

MMLC Preferred Performer List
October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026
Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) Theme:
Dinosaurs, Paleontology, and Archaeology
Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) Slogan:

Unearth a Story
<https://www.cslpreads.org>

2027 Theme: Mystery/Detective/Suspense
Slogan: *Mysteries Await @ Your Library*

2028 Theme: Mythical Creatures
Slogan: *Libraries are Legendary*

2029 Theme: Nature

The ARK Animal Encounters

Children's Live Animal Presentation

Limit 50 participants per session.

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/TheARK.AnimalEncounters/>

Audrey Allison

Children and Adult Story Artist

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

Backyard Birds & Beyond

Adult Birding Presentations

Website: www.backyardbirdsandbeyond.com

Baffling Bill the Magician

Professional Magician & Illusion Artist

Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) participant.

Website: www.bafflingbillmagic.com

Peter Bergin

Adult Concert Pianist Presentations

Requires a 10' x 10' area for set-up.

Website: www.berginmusic.com

Bubbleman

Bubble Programs

A cool indoor area, free from drafts, including air vents and fans, and a small table are required for this program.

Requires a grass or paved area and access to water for outdoor events.

Website: <http://bubblemanron.com>

Larry Castleberry

Martial Arts Instructor and Storyteller

Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) participant.

Website: www.larrycastleberry.com

Rosie Chapman

Storyteller

Virtual Performances Only

Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) participant.

Website: <https://www.blogger.com/profile/04705501712197483988>

Chippewa Nature Center

A variety of nature programs available

Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) participant.

<https://www.chippewanaturecenter.org/programs-for-adult-groups>

Mark Crilley

How to Draw Manga & Graphic Novels Workshop

Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) participant.

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

Dancing Crane

Soap Making, Lotions & Lip Balms; Native American Crafts

Adults & Teens over age 15 only. Limited to 20 students.

Access to a microwave required for some workshops. All supplies included.

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/dancingcranesoapsandsundries/>

Wanda Degen

Children & Adult Musical Artist & Educator

The Mountain Dulcimer Program is limited to 30 participants per program. Ages 8 & older.

Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) participant.

Website: www.wandadegen.com

Drummunity

Rhythm & Drums Program

Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) participant.

Website: www.drummunity.com

Dynamic School Assemblies

Professional Company who represents many performers

Website: www.dynamicwest.com

Gemini

Children & Adult Musical Programs

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

Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) participant.

Website: <http://geminichildrensmusic.com>

Howell Nature Center

Children's Live Animal Presentations

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

Website: www.howellnaturecenter.org

Magic by Jania

Professional Magician & Historical Women's Program

Website: www.magicbyjaniamagic.com

Ming the Magnificent

Professional Magician & Chef

Magic Shows limited to 100 participants.

Cooking Presentations limited to 50 participants.

Website: www.mingthefamagician.com

The Music Lady

Children & Adult Musical Artist

Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) participant.

Website: www.beverlythemusiclady.com

Paleo Joe *(LLC under trade name PaleoShows)*

Paleontologist

Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) participant.

Website: www.paleojoe.com

Genot “Winter Elk” Picor

Stories, Songs & Creative Movement

Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) participant.

Website: <https://genotpicor.com>

Gordon Russ

Professional Magician

Website: <https://gordonthemagician.com/>

Scheer Genius

Professional Magician

10x10 performance space required.

Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) participant.

Website: www.AssemblyShows.com

Terrence Shulman

Adult Counseling Workshops: Hoarding; Shoplifting; Compulsive Shopping

Website: www.theshulmancenter.com

Sloan Museum of Discovery *(Non-Profit Organization)*

Science Programs

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

Website: <https://sloanlongway.org/schooldaytakeout/>

Sandor & Emily Slomovits

Musical Programs for Adults

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

Website: <https://sandorslomovits.com> or <https://www.emilyslomovits.com>

Don & Karen Snoeyink

Thornapple Woodlands, LLC

Honey Bee Programs; Maple Syrup Programs; Fishing Programs

Website: <http://thornapplewoodlands.com>

Jenifer Strauss

Children & Adult Storyteller, Narrative Consultant & Author

Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) participant.

Website: www.StoryBeTold.com

Joel Tacey

Children & Adult Magical Comedy Shows

Mobile NERF Games **Limited to 50 attendees, ages 6 and older.**

Website: www.librarylaughs.com

Alex Thomas & Friends

Interactive Puppet Shows Puppetry

Shadow Puppetry & Marionette Building Workshops: 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.

TV Puppetry, Sculpture, Claymation, Stop-Motion & Pixilation Animation Workshops: Suitable for adults, teens, tweens, and youths ages 8 and up. **Maximum 20 participants.**

Special Effects Make-up Demonstration program

Website: www.alexthomasandfriends.com

Jeff Wawrzaszek

Professional Magician

Elementary Magic Workshops: **Limited to 30 students ages 6-12 years.**

Website: www.a2magic.com

Cameron Zvara

Comedy Magician & Entertainer

Website: www.cameronzvara.com

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

- **A Reasonable Facsimile: Anne & Rob Burns, Renaissance Enactors** <http://www.reasonablefax.com/>
- **The Basket Sampler** <https://www.thebasketsampler.com/>
- **Tracy Aldrich, Pleasant Nightmares: Vintage Spook Show Presentation**
- **Cemetery Historic Preservation: Dr. Thomas Henthorn** email: henthorn@umich.edu
- **Kelly Church, Native American Black Ash Basketry** <https://www.woodlandarts.com/>
- **Cirque AmongUs** www.cirqueamongus.com
- **Bevin Cohen, Small House Farm** (Seed Saving Program; Making Teas, Tinctures & Oils; Foraging)
<https://www.smallhousefarm.com>
- **Emily Cord Duthinh, *Finding Edith: Surviving the Holocaust in Plain Sight*** email: Eduthinh@yahoo.com
- **Michael Deren, The Past in Person** <http://www.pastinperson.com/>
- **Tim Ellis, Creaking Door Paranormal: Hauntings, Legends & Creepy Things** <https://www.facebook.com/tim.ellis.9/>
- **David Hall, Marimbamania** <https://www.facebook.com/Marimbamania/>
- **Susan Harrison, Palamazoo Puppets & Bluzy Susie** <https://palamazoo.com/>
- **Sarah Hatter, Genealogy Research** email: sehatter83@yahoo.com
- **John Ball Zoo Traveling Zoo** <https://jbzoo.org/>
- **Leslie Science & Nature Center, Bat Biology & Nocturnal Life** <https://discoverscienceandnature.org/outreach>
- **Anna Marck, *Women of the Watch: Female Lighthouse Keepers*** email: anna.kamryn@gmail.com
- **Andrew & Wendy Mutch, *Michigan Kit Houses*** <https://www.kithousehunters.com/>
- **Gail Offen & Jon Milan, *Classic Michigan Food & Drink: The Stories behind the Brands***
- **Organize Your World** <https://www.findmyorganizer.com/profile.b.507.r.50861.u.81ef92.html>
- **Painterly Pottery, LLC** www.painterlypottery.net
- **Corey Seeman, Managing Digital Images & Other Digital Photography programs**
<https://www.squirreldude.com/photography-programs>
- **Judy Sima, Author & Writing Artist** <https://www.judysima.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>
- **Anshu Varma, Henna Workshops** email: Anshuvarma2312@gmail.com
- **Wings of Wonder, Raptor programs** www.wingsofwonder.org
- **Shani Womack, Jamaican Storyteller** <http://www.shaniwomack.com/>
- **Tom Woodruff, Great Lakes Illustration Workshops** <https://www.tomwoodruffdesigns.com/>

Grant Opportunities & Teaching Artist Database:

Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA)

2024-25 Performers Contact Information

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