

MMLC Preferred Performer List

October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024

Adventure Begins at Your Library

The ARK Animal Encounters

Live Animal Presentation

A.R.K. Animal Encounters is a company providing educational, hands-on animal encounters and presentations for classrooms, birthday parties, libraries, private and corporate events, and more. Each program will last approximately 45 minutes and will consist of 5-6 animals. Programs are presented in a show & tell & touch style, blending education and entertainment. **Limit 50 participants.**

COST: All presentations have a base price of \$100, an hourly travel fee of \$25 plus a mileage fee at the governmental rate. ([Website: https://www.facebook.com/TheARK.AnimalEncounters/](https://www.facebook.com/TheARK.AnimalEncounters/))

Audrey Allison

Story Artist

Working as a solo-artist this year, Ms. Audrey will continue to bring her uncanny multi-voiced style and humor to your library. With over 30 years of experience providing enjoyable, educational and entertaining performances, Ms. Audrey will have your patrons singing, dancing and asking for more.

1. **Oh the Places You'll Go:** This concert features a delightful blend of adventurous and heartwarming stories, beautiful music, a bit of humor and some very fascinating musical instruments from around the world. Selected stories emphasize love, safety, hard work, perseverance, honesty and adventure. "OH, The Places You'll Go was the last book ever published under Dr. Seuss' name. I will also select stories from Mr. Rogers Neighborhood, performed with musical accompaniment. The children's program would not be complete without "The Reading Dance", which allows everyone to get up dance reciting a promise to "Keep Reading". This presentation will be fun, humorous and of course, it will highlight strong family values throughout! All stories will be told with Audrey's uncanny multi-voiced, animated style. Children and youth will be encouraged to play all instruments that we bring... no one is left out! As always, we will conclude each show with our upbeat Summer Reading Dance – **A Wonderful Chance for Everyone to Get Up and Move!** Requires a minimum of 8' x 6' space.

2. **Forever Young:** In this interactive program developed specifically for adult audiences, I highlight the beauty and potential of kalimba and steel drums as jazz instruments. I will perform renditions of some of my favorite artists including Thelonious Monk (Blue Monk), Billie Holiday (Hush Now Don't Explain), Miles Davis (All Blues) and others. The stories are based on life's lessons and experiences that are relatable with an adult audience. Some of the stories and poems for the "Forever Young:" program are based on the works of Edgar Allan Poe, Maya Angelou, Rudyard Kipling, Zora Neal Hurston and Oscar Brown Jr.

COST: \$550.00 per 45-minute presentation. Discounts apply for multiple shows in one day.

[LinkedIn page is found here: Audrey Allison A World of Music & Stories](#)

Backyard Birds & Beyond

Birding Presentations

Combining action photography, video and audio to bring the outdoors inside, presenter Greg Bodker shares information in a fun, educational manner. Attendees will learn new ways to appreciate birds and their habitats. Greg has been a serious birder since 2006, combining his interest in birds, nature, and photography as often as possible. Greg has led birding trips for Michigan Audubon and was on its Board of Directors for three years. Greg has birded in all of Michigan's 83 counties and in most of North America. He is excited to report he saw his 347th Michigan bird species in April 2022, a Say's Phoebe at Tawas Point State Park. Greg has been a winner in multiple amateur photo contests including the overall winner in Michigan Nature Association's Photo Contest in both 2020 and 2021!

Greg now enjoys delivering birding and nature education presentations to audiences throughout Michigan. Both live and virtual, the presentations have received excellent reviews and earned many recommendations.

1. **Birdwatching & Birding for the Young Birder:** Greg Bodker has been presenting his popular Birdwatching and Birding Program to libraries with rave reviews since 2018. Now he has tailored the program to introduce young birders on the joy of bird watching. Participants will learn about how to experience birds as he demonstrates the joys of birding one can have in both the backyard and in the Library's geographic area. The program uses beautiful photos, audio recordings, and exciting videos that engages the young birder throughout the approximate thirty minute program. Bird feeders, bird seed, and bird field guides will be available for hands on learning before and after the program. Informative handouts will be provided to the participants. Topics include:

- ❖ Discuss the excitement and enjoyment of birdwatching
- ❖ How to attract more birds to your backyard
- ❖ How being outdoors leads to exciting birding and nature experiences

- ❖ Birding “Hotspots” to go birding in our area
- ❖ Recommended Field Guide for young birders
- ❖ How to select a pair of binoculars for the young birder
- ❖ Greg’s exciting stories from the field while birding

2. Bird Watching vs. Birding: Greg Bodker’s beautiful photography will help you learn more about birds as he demonstrates the joys of birding you can have both in your backyard and in our area. Novice and aspiring birders will especially benefit from the program. Topics include:

- * Discuss the excitement and enjoyment of birdwatching
- * Differences between birdwatching and birding
- * How to attract more birds to your backyard
- * Backyard birds, types of seed, feeders and their care
- * How birding beyond the backyard leads to many enriching experiences
- * The excitement of a bird chase
- * Stories from the field while birding
- * Places to go birding in our area

3. Let’s Go Birding: “Let’s Go Birding” is a follow-up to Greg Bodker’s well received Birdwatching vs Birding program. The “Let’s Go Birding” program uses different photos, videos, and stories to prepare the audience to go on a birding adventure in the field. Bodker says “Most bird species are habitat specific. The process of seeing different birds allows me to see both the birds and all the amazing habitats around us. My goal is to convey my enthusiasm for the birds and the outdoors to the audience.”

Topics include:

- * Binocular selection
- * Learning Bird Songs
- * How eBird can help you find birds
- * Where to find a free course to use eBird
- * Personal stories from the field while birding
- * A photographic deep dive into the interesting behavior of one or two bird species
- * Field guides
- * Birding Apps
- * Places to go birding in our area
- * Fieldcraft – working through a bird identification

COST: \$350.00 per 60-minute program, plus mileage from Houghton Lake.

([Website: www.backyardbirdsandbeyond.com](http://www.backyardbirdsandbeyond.com))

Matthew Ball

Boogie Woogie Kid

Pianist & Singer Matthew Ball aka The Boogie Woogie Kid is the piano man with over 5 million YouTube views! He performs a family program of New Orleans Song, Boogie-Woogie, and Swing Dance Era favorites.

1. **THE MUSIC of NEW ORLEANS & SWING:** A family music event of toe-tappin’ American Songbook favorites from New Orleans and the Swing Dance Era, with hits like In the Mood, Careless Love, Basin Street Blues, On The Sunny Side of the Street, It Had to be U, Wonderful World, etc. Music from the Swing-dance era of the 20’s, 30’s & 40’s, Matthew’s music is an inspiring event of toe-tapping piano athleticism and original song that captures the spirit, fun, and tradition of a celebrated American piano heritage.
2. **TUNES for TOTS / The Boogie Woogie Nursery Rhyme Show:** An interactive program for young children and families featuring sing-a-long, dance-a-long, and more, with boogie-woogie arrangements of classics like Hokey Pokey, If You’re Happy and You Know it, This Old Man, BINGO, Itsy Bitsy Spider, and more.
3. **Facebook Live and an unlisted YouTube** broadcast; meeting code to be provided 1 week prior to show. Sample: <https://www.facebook.com/9998034007/videos/504336933526718/>

COST: \$375.00 per 45-minute program, plus travel fees from Clawson, MI; \$500 base price for programs longer than 1 hour.

([Website: www.boogiewoogiekid.com](http://www.boogiewoogiekid.com))

Peter Bergin

Concert Pianist

Take an educational trip back to the turn of the century when America was captivated by the syncopated charms of ragtime music. More than just entertainment, Peter uses a broad range of music and heart-warming stories to enrich and uplift. From ragtime piano to patriotic music to the sounds of the holidays, these programs are perfect for your next special event. Perfect for schools and libraries, upper elementary and older. In-person only programs.

1. **Ragtime Spectacular Children & Family Show:** I’ll be expanding my ragtime program for *Space: A Universe of Stories* by demonstrating how **any popular tune can be played in a ragtime style**. Specifically, I’ll be including original ragtime arrangements of space-related tunes, like “**Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star**”, “**Moonlight Sonata**”, and “**Clair de Lune**”, among others. We’ll wonder together about the celestial objects seen from Earth while tapping our toes to this **uniquely American music**. With ragtime, there’s not a sad sound to be found!
2. **The Great American Songbook:** They just don’t write ‘em like they used to! George Gershwin, Glenn Miller, Irving Berlin ... only the best from the 30’s, 40’s and 50’s.
3. **Gottschalk to Gershwin:** A unique crossover program blending ragtime with early American classical. Music from the 1850’s - 1930’s featuring the American classical composer Louis Moreau Gottschalk, ragtime composers Scott Joplin and

Eubie Blake, and the incomparable George Gershwin.

4. **Patriotic:** Sip your ice tea & lemonade as you sing along to this unabashed display of American patriotism.

5. **TV Theme Songs:** Relive and sing along to the hilarious sitcoms of the 60's - 90's

6. **Holiday Songs:** A full program of popular holiday music. Includes soundtrack music from "A Charlie Brown Christmas" and "How the Grinch Stole Christmas", original transcriptions from George Winston's "December" album, and perennial favorites such as "White Christmas", "I'll Be Home for Christmas", "It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas", among many, many others! Includes plenty of time to sing along to favorite carols.

7. **Halloween:** Don't be frightened by this mix of scary favorites! Includes "Monster Mash", "Purple People Eater", "The Skeleton Rag", and theme songs from "A Nightmare Before Christmas", "The Addams Family", and "The Munsters"!

8. **Valentine's Day:** Cozy up and enjoy favorite romantic tunes spanning the decades. Older tunes like "I Love You Truly" and "Our Love Is Here To Stay" are mixed with newer favorites such as "Longer", "You've Got A Friend", and "A Thousand Years".

9. **St. Patrick's Day:** Everyone is Irish on this day! Enjoy Irish-American tunes like "When Irish Eyes are Smiling" and "My Wild Irish Rose" alongside Irish standards like "Danny Boy" and "Molly Malone" and many more from the 19th and 20th centuries. A good time to be had by all! (www.berginmusic.com)

COST: \$595.00 per one-hour show. Requires a 10' x 10' area for set-up.

Bubbleman

Bubbleology

1. **Indoor Bubble Program:** Ron Loyd "The Bubbleman" and Gloria Loyd "The Bubblewoman" perform an indoor, non-messy, bubble program demonstrating the art and science of the soap bubble. During this 45-minute program, they use ordinary soap bubble solution to create volcano bubbles, tornado bubbles, kaleidoscope bubbles, square bubbles, merry-go-round bubbles and much more. Their program is filled with ideas to be tried at home, involves audience participation and is designed to teach children and adults the joy of exploring science by playing with the simple bubble. There is no mess with this show and it is all self-contained. *A cool indoor area, free from drafts, including air vents and fans, and a small table are required for this program.*

2. **Bubble Happenings:** If you are planning an outside program that includes several activities such as sidewalk chalk, petting zoos, games, crafts etc., our "Bubble Happening" will be a great addition. We rope off a 30-foot square area and provide 4 very large bubble pans and 12 bubble wands that are approximately 18 inches wide with long handles. Participants are encouraged to help to make many gigantic colorful bubbles. We facilitate and watch over the "Happening", so everyone has an enjoyable safe time. The program is 1 hour to 1 1/2 hours depending on the needs of the library.

Requirements are a grass or paved area and access to water. We provide the bubble solution.

COST: \$345.00 per 45-minute program, plus travel fees from Taylor, MI. ([Website: http://bubblemanron.com](http://bubblemanron.com))

Larry Castleberry

Martial Arts Instructor and Storyteller

Larry Castleberry is an engaging Storyteller who weaves folk and fairytales stories from the world of African and African American folk tales, along with personal stories to educate, entertain and inspire. Larry is a 31-year practitioner and teacher of the Martial Art of Aikido.

1. **Harmony in Motion Children's Program:** Engaging, spell binding and interactive storytelling event with tales from the rich literary world Africa, African American, and the far East.

COST: \$300.00 per 45-minute program, plus travel fees from Detroit, MI.

2. **Interactive Aikido (martial art) Class:** This interactive martial art class includes the students being introduced to the basic movements and techniques of Aikido. The class focuses on how to fall correctly and techniques the students can use if being bullied that will allow them to get away and get the attention of the teacher or an authority figure. The students will perform techniques on the instructor. The instructor will supply mats for the session.

COST: \$350.00 per 60-minute program, plus travel fees from Detroit, MI.

Michigan Arts and Humanities Council's Touring Directory participant. ([Website: www.larrycastleberry.com](http://www.larrycastleberry.com))

Rosie Chapman

Storyteller

1 Miz Rosie the Storyteller offers one-woman performances in costume of Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks, Sojourner Truth, Coretta Scott King, Madame C.J. Walker, Mari Anderson, Maya Angelou, Fannie Lou Hamer and Mary McCloud Bethune. In addition, Rosie now offers the programs 'The African Queen Mother' and 'Quilts & the Underground Railroad'.

COST: Virtual Performances Only: \$250.00 per program.

([Website: http://mizrosiechapman.blogspot.com/](http://mizrosiechapman.blogspot.com/))

Michigan Arts and Humanities Council's Touring Directory participant.

Mark Crilley

Graphic Artist

Calling All Artists: Mark Crilley's How to Draw Manga & Graphic Novels Workshop: In this fast-paced, fun and informative workshop, published graphic novelist Mark Crilley shows those in attendance the tricks of the trade by way of three-to-four tutorials. Everything is presented at an easel, where Crilley leads library patrons in step-by-step, easy-to-follow lessons. No material items are required from the library, as Crilley brings everything needed, including paper and pencils for the attendees. Many of the lessons are tailored specifically to those in attendance, with the content of the lesson created on the spot, based on the suggestions of the patrons.

A seasoned public speaking professional, Crilley has spoken at more than 600 venues across the country as well as internationally. No limits are placed on the age groups invited to attend. All of the many drawings created by Mark at the workshop are gifted to the library.

(Website: <https://www.facebook.com/markcrilleyOFFICIAL/>)

COST For each 1-hour program: \$350.00 per 1-hour drive from Novi, MI; \$450 for a 2-hour drive from Novi, MI; \$600 per 3-4-hour drive from Novi, MI; \$350.00 per 1-hour virtual workshop.

Dancing Crane

Soap Making, Lotions & Lip Balms; Native American Crafts

1. **Basic Soap Making Workshop:** Natural ingredient soap making class: This soap class includes all necessary molds, ingredients, handouts and utensils. Not only will your patrons learn how to make soap from scratch (this is a lye-based soap) but they will learn about the scientific processes oils and lye undergo to become soap as well as how common store-bought soaps can be damaging where natural soaps promote healthy skin. Library will need to provide electricity, extension cords and access to a microwave. **Adults & Teens over age 15 only. Limited to 20 students.**

2. **Advanced Soap Making Workshop:** Natural ingredient soap making class making a milk soap: This soap class includes all necessary molds, ingredients, handouts and utensils. Not only will your patrons learn how to make soap from scratch (this is a lye-based soap) but they will learn about the scientific processes oils and lye undergo to become soap as well as how common store-bought soaps can be damaging where natural soaps promote healthy skin. Library will need to provide electricity, extension cords, access to a microwave and if possible, a sink. ***Prerequisite of having taken our basic soap making class or has previous soap making experience. * Adults & Teens over age 15 only. Limited to 20 students.**

3. **Body Scrubs, Lip Balms and Bath Salts Workshop:** Pinterest style class with 3 mini lessons in one: Similar to the natural ingredient soap class, this class will teach patrons how to make sugar or salt scrubs, lip balms, and bath salts from common household ingredients that you can pick up at many grocery stores. Patrons will be educated in which oils are better for which types of skin to promote healthy skin all summer long. Instructor provides all ingredients, containers, handouts, and utensils needed for the class. This trio can be broken up into individual classes upon request. Library will need to provide electricity, extension cords and access to a microwave. **Adults & Teens over age 10 only. Limited to 20 students.**

4. **Lotion Making Workshop:** Sick of summer dry skin? Not looking forward to that winter scaly skin? Maybe you happen to be allergic to many lotions. This is just the class for you! You will learn what goes into making a quality moisturizing lotion that you can use every day. Learn what oils can help your skin or make that flakiness even worse and which additives can help you (and make your lotions uniquely yours). Instructor provides all ingredients, containers, handouts, and utensils needed for the class. Library will need to provide electricity, extension cords and access to a microwave. **Adults & Teens over age 15 only. Limited to 20 students.**

5. **Body Butter Workshop:** In this class students will learn how to make a rich, smooth scented body butter that is perfect for your own medicine cabinet, or a giftable item for others. Students will learn how to blend natural butters and oils and their benefits when used on our skin. Body butters help to seal in moisture and protect tender skin from the elements. Instructor provides all ingredients, containers, handouts, and utensils needed for the class. Library will need to provide electricity, extension cords, access to a microwave and if possible, a sink.

6. **Basic Earrings and Necklace Class:** In this class students will make a pair of earrings and a necklace. This is an introductory course, students will make a pair of earrings using a headpin or eyepin to place their selected beads onto. The necklace will be simple in design, students will select beads to slide onto the chain and will have the option to make a drop or pendant. This class will require some dexterity as students will be using needle nose pliers and other small hand tools to craft their earrings and necklace. Instructor provides all supplies - beads, jewelry findings, chains, etc.

7. **Native American Style Choker Making Class:** In this class students will learn how to make a 3 or 4 strand choker; including cutting the leather and sinew, selecting the beads and laying out the designed pattern. Instructor provides all supplies; hair pipe beads (bone or horn), crow beads (ceramic or glass), artificial sinew and leather spaces & ties. Students will need to be careful as we will be using sharp needles and scissors!

8. **Dream Catcher Making Class:** In this class students will learn how to make a dream catcher; including wrapping hoop (choice of leather or embroidery thread), cutting leather & sinew, selecting beads & feathers and learning how to weave the pattern of the dream catcher. Students will need to be careful as we are using sharp scissors!

Access to a microwave required for some workshops.

COST: \$400.00 per 90-minute workshop, plus travel from Clayton, Michigan (near Adrian). All supplies included.
(**Website:** <https://www.facebook.com/dancingcranesoapsandsundries/>)

Wanda Degen

Musical Artist & Educator

Award-winning autoharp player, dulcimer enthusiast and singer, Wanda presents educational and entertaining performances for all ages! Combining rich vocal harmony with a masterful blend of instruments, all programs include brief histories of the instruments.

1. **Miss Wanda's Nature Songs for Kids:** Explore the world of many different critters and habitats with this interactive concert presenting songs that use gestures, sign language, hand puppets, and a wide variety of stringed and rhythm instruments for accompaniment. Participation encouraged through fun echo-songs, clap-alongs, and dance-alongs. Get your wiggles out stretching and moving to the music!

2. **Dulcimer Days** – Explore the musical sounds of 3 traditional, uncommon folk instruments with Wanda Degen. Presenting both the mountain dulcimer and the hammered dulcimer, as well as the autoharp - or chorded zither. Brief histories of the instruments and many of the songs are included with a variety drawn from Celtic, Folk, Great Lakes and Pop music styles.

3. **A Celtic Kaleidoscope** – Explore the sounds of both the softer side of Celtic music, through beautiful airs and waltzes, as well as the lively side through upbeat jigs and songs. Experience some of the favorite traditional and contemporary music from Ireland, England, and Scotland.

4. **Sentimental Journey** - A Folk/Pop musical stroll through the decades. From the 1800's into the 1980's. Swing songs, Cowboy songs, Billboard Top Ten songs, lots of Love Songs. Easy choruses with many opportunities to sing along. Lyric sheets can be provided. **Adult Program.**

5. **Sweet Sounds for the Holidays** – Winter seasonal songs, and Christmas songs and tunes, for the whole family to enjoy. Featuring both traditional carols and popular holiday standards with a mix of history, musical warmth, and fun. Singing along is encouraged, but not required!

6. **Hands-on Mountain Dulcimer Workshop** - Explore playing this simple 3 or 4 stringed instrument associated with the Appalachian Mountains. Discover how its unique fretboard makes it easy and fun to play. No experience necessary. A limited number of loaner dulcimers provided or bring your own. Groups larger than 15 will require some to partner up and share a dulcimer. **The Mountain Dulcimer Program is limited to 30 participants per program. Ages 8 & older.**

COST: \$250.00 per 45-minute program, for locations within 30 miles of Lansing; \$350-\$400 all other Michigan locations.
(**Website:** www.wandadegen.com)

Drumunity

Rhythm & Drums Program

Let's head out on a drumming adventure!! The whole family gets to drum, sing and dance together in this fun hands-ON, in-person program! Lori Fithian's "**Drumunity!**" is a community drumming program - EVERYONE participates! Lori brings her huge collection of drums and percussion to your library, and the whole family gets to play together. We'll take a journey around the world with drum games and activities, all while learning about being in community - listening, cooperating, taking turns, and being creative together! We'll drum, sing and dance to the beat of our own rhythmical adventure! A great program for ALL AGES. You need a large room or covered outdoor space (with electricity available) and chairs for everyone. Lori provides the sound system. (**Website:** www.drumunity.com)

Michigan Arts and Humanities Council's Touring Directory participant.

COST: \$450.00 - \$650.00 per 1-hour performance dependent on mileage from Ann Arbor, MI.

Dynamic School Assemblies

1. **Wild About Books – Live Animals:** A fun, interactive program about books and the importance of reading. This amazing show features a variety of animals from different countries and diverse ecosystems. This is an up-close, hands-on, and safe event. Live animal programs typically draw the largest crowds of the summer.

2. **Reading Rocks!** "Just take those old records off the shelf." This rockin' program is a hip hop musical event and a look back at history. Fast paced and energetic, it combines the music of the early rock & roll era with history, comedy, dance, and audience participation. Your patrons will love this live interactive rock & roll show at your library as your presenter takes them on a high energy trip back through time. While enjoying the classic music that helped shape a generation, they will learn about life in the 50s and early 60s. "Reading Rocks" is a wonderful way to promote books, libraries, and the joy of reading.

3. **Reading Can Take You to the Stars:** Explore the night skies from the comfort and security of your location in our portable, inflatable dome! A fascinating and timely topic suitable for all ages. Our Starlab mylar dome sets up easily at your site and brings a star-filled planetarium experience! This is a quality, educational program that is fully entertaining, and will hold the interest of any audience! Schedule the unforgettable 'Starlab Planetarium' today!

4. **Super Readers Adventures in Drawing! Live Drawing Demonstration:** Marvel Comics characters have entertained children for generations. In both animation and comic book form, super heroes are often the stars. This unique library program

is presented by Marvel Comics illustrator Jerry DeCaire. As quickly as the eye can follow, art and fantasy are created in this fascinating, live drawing performance. Marvel Comics characters illustrated by Jerry include, but aren't limited to, Thor, X-Men, Wolverine, Conan, Punisher, Iron Man, Nick Fury, the Phantom, and more!

COST: \$595.00 per programs ([Website: www.dynamicwest.com](http://www.dynamicwest.com))

Mat Emerick

Mime, Juggling, Storytelling

The Amazing Adventures of Jack and the Bean Bags! Come along with our lazy old friend Jack who, after his adventure with that magic beanstalk, comes up with a crazy idea how to really use those magic beans! He'll make some magic bean bags and become a juggler magically! And he won't have to work at it! Will it work or will a giant have him for a snack? You'll hoot and howl as you find out in this wacky adventure!

Live in person, live virtual and prerecorded performances

COST: \$250.00 per 45-minute performance. ([Website: www.debandmate.com](http://www.debandmate.com))

Michael Garlick

Doctorslime's Science Shows

Dr. Slime is the Archetype of a Crazy Scientist character. His mission is to excite, educate and entertain audiences of all ages. A variety of program options are available including:

1. **"Magic of Chemistry":** Doctor Slime is the archetype of a crazy mad scientist character, with his slime green hair and love of science. His mission is to excite, educate and entertain. Each of his eye-catching programs includes exciting experiments, scientific principal basics and lots of fun and laughter.

COST: \$600.00 per 50-minute program, plus travel fees from Saginaw, MI.

2. Other programs available as add-ons upon request, examples include:

- Add Making Glow-in the Dark Slime to any show for an additional charge.
- Add Liquid Nitrogen Ice cream to any show for an additional charge.
- Add Glowing Axolotl Endangered Animal to any show for an additional charge.
- Add Glowing Minerals to any show for an additional charge.

3. Other shows and topics available include:

- Stones, Bones, and Fossils. Featuring Yooperlites. Michigan's Newest Mineral Discovery!
- Space Science, featuring liquid nitrogen, Water Rockets, and the Vacuum of Space Science.
- Making Models of Molecules, featuring children building atoms and molecules with gum drops and toothpicks.
- Other Shows created to fit your theme, just ask us. We can also mix and match elements to suit your needs.

4. Dr. Slime Pre-recorded DVD: *You Can Be a Chemist* is a 30-minute pre-recorded, high quality pre-recorded program.

COST: \$150.00 per DVD. ([Website: https://doctorslime.blogspot.com/](https://doctorslime.blogspot.com/))

Gemini

Musical Program

1. Gemini is the performing name of twin brothers Sandor and Laszlo Slomovits. Excellent singers (capable of genetically matched harmonies) and multi-instrumentalists (guitar, mandolin, violin, several folk flutes, and a variety of hand percussion) Gemini is starting their 51st year of concertizing. (They started when they were very, very young!) For the 2022-23 season, Gemini is offering a highly interactive, sing-and-move-along show - **for children (ages 0-10) and families:** Original songs celebrating childhood and family life — fostering universal values of respect and harmony among people. Traditional storytelling from several cultures with musical elements added — stories with positive, life-affirming values. - Demonstration of a variety of simple instruments that children can easily learn to play — encouraging them to make their own music! - Singing — that's right, singing! — of classic children's books to inspire reading — "Brown Bear," "Pete the Cat," "Moo, Baa La, La, La" etc. Songs and tunes for lively hand-motions, full body movement and dancing!

2. **Those Were the Days - Songs of the 1960's Folk Revival:** This show features the classic songs of Pete Seeger, Bob Dylan, Peter, Paul and Mary, Joni Mitchell, Joan Baez, Simon and Garfunkel, etc. Gemini sing "If I Had a Hammer," "Blowin' in the Wind," "Where Have All the Flowers Gone," "Big Yellow Taxi," "Bridge Over Troubled Waters" and many more, and invite the audience to sing along with them. For extra spice, the twin brothers add in traditional songs associated with the era, as well as a capella versions of a Motown song, one by the Beatles, and even one by Janis Joplin!

3. **"From Broadway, with Love" — Classic Songs from Musicals:** Featuring well-loved songs from musicals such as Oklahoma, The Fantasticks, The Music Man, The Sound of Music, Fiddler on the Roof, and Oliver. Come hear — and sing along with! — "Edelweiss," "Sunrise, Sunset," "Getting to Know You," "Try to Remember" and more. Add in movie-musical songs such as "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," "Blue Skies," and "I Got Rhythm," and "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning (Afternoon or Evening)" it will be!

4. **Poetry into Song - Classic Poems Set to Music:** Gemini has set to music a wide range of poetry — from the lyrics of the 13th and 14th century Sufi mystics, Rumi and Hafiz, to the American greats, Emily Dickinson and Robert Frost, to more recent poets such as e. e. cummings and William Stafford, as well as the contemporary Naomi Shihab Nye. In addition, this

program includes traditional song settings from Shakespeare and Robert Burns, as well as the poetry of current Michigan poets, Linda Nemeč Foster and Jennifer Burd. Set to soaring melodies, these poems-now-songs leap off the page!

5. Special for the Holiday Season (between Thanksgiving and Christmas) Gemini offers a show featuring holiday songs from five traditions: Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Diwali (Indian New Year) and Chinese New Year. The show celebrates both the diversity of cultures and our common humanity. Includes original songs by Gemini about the underlying meaning of all these holidays — the spirit of sharing, giving gifts, love and peace amongst people.

Michigan Arts and Humanities Council's Touring Directory participant.

COST: \$400.00 per in-person program; \$500.00 for programs more than two hours from Ann Arbor, MI.

Requires space for the two performers to be able to stand in front of a 6-8 foot table, loaded with instruments!

5. Virtual Program: A Live Virtual program featuring all your favorites!

COST: \$300.00 per live virtual program.

Michigan Arts and Humanities Council's Touring Directory participant. (**Website:** <http://geminichildrensmusic.com>)

Howell Nature Center

Live Animal Presentations

These are not hands-on presentations. (Non-Profit Organization)

Since 1982, the Howell Center has been actively involved in rehabilitating sick and injured wildlife.

1. Programs with live animals. Two wildlife ambassadors are featured in these programs along with biofacts, hands-on interactives, and fun educational activities.

- **Myth Crackers – Common Animal Myths:** We have all heard some amazing things animals can do. In this 60-minute program, find out which stories are tall tales and which are fantastically true feats. Are owls truly wise? Do turtles come out of their shells? This program addresses common wildlife myths and, together with the audience help, we'll find out if they are 'correct' or 'cracked'! Live animals vary, but include mammals, reptiles and birds.

- **Wild Super Powers:** Comic books, films, and popular stories are full of characters with super speed, heightened senses, and other incredible gifts, but so are your backyards! Discover the powers of native Michigan wildlife!

- **Wildlife in Your Backyard:** We share our world with wildlife, even our backyards! Meet some of our Wildlife Ambassadors and learn about the wildlife found around our homes, including their characteristics and behaviors, how they can benefit us, and what we can do to help them survive in the wild world.

- **Wild Rehab (3rd Grade and older):** As Michigan's largest wildlife rehabilitator, the Howell Nature Center treats thousands of wild animals every year — from common to endangered species — with the hope of returning these animals to their homes in the wild. But what does wildlife rehabilitation entail? Learn more about threats to wildlife, what we do, and what you can do to help.

COST: \$350.00 per 1-hour in-person program, plus mileage from Howell. MI

2. Programs without live animals. These engaging programs offer an exciting "adventure-in-learning" with biofacts, hands-on interactives, and fun educational activities.

- **Fur, Feathers and Scales:** Do you know why reptiles and mammals have teeth, but birds don't? Birds, mammals, and reptiles all have unique adaptations to help them survive. Explore them with the help of our educators in this program full of hands-on learning.

- **Lords of the Sky – Birds of Prey:** Get hands-on with bird wings, feet, and skulls to learn about birds of prey! We explore different types of raptors and their unique characteristics, habitat, diet, and importance to the environment, and activities will help give you a bird's eye view of the lives of these amazing animals.

- **Wildlife Detectives (3rd Grade and older):** What clues do animals leave behind and what can we learn from them? This hands-on, interactive program explores bones, tracks, pellets, and scat to give you a better understanding of the wildlife around you. During this program, you will use your detective skills to solve wildlife mysteries!

COST: \$250.00 per 1-hour in-person program, plus mileage from Howell. MI

3. Alexandria's Nature Bus: This 1.5-hour program features our mobile classroom full of hands-on activities about the adaptations of native Michigan wildlife and the wonders of nature! Fun group games demonstrate ecological concepts, and live wildlife presentations bring the animal world to you! This program is ideal for 3rd - 6th graders. Program themes available includes Fur, Feather, Scales and Creatures of the Night.

COST: \$550.00 per 1.5 hour in-person program, plus mileage from Howell, MI.

Virtual Programs available at a cost of \$250.00 per 1-hour program. (**Website:** www.howellnaturecenter.org)

Rick Kelly

Musical Program

1. Children's Adventure Program: Rick Kelley is an extremely interactive, one man band, music performer who offers original songs that encourage children (pre school to 6th grade) and families to experience endless Adventures simply by reading books and using their imaginations. Because Rick strongly believes that you learn and remember more by "doing", his music programs are jam packed with opportunities to get involved with every performance through singalongs, dance-alongs, movement, humor, brain teasers, relay races, and even limbo and hula hoop contests.

2. **Children's Book Author:** Rick is also a children's book author who has written 2 books, "Sharing Sharon" and his latest, "I Read About It In A Book" which inspires kids to transport themselves anywhere in the Universe or back in time by reading physical books from the Library.

3. **Adult Program:** Multi-award winning entertainer Rick Kelley's specialty is getting people INVOLVED! By blending cover music with humor, he masterfully entertains his audience creating a clean FUN experience for all. Rick has performed over 4,000 concerts nationwide, including performances for adult audiences and Senior Citizens centers. Consider bringing Rick to your next adult or Senior Citizens center event.

4. **Other themes** include a Christmas program, a STEM program, animal theme, Space theme and much more. Because crowd participation is such an important part of Rick's music programs, he only performs "live" shows.

([Website: www.rklive.net](http://www.rklive.net))

COST: \$500.00 per 45-minute performance. Discounts apply for multiple shows in one day.

Brad Lancaster

Professional Magician

1. **Adventures in Reading** is a fun, educational, and entertaining 45-minute program which will draw kids and families of all ages to your library! Brad's show has tons of audience participation, music, magic, puppetry, storytelling, comedy and important messages about the value of using the library and the joy and wonder that reading books can bring. Brad is a multi-award-winning Grand Rapids area magician and puppeteer with a career that spans over 30 years. Brad's shows are colorful, interactive, and a fantastic opportunity for the children and their families.

2. **Magic, Monsters & Mirth:** This entertaining 45-minute program has tons of fun and audience participation. It's a program that appeals to kids and adults and celebrates Halloween and other spooky themed programs through storytelling, puppetry, and magic. Delight and captivate your group with hilarious stories from books like 'Ghosts in the House', 'Creepy Carrots' and 'Last Kids on Earth'. The audience will be amazed as a Cyclops' eye seems to eerily float in the air and make Frankenstein's head vanish, only to return in a fun and surprising way. I will also bring to life funny and silly puppets like Dracula, the Skeleton Man, and the Big Foot Monster.

COST: \$425.00 per 45-minute performance, plus mileage from Grand Rapids, MI.

Michigan Arts and Humanities Council's Touring Directory participant. ([Website: www.bradlancastermagic.com](http://www.bradlancastermagic.com))

Magic by Jania

Professional Magician

1. **Adventure Begins @ Your Library, with There's Magic in Books!** This reading enrichment program will encourage and excite children to visit the library. The message of practicing good reading habits is reinforced with magic and storytelling, which will keep the children focused on the message that reading is a life tool worth practicing. I make an example of myself, that if I didn't know how to read, I wouldn't be able to learn the secret of how the magic is performed. Every magic trick comes with directions, that I must read to learn the fun of performing the effect. When talking with the children about how much fun reading can be, because one can imagine things in the story, things magically appear out of books! While reading and using one's imagination, you can go on an adventure and never leave the house, that's what makes reading so much fun! Jania is a 40-year veteran of library performances and looks forward to being a part of your summer reading program.

2. **Magic of Recycling:** Join Jania for a magical journey into recycling and how every little bit helps the environment.

3. **Those Magical Dames:** A historical lecture about women in magic. Learn about the famous women who set the stage for women magicians in the 21st Century. ([Website: www.magicbyjaniamagic.com](http://www.magicbyjaniamagic.com))

COST: \$475.00 per program.

Ming the Magnificent

Professional Magician & Chef

1. **Magic with Ming & Barbara Show:** Adventure for Summer 2024 begins with a magical journey to ancient Egypt! From the Valley of the Kings in ancient Egypt, we examine the mummified remains of King Rooten Tooten and his Sarcophagus. Descended from a race of 10-inch tall Flying Saucer Space Aliens, they settled at the foot of Pyramids of Egypt at Giza under the watchful eyes of little biddy wads, who later provided the cultural traditions for the succeeding Egyptian Civilization. But WAIT! Why is the mummy's head at his feet? How did the British Museum become involved? And how did this discovery come to the New World in the holds of the Spanish Armada with the little biddy wads? All will be revealed in this Ancient Egypt mystery, along with the mystical powers of Amenhotep the Asp of Abu Simbel! **Limited to 100 participants.**

2. **Adventures with Origami:** Joining together origami is a type of paper folding craft using many small pieces of folded paper to create one larger structure or figure. All participants will leave with their own individual and unique piece. Easier than traditional Origami! Participants must be sitting at tables. **Limited to 50 participants.**

3. **Fusion Cooking with Ming & Barbara:** Cook better tasting nutritious food with less time and money; feel better, be healthier; learn some fusion cuisine and techniques; reduce your impact. Learn to cook and taste dishes that mix together ingredients and techniques from different cultures, like Japanese shiitake mushroom Italian Bolognese, or Hawaiian Loco

Moco with Southern Country Fried Steak over sushi rice. Fusion cookery is currently trending! The program leans towards Asian food however Ming is experienced in French cuisine cooking, Hawaiian dishes and Tex-Mex dishes. Delicious, simple, healthy and nutritious.... Ming the *Magician in the Kitchen!* Popular *Chinese Restaurant Food* as served in Ming's restaurant for over 30 years. Choose from one of these popular classes:

- Sweet and Sour Chicken
- Chicken Fried Rice
- Egg Rolls, Spring Rolls or Sushi
- Gnocchi - Oyster Sauce Beef with Rice Stick Noodles
- Shiitake Mushroom/Italian Bolognese sauce
- Stir-fried beansprouts
- Traditional French Fare
- Salade de Pommes de Terre
- Poulet en Cocotte
- Mandarin Pancakes
- Ning Moan Gok (Chinese Pillows)
- Stuffed Tomatoes
- Teriyaki Tofu
- Italian Hunter's Chicken
- Hawaiian Loco Moco with Southern Country Fried Steak
- Mushroom Chow Mein
- Stir-fried lettuce
- Ratatouille
- Spring Vegetable
- Jow Wu Deep (Butterfly Cookies)
- Won Ton Soup

Mexican Cuisine: Tamales, TexMex and more!

Hawaiian Inspired dishes: Chicken Long Rice, Kalua Pig, Spam Surprise, Tonkatsu (pork cutlet)

Other classic classes available upon request.

Each cooking program lasts about an hour and all items are provided including instruction, recipes and basic food etiquette lessons. Your patrons will exercise all their senses: smelling, seeing, touching, tasting, and hearing in hands-on cooking. Participants need to be sitting in chairs auditorium style. **Limited to 50 participants.**

COST: \$300.00 per in person program;

4. Virtual & Pre-recorded cooking classes: \$200.00 per virtual zoom program.

([Website: www.mingthemagician.com](http://www.mingthemagician.com))

The Music Lady

Musical Artist

1. **Music Adventure Begins @ Your Library:** Beverly, the Music Lady is ready to share new songs and discover new sounds! Adventurous music, games and fun for all ages. Family concerts are perfect for any event that is family-friendly. Themed shows for holidays are also available. Versatile for any space, inside or outside, and any size crowd.

2. **Imagine Your Story as a Songwriter:** Try something new that could spark a new adventure for your teens. Your teen group can try out a new skill with no prior experience. Beverly Meyer, a skilled songwriter and facilitator, has been leading workshops for teens that participate in Summer Reading for years now. Every group is unique and a certain magic that comes from trying something new happens every time. Workshops work best with at least three participants. 90 Minute sessions.

3. **An Evening with Beverly:** Adults will enjoy an evening of stories and songs of original music. The bluesy folk style of songs, inspired by everyday life experiences, make for an enjoyable evening at the library.

4. **Make Yourself More Musical:** A workshop developed specifically for librarians, educators and those who provide care to children. Beverly imparts her wisdom about incorporating music into story times, programs, and events. Learn tricks to encourage kids to participate... and settle back down! New songs and rhymes, utilizing rhythm instruments, and finding your own style. Imagine the fun!

Michigan Arts and Humanities Council's Touring Directory participant.

COST: \$400.00 per in-person program, plus travel costs from Dearborn, MI.

Live Virtual Shows: 30-minutes; \$250.00 each.

Michigan Arts and Humanities Council's Touring Directory participant. ([Website: www.beverlythemusiclady.com](http://www.beverlythemusiclady.com))

Paleo Joe (*LLC under trade name PaleoShows*)

Paleontologist

Paleontologist, Children's Book Author, Storyteller and yes, a real dinosaur digger will bring his high energy programs that will excite, entertain and educate about DINOSAURS and Paleontology. For over 30 years PaleoJoe has provided programs to kids - of all ages - across the country. His stories about dinosaur dig site adventures and the relationships between dinosaurs is told in a way that keeps kids - and adults - on the edge of their seats. He now is a crew chief for Triceratops digs across the western U.S. Winner of the 2021 Charles H. Sternberg Medal for outstanding lifetime achievement in the field of paleontology, specifically for his efforts in educating the public about Fossils and Dinosaurs. Recently named Associate Curator of Paleontology at Cranbrook Institute of Science furthering his Dinosaur knowledge. High energy programs that will excite, entertain and educate about Dinosaurs and Paleontology.

Children & Family Programs:

- The Adventure Begins Digging Dinosaurs - A spirited program about dinosaur digging across the west. Many different dinosaurs will be discussed and many casts and models will be there to astound and amaze the audience. Partial PowerPoint program with casts and models.

- The Adventure Begins Fishing with a hammer and chisel - In a famous location in South Western Wyoming are the remains of an ancient lake that yields thousands of fish that tell the tale of catastrophe, one after another for millennia. The stories these remains tell are of vast schools of fish as well as other creatures that perished and became locked in stone in near perfect condition revealing their intricate detail. Part of the show is a PowerPoint and actual specimens are brought out as well.
- The Adventure Begins Dinosaur Day with PaleoJoe - This is the most popular of his shows. Showcasing the differences between dinosaurs. Velociraptor and T-Rex casts and models tell the story of these magnificent dinosaurs and their long history. Stories of the ancient Mesozoic his dinosaur life and death stories continue to amaze patrons.
- Trilobite Treasures: Arthropods of the Ancient Seas - PaleoJoe presents these fine Paleozoic creatures in a way that tells a story of the prehistoric life in the ancient seas. He provides a unique snapshot of life in the ancient seas from 250 to 500 million years ago. Finally he explores the life and death of these creatures once so plentiful during the Cambrian period that it was called the Age of Trilobites.
- Fossils of Michigan Basin - Michigan was once the bottom of an ancient salt water tropical sea. Millions of years worth of sediment covered much of the State until glaciers exposed the bottom, the bedrock of the ancient Devonian Seas. See and hear what Michigan was like 385 Million years ago. This is a partial PowerPoint with actual fossil specimens brought in from Michigan's rich fossil deposits.
- The Adventure Begins PaleoJoe digs Triceratops in the Valley of the Triceratops Montana - This is a NEW program. Partial PowerPoint and actual specimens will be used to describe the Valley of the Triceratops where PaleoJoe is Crew Chief for a team of diggers. A real Triceratops vertebra will be unveiled during the show.

Teen & Adult Program: Dinosaur CSI what we know of dinosaurs by the evidence in the ground ----Teen and Adult specific. What we know about the dinosaurs because of the fossils and evidence we find. This is a PowerPoint that is complete with amazing facts, photos, and data about dinosaurs. It really tells a compelling story. This is a shorter version of his program he presents to colleges and Universities, suitable for teen and adults. THIS PROGRAM CAN BE adapted to an ADULT series of several weeks for an ongoing educational series.

COST: \$500.00 per 1-hour program.

3. Virtual Programs Available: Each episode will be 30-45 minutes in length and will cover the importance of reading and writing so that we keep the children reading for the summer. They will be challenged during each show to go to the computer to do more research, to discuss information with parents, and to create lively family discussions.

COST: \$300.00 per show.

Michigan Arts and Humanities Council's Touring Directory participant. ([Website: www.paleojoe.com](http://www.paleojoe.com))

Jim Perkins

Acoustical Musician & Song Writer

Jim is a versatile singer, musician, poet, songwriter and storyteller. An engaging and charismatic entertainer, he has been an integral part of the Michigan folk music scene for many years, playing in just about every possible kind of nook and cranny during his long career.

1. Seamus the Leprechaun! Costumed as a slightly oversized member of the "Wee Folk", Jim offers a selection of Irish songs, tunes and folk tales exploring magical encounters with fairies and such. Traditional Irish instruments such as tin whistle and bodhran (Irish frame drum) are featured as well as a bright green guitar. May include a story of undersea adventure involving mermaids, kelpies, or shape changing seal folk.

2. Appalachian songs and tales of the Scotch Irish hill folk: Mountain dulcimer and clawhammer banjo are featured as well as guitar. We explore how old traditions from the British Isles were preserved among the early American settlers and how they have survived and evolved over time.

3. Songs and Stories for Children of all Ages: Lively songs, funny songs, songs about Magic Wands, Lolly Pop Trees, Spooky old Bogs, and folk tales about Giants and Leprechauns and other cool stuff, and of course, lots of sing along action!

4. Seniorfolk: A lively interactive romp down memory lane. This show is designed to please an older audience, and at the same time be very entertaining to folks of any age. Jazz standards such as "Sit Right Down and Write Myself a Letter", "Sweet Georgia Brown", "As Time Goes By", Country songs like "Sixteen Tons", "Hey Good Lookin", Songs by the likes of Willie Nelson, and Johnny Cash. Early Rock and Roll like "Shake Rattle and Roll" and "Johnny B. Good" along with Folk classics old and new, such as "Goodnight Irene". A sprinkling of Irish wit, lots of entertaining patter, "Irish Eyes", "Danny Boy," "Swing on a Star", and tons of sing along content, usually wrapping up with 100% participation on "God Bless America".

5. Songs from the Heart: Jim has a head full of songs all clamoring to get out. When not led by a theme in a certain direction, he will share with his audience a hefty handful of his favorites... Funny songs, happy songs, sad, introspective ballads, and of course, lots of witty banter and sing along moments. One can never tell what tunes Jim might choose to share, but he favors songs by Willie Nelson, Leonard Cohen, Joni Mitchell, Tom Paxton, and Pete Seeger, intertwined with some of his own creations, and a few classic folk gems originating anywhere from Ireland to Appalachia.

6. Songs and Stories of the Irish Tradition: Join Jim on a musical journey, exploring the rich heritage of Irish songs and folklore. Ballads both sweet and lively, sing along classics, snippets of poetry, storytelling and bits of history are all

intertwined in a magically enchanting performance. A few songs are best sung acapella, in the old traditional style, while most others are backed up on guitar, penny whistle, and on occasion even the ribs of an Irish cow. (The cow is deceased).
COST: \$300.00 per 45-minute program, plus travel fees from Farmington, MI.

7. Finvarra's Wren: Sometimes one musician is just not enough. For a special show for adults, please consider the Irish Traditional Band Finvarra's Wren. Jim is joined by his wife Cheryl on bodhran (Irish hand drum), mountain dulcimer and vocals; his daughter Alison on fiddle, and his son Asher on the button accordion are also available. This highly acclaimed group has toured extensively, playing festivals and concert venues all over the country and beyond.

COST: \$600.00 for a 3-person concert; \$800.00 for a 4-person concert, plus mileage from Farmington, MI.

(<https://www.facebook.com/JimPerkinsMusic>)

Genot "Winter Elk" Picor

Stories, Songs & Creative Movement

1. Stories, Songs & Dances of the Mighty Inland Seas: Genot "Winter Elk" Picor takes his audience on a journey throughout the five Great Lakes. Come sail aboard a schooner. Learn to paddle a canoe. Let's sing a shanty about Niagara Falls, or The Soo. We'll learn the legends of Lake Superior's Water Panther and Why the Wind Always Comes Before the Storm. We can dance to the Michigan Polka and the Joys of Quebec. There's a little something for everyone. This 45-minute program is best suited for ages 7 and up.

COST: \$185.00 per 45-minute in person program, plus mileage from Warren, MI.

VIRTUAL Programs: Live, studio-based program \$300.00.

2. The Too Happy Voyageurs: Genot, along with a violinist (and my guitar accompaniment) will provide live music to the stories, dances and/or creative movement.

- 1. The program for adults can center on the summer reading theme or a theme of the host's choosing.
- 2. Guest vocalist Carrie Grignano is available to join *The Too Happy Voyageurs*™ for added enjoyment and diversity, for both children and adults.
- 3. The repertoire is dependent on the theme of your choosing. We bring all our own sound equipment if need be.

COST: \$375.00 per 45-minute in person program, plus mileage from Warren, MI; Add guest vocalist for a cost of \$480 per in person program, plus mileage from Warren, MI.

3. La Compagnie Muscial Dance Troupe™: This six-piece ensemble includes a multiplicity of instrumentation which includes violin, flute, upright bass, guitar, bodhran, pennywhistle and the human voice. La C's musical repertoire spans over 400 years of selections from traditional music, beginning with the earliest French and Celtic music to come to North America. Songs of the Great Lakes are also included, as well as simple, community dance which is optional. We bring our own sound equipment.

COST: \$800.00 per program, plus mileage from Warren, MI.

Michigan Arts and Humanities Council's Touring Directory participant. ([Website: http://genotpicor.com](http://genotpicor.com))

Pint-Sized Polkas

Musical Program

Who needs Indiana Jones for an adventure when you can have Wisconsin Schneider (a.k.a. Mike Schneider) instead? Mike will bring to your library all the theme-fitting music, magic, comedy, education and fun you can handle in 2024! Mike's music will have your patrons of all ages singing, clapping, and dancing along to songs that tie into 2024's Adventure Begins at Your Library theme. Age-appropriate trivia questions, jokes, and a special edition of name that tune will thrill with adventure, from Amelia Earhart's groundbreaking flight across the Atlantic Ocean, to the race to finish the Transcontinental Railroad, to theme songs from some of the most popular adventure movies and TV shows of all time. Plus, Mike unveils a brand-new magic trick for 2024 as he transforms the contents of an ordinary cup into a staple of goodies for your next camping expedition! Pint Size Polkas is the perfect addition to your library's reading adventure in 2024. It's fun for the whole family! Available in-person and virtually, live or pre-recorded.

COST: \$250 per program, plus mileage and lodging. Expenses are split among participating libraries. Generally, I'm able to offer my in-person program for around \$375 total per program with a commitment of six programs in the Mideastern region over two consecutive days. Virtual programs are \$250 each, livestream or pre-recorded.

([Website: www.pint-sized-polkas.com](http://www.pint-sized-polkas.com))

RepcO Wildlife

Live Animal Programs

REPCO Wildlife Encounters offers an interactive, entertaining, and educational experience with wildlife from around the world. The presenters bring ten unique species with them that the audience can interact with and ask questions about as the presenters tell exciting, educational stories with fun facts about the animals. With over a hundred different species, REPCO's programs can be customized to fit into a wide variety of themes, from summer reading themes to holiday events. Our staff is knowledgeable, professional, reliable, and passionate about sharing our love of wildlife and nature. Our programs usually run about an hour, but we can customize a length of time for your needs. We also offer a variety of themes as well as programs

for special days such as Earth Day. Themes include:

Jurassic Dinosaurs*	Rainforest Species*	Desert Species*	Oceans of Possibility
Native Species*	Around the World*	Invertebrates/Bugs*	Biodiversity*
By Continent*	Pick Your Poison*	Travelling Zoo*	Ecosystems*
Lizards*	Snakes*	Conservation*	Mimicry*
Turtles*	Amphibians*	Endangered Species	Skittles Color Morphathon*

COST: \$325.000 per 60-minute in-person program, plus mileage from Warren, MI.

([Website: www.repcowildlife.com](http://www.repcowildlife.com))

Gordon Russ

Professional Magician

Comedy Adventure Magic Revue: This 45-minute in person magical performance is equipped with a professional sound system, music, magical props, and a wealth of experiences providing a fabulous entertainment for all ages. All you do is provide the audience. The Magic Trunk of Gordon Russ is chock-full of tricks and bursting at the seams with incredible new illusions! **This show has tons of audience participation**, lots of kids come on stage and join the show. When audience members help with the show, they are not just helping with tricks, they are transformed into ushers, paparazzi, even “security”. The Comedy Adventure Magic Revue is truly one-of-a-kind, combining fast-paced fun with lots of audience participation. Perfect for any family event! This kids friendly show is equipped with a professional sound system, fun music, spooky monster magic, and a 100% satisfaction guarantee.

COST: \$495.00 per show. ([Website: https://gordonthemagician.com/](https://gordonthemagician.com/))

Scheer Genius

Professional Magician

Adventures in Reading: This library show is 45 minutes of reading and language arts fun based on magic and books from your library. Kids get motivated to check out books as they learn about the alphabet, nouns, verbs, and adjectives and killer spelling bees. This program is best for school age children and older. Check out this clip from the show:

<https://youtu.be/i9bM1beT3e8?si=s01PUMd-h40JgugE>

COST: \$495.00 per 45-minute in-person, plus mileage from Novi, MI. Discounts available for libraries sharing a day.

Overnight accommodations required for programs over 150 miles from Novi. (10x10 performance space required.)

Michigan Arts and Humanities Council's Touring Directory participant. ([Website: www.AssemblyShows.com](http://www.AssemblyShows.com))

Terrence Shulman

Counseling Workshops

1. **Are You a Hoarder? Understanding and Treating Hoarding Disorder:** This is a 90-minute interactive Power Point presentation that explores the Hoarding disorder. Hoarding disorder finally became officially recognized as a form of mental illness in 2013. It is an insidious problem that takes many different forms and becomes more difficult to treat the longer it goes unchecked. Like an anorexic looking in the mirror who sees an obese person, most hoarders suffer from distorted thinking about the chaos around them—they see some semblance of order—and the relative valueless and useless nature of their stuff—they see indispensable treasures.

2. **Bought Out and Spent! Recovery from Compulsive Shopping and Spending:** Welcome to Shopaholics Anonymous! How much would you have to buy in order to fill the emptiness you feel? Are you allowing others, advertisers and our consumer culture to define you? Do you want to keep working the rest of your life just to afford your lifestyle and expenditures? This 90-minute interactive Power Point presentation explores the Compulsive Shopping & Spending disorder.

3. **Shoplifting and Employee Theft:** The Hidden Epidemics. It's easy in this changing work world and economy to feel like the deck is stacked against you and you'll never get ahead. It's easy to feel like things are unfair and that “they owe me!” But is risking losing your job, your income, your reputation, and your future employability really going to help? Employee theft comes in many forms and degrees as discussed in this 90-minute interactive Power Point workshop.

4. **The Best of Times or the Worst of Times? Coping Effectively with The Various Stresses of The Holiday Season:**

A 90-minute interactive Power Point presentation highlighting positive ways to effectively cope with Holiday stress.

5. **How Honest are You and Your Kids? An Ethical Checklist in Increasingly Complicated Times:** Are kids these days more honest or less honest than a generation or two ago? I hate to break the news to you but research over the last decade suggests they're becoming more dishonest. Why is this? And could it be that the adults are part of the problem? This rare, urgent and empowering 90-minute interactive PowerPoint presentation highlights statistics, theories, and solutions for "flattening the dishonesty curve" taking hold in today's youth who are, after all, our future.

6. **What's Your Love Language? How About Your Loved Ones? Learning the 5 Love Languages:** By now, most have at least heard of "The 5 Love Languages" -- based on author Gary Chapman's 1992 best-selling book. But fewer have read the book and know what the 5 love languages are, and fewer still know how to benefit greatly by understanding and

applying this fun, illuminating, and transformative information. This 90-minute interactive PowerPoint presentation highlights how to understand and apply the 5 love languages (gifts, touch, acts of service, words of affirmation, and quality time) to ourselves, our loved ones, and to the world-at-large!

COST: Each live in-person presentation is \$250.00 plus travel from Franklin, MI.

Each of the listed programs are available as a Live Virtual Programs: \$250.00 per presentation
([Website: www.theshulmancenter.com](http://www.theshulmancenter.com))

Sloan Museum of Discovery (Non-Profit Organization)

Science Programs

Playgroup Friends: The activities of this program are recommended for families and caregivers with children aged 0-4 years-old. Older siblings or family members are welcome to attend and play with their little learners.

- **Sensory Exploration:** Our littlest learners will use their senses and tools to explore a seasonal sensory bin with their grown-up. Families may also choose to make a sensory bottle or sound shaker to take home.

Each 30-minute session is limited to 10 families per session.

COST: \$75.00 for the first session; \$30 for each additional session on the same day, at the same location, plus travel fees from Flint, MI.

Pre-K Play! Audience: 4 – 7 years old. Kids in these play groups will explore math and science through stories, songs, and projects while learning to create and play together. Options include:

- **Big Friends:** In the story, Big Friends, two friends have a grand time with their imagination and some cardboard boxes. What happens when someone new wants to play with them? Find out while building and playing with your own cardboard creations.
- **Water Explorers:** Explore water properties as you investigate objects that sink or float, retrieve a special underwater treasure, and build a boat that floats on water.
- **Pirate Party:** Arrr you ready for a Pirate Adventure? Go on a measurement hunt, make a pirate ship that will hold a pile of cannon balls, and create you own treasure map.

Each 60-minute session is limited to 25 participants per session.

COST: \$150.00 for the first session; \$60.00 for each additional session on the same day, at the same location, plus travel fees from Flint, MI.

Space Explorer! Audience 4-12 year olds. Ready for an out-of-this world adventure? Explore the Solar System while making a soar energy detector, a beautiful moon phase project, a planet necklace, and other fun hands-on activities.

Each 60-minute session is limited to 25 participants per session.

COST: \$150.00 for the first session; \$60.00 for each additional session on the same day, at the same location, plus mileage from Flint, MI.

Wizards, Wands and Potions! Audience 8-12 year olds. Step into another world of wizards and witches. Cauldrons will bubble and potions will change color. Is it magic or chemistry? Build your own light-up wand and squish your fingers into ghost brains.

Each 60-minute session is limited to 25 participants per session.

COST: \$150.00 for the first session; \$60.00 for each additional session on the same day, at the same location, plus travel from Flint, MI.

Other Programs available for Winter, Spring & Fall programming. R2K Rockets, Crazy Contraptions, Galactic Goo, Ice Cream and many other STEM-based activities. Ask for details.

COST: \$150.00 per session, \$60.00 for each additional session, plus travel fees from Flint, MI.

([Website: https://sloanlongway.org/schooldaytakeout/](https://sloanlongway.org/schooldaytakeout/))

Sandor & Emily Slomovits

Musical Programs for Adults

The father/daughter duo of San and Emily Slomovits have been playing music together since Emily was a young child. San and his brother Laz, as the duo Gemini, have been a popular folk music act in Michigan and throughout the US since 1973, and Emily began joining them on stage when she was just eight years old. Emily's now 29 and is becoming a fixture on the Midwest folk music circuit with her performances with her dad and many other musicians. Between them the father/daughter duo play guitar, violin and the "bones" and blend their beautiful voices in genetically smooth harmonies.

1. **Going On An Adventure — in Song and Story:** Songs and instrumental music from many countries and cultures from around the world; from familiar light classical pieces, traditional and contemporary American folk, light-hearted pop songs, jazz standards, songs from the British Isles, Celtic fiddle tunes, Klezmer pieces from Eastern Europe, songs from South America in Spanish, and even a song from China. Suggested for audiences ages 10 to seniors.

- 2. **From Broadway, with Love — Classic Songs from Musicals:** Featuring well-loved songs from musicals such as Oklahoma, The Fantasticks, The Music Man, The Sound of Music, Fiddler on the Roof, and Oliver. Come hear — and sing along with! — “Edelweiss,” “Sunrise, Sunset,” “Getting to Know You,” “Try to Remember” and more. Add in movie-musical songs such as “Somewhere Over the Rainbow,” “Blue Skies,” and “I Got Rhythm,” and “Oh, What a Beautiful Morning (Afternoon or Evening)” it will be! Suggested for audiences ages 14 to seniors.

- **COST:** \$400.00 per in-person program; \$500.00 for programs more than two hours from Ann Arbor, MI.
Requires space for the two performers to be able to stand in front of a 6-8 foot table, loaded with instruments!
- **5. Virtual Program:** Both programs are available as a virtual event.
COST: \$300.00 per virtual program. (**Website:** <https://sandorslomovits.com> or <https://www.emilyslomovits.com>)

Don & Karen Snoeyink

Thornapple Woodlands, LLC

Program contents and communication style will reflect the age of the audience. Children ages 6 and up are fascinated by our programs. Teen/Tweens enjoy our programs for style and content. Adult only programs are highly acclaimed.

1. **Honey Bee Adventures:** Learn the three types of bees in a hive and their respective roles. Witness the life cycle of the honey bee and how bees gather nectar from flowers and turn it into honey. Understand how honey is harvested and why it is used for more than just putting on toast. Find answers to questions like, “how do bees pollinate?” and “what is the importance of pollination for our food supply?” All this and more in an entertaining and educational presentation performed by Thornapple Woodlands, LLC beekeeper/presenter, Don Snoeyink, who loves speaking about honey bees.

- Taste “the nectar of the gods” - honey direct from our hives.
- Make a hand rolled beeswax candle to take home and enjoy. **Limit 100 candle makers per presentation.**
- View live honey bees in the safe, controlled environment of an observation hive.

2. **Magnificent Maple Syrup:** Have you ever tried maple syrup on vanilla ice cream? Now you can! After a fun, fast paced maple syrup presentation by backyard maple syrup producer/presenter Don Snoeyink, you will find out how good maple syrup can be on vanilla ice cream! Don will share his favorite Native American legend about maple syrup. He will teach what sap is, where to find it, and how to turn it into sweet maple syrup. Don will explain the progression from the old ways of making maple syrup to our modern processes and he will teach how to identify a maple tree with its leaves on or without them. Participants develop a new appreciation for nature, and, a highlight for many, get their first ever taste of maple syrup on vanilla ice cream! **Limited to 175 participants.**

3. **Explore the Basics of Fishing** Many people have an interest in the sport of fishing, but often don’t know where to start. This presentation will help participants feel confident about their choices of an all-around fishing rod and reel, fish line strength needed and hook size or lure choices for the types of fishing they will be doing. The program covers the basics of fishing for panfish (bluegills, sunfish, crappie and perch etc.) to larger species like bass and pike. Learn a few basic knots for attaching a hook or lure to the line or for tying two lines together. There will be casting tips for beginners and some basic teachings on where to find fish in the different seasons of the year. Learn which size and type of fish are best to catch and release and which size and type are good to eat. Knowing how to hold various types of fish is important to protect both fisher and fish. If time and interest allow, there will even be a bit of ice fishing information regarding safety on ice and how to find fish in winter. Obtain some great fish cleaning tips for turning the catch into a meal. All these topics and more will be covered in an educational and enjoyable presentation by Don Snoeyink, a lifelong lover of fishing with over 50 years of fishing experience. All participants receive one stick bobber and two small hooks and two sinkers for pan fishing. This program is appropriate for ages 12 and older.

4. **Fishing on Ice:** Ice fishing is amazing. It is way more than sitting on a bucket freezing your hands and feet as you wait for a fish to show up. Presenter and ice fishing fanatic Don Snoeyink teaches the basics of ice fishing. Learn how to dress appropriately to stay warm, what tackle you will need, and where to find fish in wintertime. Plus, understand how to “read” the ice conditions to maximize your safety and enjoyment while walking on a frozen lake. All participants receive one ice fishing lure for panfish. This program appropriate for ages 12 and older

COST: \$400.00 per 1-hour in person program, plus travel fees from Grand Rapids, MI. (\$350.00 plus mileage for Saturday events) Discounts apply for booking multiple shows in one day. (**Website:** <http://thornapplewoodlands.com>)

Advertising write-up and pictures available for your promotional convenience.

Jenifer Strauss

Storyteller, Narrative Consultant & Author

For over 30 years, Jen has created library programs for children, adults and teens using the National Summer Reading theme. A former teacher, Jen discovered the power of story to motivate and inspire her students. In 1993, she created her business, Story Be Told and has been enriching over 300 audiences a year with her own unique brand of energy-injected performances, workshops, trainings and keynotes.

1. **Adventures in Story** Come Listen, Sing, Act-It-Out & Play our way through exciting story adventures we create together! Join Storyteller, Jen Strauss for this Narrative Adventure designed for school-age kids and their families who are ready to explore puppets, props, and play in new and expressive ways!

COST: \$400.00 per in person program; \$300.00 per virtual pre-recorded program.

2. **Adventures in Mystery!** Have you heard of Unsolved Mysteries. Now is your chance to play! Join Storyteller, Jen Strauss for a Suspenseful Competition to Find Clues! In this hour-long program, participants will solve riddles, unravel minute mysteries and follow clue trails to solve crimes for prizes! This is a Summer Reading Workshop designed for inquisitive minds & created intentionally for teens. Workshop created intentionally for teens.

COST: \$400.00 per in person program; \$300.00 per virtual pre-recorded program.

3. **Adventures in Writing Workshop:** Have you ever wanted to explore your life story? Have you ever wanted to write or record your family stories to pass along to future generations? This workshop is for you! Join, Storyteller and Narrative Consultant, Jen Strauss for her Personal Narrative Workshop called Turning Points.

COST: \$400.00 per 60-minute in person workshop; \$300.00 per virtual program.

(Website: www.StoryBeTold.com) Michigan Arts and Humanities Council's Touring Directory participant.

Joel Tacey

Comedy & Juggling

1. **Indiana Joel's Magical Comedy Show – All New for 2024!** Climb, run, and leap into reading with Indiana Joel's Magic Show! Adventure books of all sorts are brought to life with amazing magic, wacky stunts, upbeat music, and lots of audience participation. Indiana Joel's Magic Show is the perfect youth program to kick-off, energize, or wrap-up your Summer Reading Program!

COST: \$525.00 per 45-minute in-person show.

2. **Mobile NERF Games:** Patrons will run, dodge, and dive as they try to out-wit and out-blast the competition during Mobile NERF Games! From 'Capture the Flag' to 'Eliminator' to the 'Protect the VIP,' players will put their physical and mental skills to the test with several game styles perfect for any size group or venue, indoors or out. We provide all NERF equipment including blasters, darts, team vests, safety goggles, obstacles, and targets along with a friendly Host who will set-up, tear-down, and referee all of the exciting NERF action! **Limited to 50 attendees, ages 6 and older.**

COST: \$525.00 per 1-hour event.

3. **The Extreme Duct Tape Workshop:** Our friendly host makes it easy for all ages to make & take incredible duct tape creations! Patrons will create colorful bookmarks, bracelets, wallets, purses, pouches, and more. We provide HUNDREDS rolls of different kinds of duct tape, custom templates, safety scissors, and all necessary supplies. I tape, you tape, we all LOVE to duct tape! Workshop cost includes all duct tape, safety scissors, and templates. **Limited to 50 attendees.**

Attendees under 5 need an adult helper.

COST: \$525.00 per 60-minute program. **(Website: www.librarylaughs.com)**

Alex Thomas & Friends

Puppetry & Animation

1. **Interactive Puppet Shows:** Our interactive show is an engaging and entertaining experience that brings puppets to life and invites audience members to actively participate in the performance. This show is designed for audiences of all ages who are ready to be captivated by the magic of puppetry. Meet a lively and lovable puppet character with a unique personality that that will captivate the audience from the moment they appear on stage. What sets this show apart is its interactive nature. Throughout the performance, audience members are encouraged to engage with the puppet, becoming an integral part of the story. They may be invited to help solve a problem, participate in a puppet dance, or even have a conversation with the puppet character. This interactive element creates a sense of wonder and excitement, as the audience becomes fully immersed in the puppet world. The show features a variety of entertaining and educational segments. From comedic sketches to heartwarming stories, each puppet performance is carefully created to entertain and inspire, providing a joyful and memorable experience for all. **Spacing Requirements:** Designated indoor area for our 10ft by 5ft stage with floor or chair seating in front for the audience, access to an outlet, and one table.

COST: \$450.00 per 90-minute program, plus travel from Taylor, MI.

2. **Shadow Puppetry Workshop:** Participants will learn the art of designing and crafting their own shadow puppets. They will be guided through the process of cutting, shaping and assembling the puppets, ensuring that each one is unique and reflective of their own creative vision. Once the puppets are completed, participants will learn the techniques of shadow play and manipulation. They will explore the effects of light and shadow play, discovering how to create different moods and atmospheres using their puppets. Through experimentation and practice, participants will develop the skills to bring their puppets to life and create dynamic and visually stunning shadow performances. Suitable for participants 8 and older. (Can be used as a parent-child event for participants aged 3-7). **Maximum 30 participants. Spacing Requirements:** 2 tables for our equipment, and enough tables & chairs for the participants to sit at while receiving instruction, access to an outlet.

COST: \$450.00 per 1.5-hour program, plus travel from Taylor, MI.

3. **Marionette Building & Performing Workshop:** This workshop is a unique and immersive experience that invites participants to delve into the enchanting world of puppetry. Under the guidance of experienced puppeteers, participants will learn the step-by-step process of marionette building. Once the marionettes are complete, participants will be guided through the art of puppet manipulation and performance. They will learn the proper technique for controlling the strings, bringing their marionettes to life with graceful movements and expressive gestures. Through interactive exercises and improvisation, participants will gain confidence in their puppeteering skills and discover the joy of storytelling through their marionettes. Suitable for participants 8 and older. **Maximum 30 participants. Spacing Requirements:** 2 tables for our equipment, and enough tables & chairs for the participants to sit at while receiving instruction, access to an outlet.

COST: \$450.00 per 1.5-hour program, plus travel from Taylor, MI.

4. **TV Puppetry Workshop:** Participants will learn how to puppeteer and use a monitor in the style of puppetry

developed by Jim Henson for performance on film, and television productions. Participants will have the chance to test their skills at puppet eye focus, lip sync, and movement! Suitable for adults, teens, tweens, and youths ages 8 and up. **Maximum 20 participants. Spacing Requirements:** 4 tables for our equipment, and enough chairs for the participants to sit at while receiving instruction, access to an outlet.

COST: \$425.00 per 1-hour program, plus travel from Taylor, MI.

5. Sculpture Workshop: Participants will sculpt step-by-step with the instructor, their own individual polymer clay sculpture. **Maximum 20 participants. Spacing Requirements:** 2 tables for our equipment, and enough tables & chairs for the participants to sit at while receiving instruction, access to an outlet.

COST: \$425.00 per 75-minute program, plus travel from Taylor, MI.

6. Claymation Animation Workshop: Participants will explore the fascinating process of claymation as they learn the tools and skills necessary to make their own claymation films. Great STEAM program. Suitable for adults, teens, tweens, and youths ages 8 and up. **Maximum 20 participants. Spacing Requirements:** 4 tables for our equipment, and enough chairs for the participants to sit at while receiving instruction, access to an outlet.

COST: \$425.00 per 1-hour program, plus travel from Taylor, MI.

7. Stop-Motion Animation Workshop: Every participant will create their very own custom stop-motion animation and bring it to life through the magic of stop-motion animation. Participants can choose from a variety of puppet templates or create one of their own! Participants will work together to create a series of animated scenes that follow the theme of Adventure. Includes a free DVD of all the animation for each participant. Great STEAM program. Suitable for adults, teens, tweens, and youths ages 8 and up. **Maximum 20 participants. Spacing Requirements:** 4 tables for our equipment, and enough chairs for the participants to sit at while receiving instruction, access to an outlet.

COST: 475.00 per 2-hour program, plus travel from Taylor, MI.

8. Pixilation Animation Workshop: Participants will create a stop-motion, group-animated project where everybody works together to create a live animated video starring the participants. Pixilation is a live action, experimental form of stop-motion animation where the people are the puppets! Great STEAM program. Suitable for adults, teens, tweens, and youths ages 8 and up. **Maximum 20 participants. Spacing Requirements:** Designated open area or room in the library, 1 table for our equipment, and access to an outlet.

COST: \$425.00 per 2-hour program, plus travel from Taylor, MI.

9. Special Effects Make-up Demonstration: Special Effects Artists will explain the process of creating special effects make-up, such as cuts, scars, burns, bruises, and more, on their own skin. Step-by-step, participants will be walked through the materials and processes needed to create adhesives and other special items, along with details to create make-up magic. This is a demonstration / information show where all the steps will be shown to the audience.

COST: \$425.00 per 90-minute program, plus mileage from Taylor, MI.

(Website: www.alexthomasandfriends.com)

Jeff Wawrzaszek

Professional Magician

1. Page-Turning Prestiditization: Magic Adventures at Your Library: 793.8 is a very magical number. That's where this adventures begins... A magic book discovered in that section of the library captured Jeff Wawrzaszek's attention and launched a career. Five decades, and well over 18,000 children's and family performances later, libraries are his absolute favorite venue in which to perform. Contagious enthusiasm for Books, Libraries, and Magic is the result of every performance when Jeff presents his magic show for your readers next summer. Opening the show with the very first trick he learned from a library book, Jeff will "rope in" your readers and hold their attention for a full 45 minutes of pure, imaginative magic, hilarious visual humor, and terrific audience interaction that is guaranteed to charm every age group. Award winning magic, some very creative reading routines and a featured magic trick designed around the summer reading theme are woven into this timeless program that has become a favorite for library and family audiences nationwide.

Special Bonus for In-Person Shows – A FREE Collectible Magic Trick for Each Child in Attendance. Every year, Jeff spends countless hours creating a FREE souvenir magic trick designed around the national summer reading theme. Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind summer reading bonus that your readers will absolutely love sharing with family and friends.

2. The A2 Magic World Workshop - Elementary Level - They won't believe their eyes when your young, budding wizards present the simply amazing, yet amazingly simple, magic tricks that they'll learn in *A2 Magic's "Magic Workshop" - Elementary Level*. Jeff Wawrzaszek has taught thousands of kids the fine art of magic. Jeff brings 5 decades of professional experience to your library, teaching your readers a variety of amazing illusions that they can present anywhere. Their faces will light up as they learn some simple "sleight-of-hand," astonishing mind reading stunts, and some very cool, rarely seen tricks with common items like ropes, rubber bands, crayons and money. *All material in this workshop has been gleaned from hundreds of magic books found in many Michigan libraries, emphasizing the magical treasures within their reach. Beautifully illustrated instructions, and colorful props and materials for students to keep, are included in the great low price!* Perfect for your summer reading program or year-round library fun. A very popular program choice for your Winter and Spring Break events as well. These programs always fill up! Your readers will love this class – **GUARANTEED!** Perfect for your summer reading program or year-round library fun. A very popular program choice for your Winter and

Spring Break events as well. **Limited to 30 students ages 6-12 years.**

3. The A2 Magic Workshop – Teen Level: How do you squeeze countless hours of research and 50 years of professional experience into a fun-filled, one-hour magic class?... Where do you find all the special props and materials that make up the neat and complete “Magic Kits” your readers will take home with them?... Who’s going to produce the clearly illustrated, well written instructions that will allow each student to review what they learned long after the class is over?... The solution is simple...Just relax and enjoy the credit for bringing *A2 Magic’s “Magic Workshop” - Teens and “Tweens” Level* to your library. It’s an amazing program that will give your teens and “tweens” crowd “Jedi Status” in the art of magic. Students will learn several easy-to-master tricks commonly used by many of today’s top professional magicians. Teens love this program and will have a blast demonstrating the newly developed skills they’ll learn in this stellar magic class designed especially for them.

COST: \$450.00 per 1-hour in-person program, plus travel fees from Ann Arbor, MI. Super Saver rates available for multiple programs booked .

1. The VIRTUAL Magic Workshop – Virtual programming as it was meant to be... **Ages 8 and Up.**

The secret to successful virtual programming is to make it *very* interactive. Years in development, refined in quarantine, here is a magic workshop like no other! Combining some original effects along with his top 10 picks from over 200 magic books found in your own Michigan libraries, Jeff Wawrzaszek has created an awesomazing magic workshop that perfectly fits the “virtual” format like a hand in a glove. Added value (in 3 stages) that you and your readers will love and appreciate

- Before - Enjoy a fun activity and a mini-scavenger hunt even before the workshop begins. Kids will download, print and cut out 3 beautifully crafted pages of materials that will make up the custom props used in this awesomazing workshop. These special props, along with a few simple items found around the house, will stimulate their curiosity and create eager anticipation before the class begins.
- During - They’ll have a blast learning several truly astonishing miracles using the very cool materials they prepared in advance.
- After – FREE set of clearly illustrated instructions available by download. Kids will certainly want these additional pages to review and remember all the great tricks they learned in this amazing virtual magic workshop.

The Virtual Magic Workshop is presented on the Zoom webinar platform offering “front row seating” to a greater number of participants (up to 500 devices). As it is a virtual program, greater emphasis will be placed on the demonstration and instruction of the tricks allowing more material to be covered in a shorter period of time.

COST: Virtual Programs: \$450.00 for a single library; \$475.00 for a library with multiple locations; recordings left on website or Facebook – additional \$100.00 per day.

(Website: www.a2magic.com)

Cameron Zvara

Comedy Magician & Entertainer

1. Bring Cameron Zvara’s 45-minute Comedy Magic Show to your library! Cameron’s show is filled with mind-blowing magic, clean comedy, juggling, music, and TONS of audience participation. Cameron will supply everything he needs to perform including his own props, equipment, backdrop, & PA system.

COST: \$525.00 per 45-minute live in-person program, plus travel fees from Cameron’s office. Discounts available for multiple shows booked on the same day.

2. Cameron Zvara LIVE Online! Cameron’s Zoom show is unlike any virtual program your library has ever hosted! Cameron’s virtual show is performed LIVE on Zoom & encourages family members of all ages to participate, interact, & more importantly.... have fun! Cameron’s show is filled with mind-blowing magic, clean comedy, music & top-notch virtual effects! *Please note: All virtual shows are performed live & take place on Zoom. Cameron’s Zoom account hosts up to 100 devices per show. The amount of devices hosted per show can be increased for a small additional fee.*

COST: \$525.00 per Live Virtual program.

(Website: www.cameronzvara.com)

Additional performers, as suggested by members or that MMLC has worked with over the years:

- **A Reasonable Facsimile: Anne & Rob Burns, Renaissance Enactors** <http://www.reasonablefax.com/>
- **Cemetary Historic Preservation: Dr. Thomas Henthorn** email: henthorn@umich.edu
- **Cirque AmongUs** www.cirqueamongus.com
- **Bevin Cohen, Small House Farm** (Seed Saving Program; Making Teas, Tinctures & Oils; Foraging) <https://www.smallhousefarm.com>
- **Michael Deren, The Past in Person** <http://www.pastinperson.com/>
- **Matt Emerick** www.debandmate.com
- **Susan Harrison (Palamazoo Puppets & Bluzy Susie)** <https://palamazoo.com/>
- **Leslie Science & Nature Center, Bat Biology & Nocturnal Life**

- **Organize Your World** <https://www.findmyorganizer.com/profile.b.507.r.50861.u.81ef92.html>
- **Painterly Pottery, LLC** www.painterlypottery.net
- **Raion Taiko Japanese Drumming Ensemble** <https://michigantaiko.net/>
- **William Schulert “Baffling Bill the Magician”** www.bafflingbillmagic.com
- **Jeffrey Smith, Smart Phone photography** <https://jeffreysmithphoto.com/photo-workshop/>
- **The Spoonman Jim Cruise** <https://getspooned.com/>
- **Dianna Stampfler, Promote Michigan** www.PromoteMichigan.com *Requires an LCD projector be provided.*
- **Stevens Puppets** <http://stevenspuppets.com>
- **Ara Topouzian & the Music of the Middle East** <https://aratopouzian.com/>
- **Anshu Varma**
- **Wildlife Safari** <https://www.theanimalguy.org/>
- **Shani Womack, Jamaican Storyteller** <http://www.shaniwomack.com/>

Michigan Humanities Touring Artist Directory
<https://www.michiganhumanities.org/connect-with-an-artist/>

2024 Theme: Adventure

Slogan: Adventure Begins at Your Library

Artist: Juana Martinez-Neal

2025 Theme: Art

Slogan: Color Our World

2026 Theme: Dinosaurs

Slogan: Unearth a Story

2027 Theme: Mystery/Detective/Suspense