All ages. \$300**

Needs: Two tables and 3 prong electrical outlet and access to a trash can.

Tasty Tales: The Caravan shares an awesome book, interactive songs, and a tasty snack that ties it all together. **All ages. \$300; 30 person maximum Needs: Two tables and access to a trash can.**

Kitchen Sink Symphony: The Caravan shows you how to make instruments out of common objects, and brings a few of their own for experimentation. **All ages. \$300; Needs: Two tables**

Found Sounds: The Caravan turns your audience into a percussion ensemble in this highly interactive exploration of sound. **All ages. \$250; Needs: Two tables**

Song Sandwich: Part sing-along, part storytelling, this musical performance is guaranteed to fill your belly...with laughter! **All ages \$300 Needs: Access to a 3 prong outlet.**

All programs are approximately 40 minutes in length. **Travel Charge (from Columbus); \$50, 50-100 miles away; \$100, 100-150 miles away; \$150, 150-200 miles away**

Victoria Strickland
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Food Matters/Local Matters

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ON YOUR MARK, GET SET... "GUAC"! This program incorporates literacy as a key component to providing children with an understanding of the USDA MyPlate, the importance of growing and eating whole foods **and** how to make healthy choices. Activity and hands on food prep and guacamole! **Preschool and up. \$175. 25-30 participants.**

MIND YOUR MYPLATE: THE COOL DOWN | Activity: Hands- On Food Prep & Green + Fruit Smoothies (exploring the five parts of the USDA MyPlate) Local Matters will provide 90- minutes of Food Matters programming incorporating literacy as a key component to providing children with an understanding of the USDA MyPlate **3rd Grade and Up \$250/class (Max. 25-30 participants) 90 Minutes**

ON YOUR MARK, GET SET... GROW! This allows a site to schedule a six- week series in which Food Matters will be shared weekly with children at library sites to engage in the Food Matters programming. This creates an outlet for continued conversation and to build a strong foundation for learning around ideas of incorporating healthful whole foods in their daily lives through connection and re-engagement weekly. Students will have fun learning about growing their own food at or closer to home and how to make fun, easy and delicious healthful snacks with foods fresh from their garden. **\$900 for 6 classes (Max. 25-30 participants) 45 Minutes | Weekly | Pre- School and Up**

HEALTH/FITNESS/ACTIVITY

Awesome Family Entertainment

614-224-9568

columbusparties.com Sports-themed rental equipment; several program offerings.

Family Time Entertainment

317-635-7770

familytimeentertainment.com Several programs including water show, mime, magic and balloons.

HISTORY PROGRAMS

Robin Echols Cooper

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womeninhistoryohio.com

Eden Valley Enterprises

edenvallejenterprises.org

Living history, music and other program offerings.

Anthony Gibbs

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Granville T. Woods Invention Fair. Meet Granville T. Woods, notable inventor and businessman who grew up in Columbus, OH. Learn a brief history of Granville Woods and learn about some of his groundbreaking inventions, then experience multiple stations of history, communication, and technology activities. Participants will explore their creative genius as they translate Morse code messages used by telegraph machines, create unique models on wheels, make a model of their own invention with Legos, and more. Don't miss this great new program for future inventors and engineers. **Needs: 2-3 tables if possible for the stations. If necessary, I can use the floor for some stations. Small audiences will go from station to station and large audiences will be broken up into small groups and rotate through stations. Grades 2-8. \$200**

Fighting for Freedom: Story of the United States Colored Troops. Historical portrayals of the Civil War with visual aids and actual artifacts from civil war soldiers. **Ages 8 & up. \$150**

The Promised Land: John Parker and the Underground Railroad. Tony will travel back in time in character as John Parker, conductor on the Underground Railroad, who will explain the history of the songs and signs that helped guide slaves to freedom and describe the dangers for those who attempted to escape slavery and for those who dared to help them.

Ages 8 & up. \$150

The Poet and His Song: The Life and Works of Paul Laurence Dunbar

Meet Paul Dunbar, the first African American to reach international fame as a writer. The acclaim of his poetry went far beyond U.S. shores, and he would be an inspiration for the generations to follow, including many writers of the Harlem Renaissance period. Experience a face to face encounter with this famous literary figure! **Ages 8 & up. \$150**

Courage in the Skies: The Story of the Tuskegee Airmen. This program chronicles the Tuskegee Airmen's participation in World War II. Their struggles, sacrifices, and determination on the ground will inspire all generations. These men performed a tremendous service for their country and for their comrades. This program honors that service. **Ages 8 & up. \$150.**

Needs for all of the above: 6 ft. table and tripod for display.

Karen Meyer

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UNDERGROUND RAILROAD.

Ripley, Ohio had a key role to play in the Underground Railroad. Thousands of fugitives made their way across the Ohio River there, then further north to Canada. This history comes alive in my middle grade novel, *North to Freedom*, set in 1855. Moses and Tom fear getting "sold downriver", so they begin their perilous journey. Young readers will meet John Parker, a former slave who conducts fugitives at the risk of his own life. They learn of Rev. John Rankin's house which sat on the hill behind the town with a candle in the window each night. These two boys are chased by slave catchers and deceived by bounty hunters. They are also befriended by many who risk fines and imprisonment to shelter runaways. One of them is Benjamin Hanby, whose house in Westerville still welcomes those who want to know more about this history. I have developed a slide show which illustrates many of the scenes and people from *North to Freedom*. It takes about 20 minutes, and then I allow time for questions. **Ages 8 & up. \$125 plus mileage**

Jennifer Rounds

Ohio History Connection

Impersonations of Annie Oakley, Nellie Bly & others.

JUGGLERS

Mike Hemmelgarn

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Prefers to schedule evenings and Saturdays if possible

"On Your Mark, Get Set, Read" or his regular library shows

A unique combination of comedy juggling and ventriloquism with a splash of magic and LOTS of audience participation. Every element in my shows is intended to wildly entertain, as well as bring home a strong reading and library theme. My programs are universally appealing and subtly tailored to each audience, so there are NO age limitations for your audience. And, there are no limits to audience size. **All ages. \$400 (block booking available)**

Matt Jergens

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mattjergens.com

Comedy & juggling.

Matt will get the kids involved at every turn. Whether they are spinning four plates at once or throwing pins up to Matt while he's on a balancing board, they get to be a part of the fun. Parents are not left out either. After all, somebody has got to help him up on that tall unicycle. **All ages. \$350 per program for all Ohio libraries, no extra travel fees. If other branches in the same area want to book the same date (earlier or later), each additional branch gets discounted to \$250 per program.** Restrictions: None. This show can be performed anywhere, under any ceiling height, inside or outside, and for any age. That being said, ideal conditions would be a 10'x10' performance space with a ceiling height of at least 9'.

Remy & Friends

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Ventriloquism, juggling, storytelling and balloon sculpting. This year's shows will use the "On Your Mark, Get Set... READ" theme. By using a diversity of visual performance skills like Juggling and Illusions along with puppets, his shows really keeps the children's attention. All shows will be interactive (children coming to the front with him, and helping him do spinning plates and/or illusion). **All ages. \$300 (mileage included).** Block booking discounts available.

Tom Sparough

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www.SpacePainter.com

Ready, Set, Juggle: This show explores the games of juggling. How fast can I juggle? How many can I juggle? What is the craziest thing to juggle? Everyone gets a chance to join in the juggling games as Tom brings supplies for all and weaves total audience participation into the show. **All ages and families. \$385** Travel fee of \$50-100. Multiple booking discount of \$50.

A visit from the Space Painter, a Comedy Juggler. Tom's wacky romp through ball, club, and plate juggling appeals to all ages. "The Black Bag of Happiness" allows everyone at the show to dig up a few tricks of their own. Tom finishes the show by juggling giant boulders that will rock your world! **All ages and families. \$385** Travel fee of \$50-100. Multiple booking discount of \$50. Tom will do custom-made shows with no extra charge. Video: <http://spacepainter.com/html/video3.html>.

LITERATURE EXTENSIONS (theatre, poetry, etc.)

Lindsay Bonilla

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Let the Games Begin: A Celebration of Sport and Story

"Coach" Lindsay is back with more exciting, audience-participatory folktales from around the world. After a few animal-inspired warm-ups, we're ready to let the games begin! First it's off to Africa for a Tug of War between the Titans! For when Rabbit tires of being teased about his small size and strength, he pulls two of Africa's biggest animals into a plan to teach them both a little lesson. Next it's off to Brazil, home of the 2016 Summer Olympics, for a race between Rat and Beetle. Who will win and get the coveted prize? You'll have to be at the finish line to find out! Throughout our journey we'll explore what it means to be a good sport, and as always, audience members will be involved kinesthetically, vocally and by taking on the roles of characters in the stories through the use of costumes and props! When the final bell rings, watch out! You may see audience members sprinting to the bookshelves to find more exciting adventures to dive into!

Family program. \$400 + mileage Block booking discount. (If it's more than 2 hours away from me, I require at least 2 performances to make the trip.)

Joanie Calem
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Be a Hero, Read! Songs and Stories of Everyday Heroes. All ages

Campfire Songs and Games: All those songs we sing at camp around the campfire! All ages

A Trip Around the World: Fun interactive, multi-cultural song-stories, promoting tolerance and understanding through humor and laughter. **Ages 5 and up.**

The Three "R"s: Reduce, Re-use, Recycle: Earth Songs and Stories: Fun thought provoking, interactive multi-cultural songs and stories of how we can care for the world around us. **5 and up**

Songs That Tell Stories and Books that Sing: Singing stories that the audience can act out, with puppets and pantomime, and picture books that can be sung, audience participation. **All ages.**

Cowtown Games, Dances and Songs: Musical Fun and Stories from Ohio's History. **All ages.**

NEW: If You Can Walk, You Can Dance, If You Can Talk, You Can Sing!

Dancing helps us stay fit, and singing helps us learn to read!! Interactive games, dances and songs from around the world, and stories about favorite characters that learn NOT to be lazy! **All ages.**

Preschool programs are 30 minutes, older children and families are 45- 60 minutes Needs: large, empty space, electrical outlet and a few chairs on the side for parents. All programs are \$150.

Learning through Art

613-242-6028

learningthroughart.com

Literacy and art-based programs.

Shary Williamson

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www.TheWoodlandElves.com

Shary Williamson, author of *The Woodland Elves*, will read the book, sing songs from the book and do a craft, either signs for a child's room or a house for an elf, using various forms of greenery, sticks, and craft items. (See website for more information.) **Ages 5 & up. \$300**

MAGIC

Paul Adams (Poof Daddy)

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Paul Adams does outstanding programs using puppets, magic & comedy. He changes his show each year to match the theme. This year is **On Your Mark, Get Set...Poof!** Poof Daddy's fast-paced, up-beat and totally off-the-wall comedy magic is a high energy audience-interactive event on the theme of sports, health and fitness. (In previous years he was Captain Thunderbolt, Mr. Molecule, and Dr. T-Rex).

All Ages. \$ 425

Erica Carlson

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Balloon Workshop

Description: Erica is ready to train the next generation of balloon sculptors! In the balloon workshop, Erica teaches participants how to make basic twists and coaches them through twisting some of their very own creations that they get to take home with them. It's an empowering experience that builds confidence and creativity!

Rate: \$295 for a 1-hour program **Recommended for:** Ages 6+

The "Super-Duper" Magic Show

Description: It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's a...hedgehog?!? That's right! A super hedgehog! Grab your superhero cape and show off your muscles for this 30-minute, fast-paced comedy magic show featuring Sedgewick, a real live hedgehog! Erica and the kids will perform some magic while laughing and saving the world as they try to find "Sedgie the Hedgeie."

Rate: \$295 for a 30-minute program (40 minutes including hedgehog-viewing time after the show).

Recommended for: Ages 2.5-8

The "Rockin' Pirate" Magic Show

Description: Get ready for a magical treasure hunt! Is the crew searching for gold or for "Sedgie the Hedgeie?" Using the book *Who Stole the Gold* by Udo Weigelt for inspiration, Erica and her pirate crew will go on a 30-minute fun adventure to uncover magical buried treasure!

Rate: \$295 for a 30-minute program (40 minutes including hedgehog-viewing time after the show). **Ages 2.5-8**

The "Let's Have a Blast" Magic Show

Description: The Let's Have a Blast Magic Show is another great option for entertaining larger groups of children. In keeping with Erica's style, it's a good mix of comedy and magic that is sure to leave your little ones giggling for 30 minutes straight. Is Sedgewick going to blast off into space or stick around for the fun? You better watch to find out!

Rate: \$295 for a 30-minute program (40 minutes including hedgehog-viewing time after the show)

Recommended for: Ages 2.5-7.

The "Balloon Mystery" Magic Show

Description: Pop! Boom! Bang! Where did all our balloons go? It's a mystery waiting to be solved! Put on your detective hats and grab your magnifying glasses for this 30-minute comedy magic show. Erica and the kids will laugh and search for prickly clues as they try to find "Sedgie the Hedgeie."

Rate: \$295 for a 30-minute program (40 minutes including hedgehog-viewing time after the show) **Recommended for:** Ages 2.5-8

The "Sing-a-Long" Storytime Show

Description: Where is Sedgewick the Hedgehog hiding? We have to sing the right song to get our prickly friend to come out of his hiding spot! This 30-minute storytime will have your little ones giggling, humming, and dancing along! Erica leads some traditional favorite songs and even incorporates some hands-on props during this fun, interactive program. Can we sing the right song to find our special hedgehog friend, Sedgie the Hedgeie?

Rate: \$295 for a 30-minute program (40 minutes including hedgehog-viewing time after the show). **Ages 2.5-7**

The "Storytime Extravaganza" Storytelling Show

Description: Imagination! Kids love using it and that's just what they get to do during this storytelling show featuring Sedgewick the (live) Hedgehog! Get ready for a fun-filled time as Erica narrates some of her original stories in a unique way using felt stories, chalk talks, costumes, puppets, and her real live hedgehog "Sedgie."

Rate: \$295 for a 30-minute program (40 minutes including hedgehog-viewing time after the show).

Recommended for: Ages 2.5-7

Greg Carlson

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Comedy/magic

Lea Craine

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Erica Carlson's sister who lives in Dayton. She does programs similar to Erica's, but she has a turtle instead of a hedgehog. She also offers a balloon workshop.

Bob Durante & Sue Durante (Bubble Lady)

440-843-8749

Zaphq.com Magic, juggling and other programs.

Jim Kleefeld

440-937-5488

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Sports & Fitness Magic a 45-minute show with magic about fitness, sports, exercise and healthy living. There will be lots of bright colorful magic and lots of comedy. Several of the routines have audience participation. I do not have age restrictions, although I will be talking about books for elementary age children, and toddlers may not be able to sit through and understand some of the magic. **Ages 5-12. All programs are \$325 (block booking discounts)**

Dave Lehman

740-366-1673

40 minutes of unique magic, comedy and lots of audience participation and a special appearance of Abbott, the live bunny rabbit. The focus of every show is reading and your library. "Good, wholesome family entertainment at a reasonable price."

Ages 3-12. \$250 - \$275 depending on travel.

Larry Payne

513-600-0234

storieswithmerlin.com Magician with storytelling.

Dennis Regling

800-858-5402

magicdennis.com

Teaches magic & balloon classes, does theme-based program.

Rory Rennick, the Magistic

roryrennick@hotmail.com

614-491-0786

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O4MZCmsl4Xk>

FOR THE LOVE OF MAGIC: Kids will learn some principles of healthy eating and exercise through this exciting interactive magical presentation. **Ages 6-12. \$200**

HERO MAGIC: All heroes exercise some power. Some powers and abilities are magical; some are practical. This program highlights the heroics of reading! **Ages 6-11. \$200**

MORE ANANSI'S MAGICAL TALES! From the West African folklore, Anansi the spider was known to be a trickster. Various books about Anansi are highlighted during this dramatic reading intertwined with amusing and unusual magic tricks. Program is designed to get children excited about reading! **Ages 6-11. \$200**

HENRY'S FREEDOM BOX (By Ellen Levine) : In this popular program the Rory (dressed in period costume) engages in a dramatic reading and amazing magic. Includes original music. Reading is emphasized in this historical program.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ucorFjCV1k4> **Ages 6-11. \$250**

FUNNIER and STRANGER ADVENTURES IN MAGIC: If you think Funny and Strange Adventures in Magic was good; this show for ages 6-11 will keep kids laughing as they learn. As usual, reading is emphasized. **Ages 6-11. \$200**

WACKY WIZARDRY: The importance of reading and following instructions is highlighted in this interactive program. A funny and wacky performance, where magic collides with reading! This program is designed to educate while entertaining children. **Ages 6-11. \$200 Block booking prices available; mileage charges.**

Mark Stradley

614-459-0235

markatcml@yahoo.com

Magic Heroes Read! Come be a part of the excitement as Magician Mark Stradley weaves illusion, sleight of hand, laughter and fun together in impossible ways. **Program is most effective for ages 5 & up although all ages are welcome. \$150 plus mileage**

Jeff Wawrzaszek

A2magic.com

734-996-2442

“Go for the Gold” library magic show. 45 min. show

Also has a Magic Workshop for ages 6-12, teaching basic ‘sleight-of-hand’ and other tricks with common items like cards, money and rubber bands. Illustrated instructions & all materials are included. **All ages. \$365.**

Mark Wood

740-286-6407

markwoodfunshow@gmail.com

markwoodfunshow.com

Magic, Fitness & Fun

The Mark Wood Fun Show is a 40-minute library program designed for all ages of children. Mark uses comedy, magic and audience participation to produce super exciting & entertaining library programs. For 2016, Mark promotes the importance of reading & benefits of physical activities. This show is titled: “Magic, Fitness & Fun” and uses magic, games & demonstrations to convey the fitness message. (See website for more info) **All ages. \$450**

MUSIC PROGRAMS

The Caravan (formerly Cooking Caravan)

John Croke

614-423-9475

CookingCaravan.com

Found Sounds. This music workshop is for all ages. This found percussion and basic rhythm workshop turns common library objects and participants into a percussion ensemble. **All ages. \$250**

Sogbety Diomande

419-522-5058

highlands@neo.rr.com

West African Rhythm with Sogbety! Get a glimpse of West Africa with Sogbety Diomande, native of the Ivory Coast, through drumming and dance, colorful costumes, musical instruments, rhythms and songs. This interactive performance is sure to engage and delight all audiences. All ages! Fun for the whole family! **All ages. \$200 plus .50 per mile from Mansfield, OH. 3 shows in one day if possible. CML**

Jim Gill

708-763-9864

jimgill@jimgill.com

Fabulous family concerts. Excellent for preschoolers. Very expensive, but worth it. Check his schedule to see when he'll be in the area and block-book with other libraries. **Ages 2 – 11. \$900 or more depending on his travel plans.**

Tony Harrington

725-2837

dr_version@hotmail.com

Let's Make Some Noise with Doctah X. Celebrate the tradition of the spoken word in this lively poetry and music program especially for kids! **Ages 5-11. \$225 Needs: table for equipment and PA system. CML**

Annie Hawe

740-965-3603

Jammin' with Annie. Children will jam along with Annie as they play a wide variety of percussion instruments throughout the program. This interactive musical experience also includes singing, dancing, and the use of finger puppets with a focus on the wonders of books! **Ages 2-9. \$150 for one show. (mileage if over 40 miles)**

Brian Holland

614-439-8481

Hip Hop Ademics. Super Heroes! This supercharged program will help to lay a foundation for the child's academic future and is committed to reaching children who are used to fast paced, colorful, interactive stimulation. Program also includes "story raps" that do not necessarily focus on social and academic skills. **Ages 3-9. \$250 CML**

Marlene Metz Hartzler

740-972-2264

marlenemetz@yahoo.com

www.marlenehartzler.com/concert-and-class-schedule/

Dance and Sing with Miss Marlene features preschool favorites like "The Wheels on the Bus" and "Old MacDonald." It's a high-energy show with lots of audience participation, surprises, and laughter for the whole family. This year will focus on songs about food and moving the body. **Ages 1-6. \$165. Limited to Franklin & Delaware Counties. Good for outdoor venues too. Needs: Electrical outlet. Large rooms with audiences over 30 generally need amplification; please request and the performer will bring her own sound system.**

Zak Morgan

Contact Susan Lounsbury at Loyd Artists

518-647-5916

susan@loydartists.com

The main theme of my shows is always the joy of reading and I have several songs that can tie in nicely with healthy eating and exercise. There is no limit on age or audience size.

All ages. \$650 including travel (reduced rates for multiple bookings).

The Shazbots

Ian Hummel

shazbot@wowway.com

The Shazbots are bringing cool, quirky, kid rock music to all the children of the cosmos. **All ages. \$500.**

Tom Sieling

607-564-3508

risatom@lightlink.com

Take a Tromp through the Swamp! Humerous, very participatory kids' songs that engage the whole family – some are even a bit athletic! Family music programs related to theme.

All ages. \$295 or \$275 with block-booking. Lives in New York; available in Ohio May 26 – July 2.

PUPPETRY

Bob Abdou, Mr. Puppet
614-329-5399
mrpuppet@earthlink.net
www.mrpuppet.com

Mr. Puppet! Many comical and imaginative puppets make this show educational as well as entertaining! **Ages 3 and up/families. \$200.**

Terrence Burke
(513) 370-9803
Wump Mucket Puppets
wumpmucket@fuse.net
<http://www.wumpmucketpuppets.com/>

This summer the Wump Mucket Puppets will be featuring two new skits in our 30-35 minute variety puppet show: "**The Global Puppet Race**", where our cast of friendly puppet stars go on a "global" treasure hunt/relay race to find clues (with the help of the kids) completing a "puzzle" that the puppets will solve, again with the help of the kids. The second skit in our performance is a silly tale of "**The Knight who Slept All Day**", a story about a Sasquatch-knight who is missing out on everything in the kingdom, since he works the night-shift. To be promoted he must stop a beast who is hiding in The Cereal Caves. Our show includes our kid-pleasing silliness and original songs performed by our cast of friendly puppet stars inspired by creatures from myths and legends -Sea Serpent, aliens, Sasquatch, and even a Jackalope! A meet and greet with the puppets, and their puppeteer follow the performance for an hour of family friendly fun. See website for references.
Ages 4 – 10. \$300.

Madcap Puppets
513-921-5965 X15
booking@madcappuppets.com
www.madcappuppets.com/

Summer shows - *Monsters of Baseball* and *Aesop's Classic Fables*. See website for details. Also do puppet-making and puppetry workshops for pre-K to grade 4. **Ages pre-K – grade5. \$535 + travel.**

SCIENCE PROGRAMS

The Airship Archon
<http://www.airshiparchon.com/steampunk-resources/>
Steampunk group, may do STEM builder programs.

Armstrong Air & Space Museum
Christopher Moynihan
419.738.8811
programs@armstrongmuseum.org
<http://www.armstrongmuseum.org/>

Programs relating to the theme – astronaut fitness, nutrition, etc. Call for more information. **Ages 6-12. \$50 + mileage.**

Jack Brown "Shocking Discoveries"
<https://sites.google.com/site/shockingdiscoveries/>
jackebrownjr@gmail.com

SCIENCE OF EXERCISE: Build a model of the human arm to understand what happens when a baseball is thrown. Use a smart phone to measure how the body moves when jumping. Do experiments to measure changes in the body after exercise. Learn how to both hear and see your heart beat. See if you can measure the speed of a pitched ball? How do athletic garments keep you cool during exercise? **Ages 8+**

MAKE WATER STRIDERS & INSECTS out of wire and learn how to make them “walk” on water. You use the surface tension (skin) on water to support your creations. Who can make the largest, smallest, tallest, most interesting “strider”? Use electricity and chemistry to make them move across the water. **Age 8+**

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Age 8+

LET’S MOVE SOME ELECTRONS: Demonstrations and hands-on-activities with electricity and magnetism. Sample activities include: Make a battery, a magnet, and an electric thermometer (all from a paper clip!), use an antique telegraph, use a smart phone to observe and record scientific data, use a radio from 1898, and bend an electron beam. **Age 8+**

YOU’LL GET A CHARGE OUT OF THIS: Demonstrations and hands-on-activities with static electricity. Sample activities: Generating and storing high voltage electricity, ringing bells with electricity, making lightning bolts, viewing electric fields, and detecting electricity at a distance. **Age 8+**

SOUNDS (AND SCIENCE) OF MUSIC: Learn to make music with everyday objects (take-home instructions provided for simple wind chimes and Glockenspiel). Explore the science of wave motion with tuning forks, “singing” glasses, and other instruments. Make sound vibrations visible with table salt!

MEASURING LEGOs-- Are all 2 by 4 LEGOs really the same size? How can you tell? Let’s use some modern tools to find out if they differ as much as the width of a human hair! You will use calipers, micrometers, and microscopes to look at LEGO’s in a new way. **Age 12+ Pricing: Each program is \$100. All events except “Lab-in-a-box” are one hour.**

COSI

Chelsie Webster, MEd

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1. All of our early childhood programs will be completely new or very updated. These program descriptions can be found here: <http://cosi.org/educators/outreach/category/early-childhood-outreach>

2. **Robotics** Programming will be getting new robots! Our beginning, intermediate and advanced program will be getting completely revamped so they will be brand new to anyone who has done our robotics programs in the past.

3. We are starting to look at creating a “**Rat Basketball**” program for our summer sessions as we know many libraries will be using the Sports theme for their summer reading program. Please let me know if this program is of interest to you!

To look at our full list of programs you can visit our website here: <http://cosi.org/educators/outreach/cic>

Limit of 20-30 participants depending on program. \$170

Mad Science of Northeast Ohio

330-498-0033

northeastohio.madscience.org

Interactive science demonstrations.

Reed Steele STEM Programing

reedksteele@gmail.com

STORYTELLING

Adele Brown

740-385-9761

adele@rosetrace.com

Old-timey family style Appalachian folk & fairy tales in the spirit of "make your own fun!" **All ages.**

Michelle Cornell

784-0538

csmithberger@yahoo.com

www.MichelleCornell.com

The Story Sampler. This program is comprised of Fairy and Folk tales, Legends, and Spooky Tales. The audience considers the differences between these stories taken from traditional literature. **Pre K-5th grade audience. \$120.00**

Jim Flanagan

740-474-7474

positivetales.org

Storytelling for grades K – 12.

Ellen Ford

740-654-4046

ellenford.com

Programs for preschool through 8th grade.

Lyn Ford

614-237-7605

friedtales@aol.com

Turtle-shell Tales: African and African American tales of the folksy and fabled turtle or tortoise. Silly stories include rhythm and rhyme, a little history, and a lot of heart and fun. Appropriate for grades K-4. **K- 5/families.**

Let's have a Story: Highly interactive versions of African and Affrilachian folktales about critters like Rabbit, Turtle, Frog, Bear, Fox, Wolf, and Spider, geared to grades K-2 listeners and the big folks who love them. **Ages: 3-11/families.**

How? Why? Huh??? Animal Pourquoi Tales: For grades 3-6, a writing and illustration session featuring a collection of short, diverse animal folktales about how some critters came to be the way they are. **Ages: 8-11**

Let's Throw Stories: Folktale adaptations rooted in African and African American storytelling traditions. **All ages.**

Rabbit Tales Retold: Tales of the trickster hero, from Lyn's storytelling family (for all ages). **All ages.**

Jack, Janie, & Other "Bobos": Noodleheads and fortunate fools in folktales from many places. **All ages.**

Generally \$175 per program in Central Ohio. Reduced rates for multiple booking.

Length of a program: 30-35-minutes = preK-K programming; 30-45 minutes = K-2 programming; 45-60 minutes = all other programs, according to the library's scheduling needs and expectations.

Needs: Chair, masking tape on floor or carpet about 1 foot in front of chair and children seated on the floor if possible.

Roger Jerome

740-645-0445

rogerjerome.com

Theatre acts & storytelling.

MICHAEL KASONY-O'MALLEY

Michael@MichaeltheStoryteller.com

(614) 267-9426

Frank McGarvey

614-268-0532

frankmcgarvey@gmail.com

Also, don't forget the OHIO YOUTH SERVICES PERFORMERS SHOWCASE list on the State Library website: http://library.ohio.gov/performers_showcase

ESPECIALLY FOR TEENS

ANIMALS

Ohio Nature Education
Manon Van Schoyck
mvs@ohionature.org
740-967-8320

Available days, evenings and weekends.

Reach for The Stars! Hands on Astronomy. Delve into how big our universe is by getting your hands in play dough, or making a pocket solar system which is yours to take home, or study the phases of the Moon using mini Oreo cookies that you'll get to eat! When we say hands on astronomy, we mean get your hands dirty astronomy. **Ages 11-17. \$200 standard programs/\$150 for second program same day.**

ART

Victor Dandridge
614-419-5024
wwi3313@aol.com

Character Crafter: Take the Raconteur's challenge and create your own comic character from start to finish.

Line. Shape. Object: First-hand instruction turns the art of illustration into a series of developing skills, that when practiced allow you to draw ANYTHING!

Mini-Comics: Marrying techniques from crafting and short storytelling, mini-comics challenge creators with exploring funny and/or personal stories.

Pixel Art: Mimicking the art style of early video game design, pixel art plays on the abstract rendering of objects through mathematics and color.

Ages 13-17. \$250. (1 hour-1 ½ hour program) **Limit to 30 participants. Needs: seating and work area for participants.**

Cyrus Fire
(614)260-0534
cyrusfire@hotmail.com

An Introduction to Acrylic Painting with Cyrus Fire. Introducing Acrylic painting through portraits. Fully interactive presentation allows each student to take home their own portrait at the end of the session! This class also covers basic use, care, and up keep of materials, the basics of art technique, composition/character philosophy, and color theory.

Ages 8+. \$250 (1-2 hour program). Additional materials required: 9x12 canvas or canvas board, Paint Brushes sizes: 6 round, 10 Flat, 16 Filbert, Acrylic Paint colors: Blue, Red, White, Black, and Dioxazine Purple (Utrecht brand specific * Large tube)

Steve Harpster
614-315-9427
steve@harptoons.com

Monsters, Heroes, and Video Game Creator. Harpster will teach more advanced drawing techniques to create characters for video games and comic books. Monsters, super heroes and Manga style art included. Teens will learn tips to overcome creative blocks and will learn how to take their art to a finished level. Each artist will be provided with a drawing workbook, a Harptoons drawing pencil, and paper. **Teens \$175 Can accommodate large groups. Needs: Participants will need paper and pencils and a hard surface to draw on.**

Igloo Letterpress**Beth Dekker****614-787-5528****iglooletterpress.com**

WOOD TYPE POSTER WORKSHOP. After a short talk about the history of printing and letterpress, we would set up our portable antique proof press with a fun phrase in antique wood type. Each participant will be able to hand-ink the wood type and print 2 8x10 posters to take home. **Ages 12 and up, 15-20 students, 1 hour, \$10 each**

SMALL BOOKBINDING WORKSHOP. We will lead students through a brief talk about the bookbinding process and the history behind it. Each student will get to choose from a variety of book covers, text pages, and threads, and learn how to bind two small pamphlet-style books to take home. **Ages 12 and up, 15-20 students, 1 hour, \$10 each**

Paul Merklein**414-232-1391****Greatbigfaces.com**

Cartoonist.

White Dragon Paper, LLC**Rocky Lawton****937-269-3020****whitedragonpaper@email.com**

Recycled Paper Tile Art: Participants will take colorful pulped recycled paper and make decorative paper tiles and paper shapes to take home. Requires outdoor water-friendly area, water hook up, electricity, and safe weather.

Ages: 7+. \$100 per 1 hour session (requires additional 1 hour prep time on site)

Sheet Papermaking: Participants will make their own colorful sheets of paper by hand, which can be taken home to dry and used for other art projects. Requires outdoor water-friendly area, water hook up, electricity, and safe weather.

Ages: 7+. \$100 per 1 hour session (requires additional 1 hour prep time on site)

FOOD**Victoria Strickland****Food Matters/Local Matters****614-597-9356****tori.c.strickland@gmail.com**

Be a Hero: The Fantastic "Five" Food Groups. Local Matters will provide

Energetic, fun presentation about nutrition and food preparation. Build your own burrito bar!

\$250 Teens

MAGIC**Jim Kleefeld****(440) 937-5488****Kleefeld@erienet.net**

Tales From Beyond - Death on the Titanic, Shrunken Heads, Voodoo and the Lizzie Borden Axe Murders.

More Tales From Beyond - the Fox Sisters, Eliot Ness, Salem Witch Trials, The Cleveland Torso Murders and more.

Phantasmagorical Steampunk Extravaganza - Jules Verne, HG Wells, time travel, Steam-powered Ectometron and more.

Ohio Spirits - Haunted places in Ohio like the Mansfield Reformatory, Franklin Castle, Golden Lamb and more.

All programs are \$325 for one or \$275 each for two or more of the same program on the same day. Ages 11-17.

Rory Rennick (Teen)
roryrennick@hotmail.com
614-491-0786

MIND BLOWING MAGIC! Teens will have a blast, as they experience some non-traditional magic that encourages reading. From mind-reading to sleight of hand delivered in the comedic way that only Rory Rennick can bring! **Recommended for groups no more than 30. Teens. \$200**

OMG! HE READ MY MIND! This HIT comedy mentalism and magic program, encourages reading. Teens enjoy hilarious illusions that won't insult their intelligence. **Teens. \$200**

Needs: One 6' table and electrical outlet.

OMG-II, HE READ MY MIND AGAIN! (prefer if you already had OMG-I): This time Comedy magician will also show teens how to do a mind-trick or two. **Teens. \$200**

Street Magic in a Building: This program's objective is to entertain teens and/or families with an interactive street-magic style performance, mixed with stand-up comedy with sophisticated illusions! **Teens. \$200**

Easy to Master Magic: Learn some magic illusions using ordinary objects and a deck of cards.

Amaze your friends and families with tricks that use the same principles that professionals use. Part presentational, part instructional, this interactive program will make boredom vanish-not your budget! Feel free to bring your own deck of cards!

Will provide a magic resource list with best books, cool Youtube sites, magic shops, etc. **Teens. \$250**

EASY-TO-MASTER MAGIC -II (prefer if you already had **EMM-I**) (*limited to 25 attendees*)

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MUSIC

BHB
397-6269
bhb4u2@yahoo.com

Origins of Hip Hop. History of Hip Hop music and its positive contributions to the community. Brief history and examples of break dancing and information for those who think they might want a career as a DJ. **Ages 11-18. \$250 CML**

Tony Harrington
725-2837
dr_version@hotmail.com

Dub Poetry program encourages self-expression through language in the tradition of dub poetry, a form of performance poetry of West Indian origin that evolved out of dub music and consists of the spoken word over reggae rhythms. The program includes music, a forward on the history of dub, its appearance on the American music scene and its influence on contemporary rock, punk, and hip hop. The Doctah will encourage kids to experiment with the computer and electronic equipment, to express themselves through words, i.e., poetry, rap, or song as he provides the backup rhythm. All will be encouraged to participate and to **MAKE SOME NOISE** in celebration of Black History Month! **Tweens & Teens \$200**

Music Inspires Music: From Ritual to Carnegie Hall. A short history of how African American music and musicians have contributed to many kinds of music (jazz, big band, R&B, rock, country, opera and even zydeco). Kids will be encouraged to participate. **Ages 11-17. \$175**

Explore your Creativity with Doctah X! Open mic; kids are invited to read a favorite poem, rap, or sing while Doctah X provides a dub sound track for their performances. **Ages 11-17. \$175**

Needs: table, a projector and screen for laptop. PA system. Poetry books on display. CML

SCIENCE

Jack Brown

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201-874-6328

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Let's Move Some Electrons: “High Tech” in the 19th Century. In this workshop, we will make and use the inventions that made the telegraph (and the rest of the modern world) possible. Each participant will build – and take home - an electrical measuring instrument useful in science & invention fairs. Participants will also examine and use a 19th century telegraph station – the internet of 150 years ago - to see how inventors worked.

Activities include:

Create and test the earliest battery

Make and use an early electrical measuring instrument (galvanometer) and contrast with laboratory quality instruments

Explore magnetism and build an electromagnet

Contrast the telegraph with today's internet.

Ages 10-14 \$100

Will Get a Charge Out of This. Fun things you can do with 20,000 volts. Static electricity: in this workshop participants will make (small) lightning bolts, measure radiation, and make music – mostly with simple household items. Participants will build and use several basic research tools, including static generators, storage devices, and meters.

Activities include:

Use plastic and paper to generate high voltage

Make a bell (similar to one used by Ben Franklin to warn of approaching lightning storms)

Monitor radiation levels using an empty soda can, some plastic, and aluminum foil

Ages 10-14 \$100

STORYTELLING

Lyn Ford

614-237-7605

friedtales@aol.com

Spookers & Haints: from gentle, silly stories for young ears, to strange and creepy tales for the mature listener. After Lyn's tales, participants are encouraged to share their own three-to-five minute spooky stories. **Teens. \$175**

Write It! Tell It! Twisting Folktales to Read or Tell: A special program of folktales for older listeners to enjoy, discuss, and use as story sparks for their own crafting of tales. Paper, pencils, and writing surfaces and chairs are needed for this session that carries participants for the oral tradition to the literary format of writing fiction. **Teens. \$175**

OTHER TEEN PROGRAMS

Renuka Bhatt

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Available days, evenings, weekends

Henna tattoo program: Teens will learn about the culture, history and art of henna tattoos! Renuka will apply the henna designs! **Ages 12-17. \$150**

Jen Peters

peters.198@osu.edu

Fitness for a Lifetime. Fitness trainer, Jen Peters, will teach strength training, cardiovascular, and flexibility principles (and touch on healthy eating and quality of life issues). Participants will be encouraged to participate in movement and demonstrate learned fitness principle. **Ages 12-17. \$75**

Dance Fitness. Dance your way to fitness with this fun and energetic class! The class uses choreographed dance moves to popular music to get you healthy and fit. Come learn the history of dance fitness and even try your hand and making up some routines on your own to share! **Ages 12-17. \$75**

Jennifer Hambrick

radion.wosu.org/people/jenniferhambrick#stream/O

Poetry workshop for teens.

Ruby Harper

one.wicked.kitty@gmail.com

Jamberry consultant, does nail programs for tweens.

Mindy McGinnis

mindymcginnis.com

Teen writing programs.

Royal Arts Academy

614-330-2445

info@royalarts.org

Royalarts.org

Will do workshops for small groups (maximum of 20) using light sabers, historical weapons, etc. **Ages 11 & up. \$180 per hour.**

This listing was produced for the SERLS/COYS Summer Reading Program workshop held 2/8/16.

Researched and compiled by Connie Pottle (Delaware County District Library), Ashley Mensah (Westerville Public Library), and Karen Bell (Columbus Metropolitan Library).