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2014
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Contact: Mark J. DeMaio
Address: 9907 Piney Point Cir., Orlando, FL 32825
Phone: 407-446-4939
E-mail: mark@3rdwheel.org
Website: http://www.3rdwheel.org
Cost: $250, plus travel
Length: 45-60 minutes
Ages: All Ages
Regions: All

Some different things we’ve done:
* Monthly/Weekly Drum Circles
* Drum Clubs/Classes
* Assemblies/Performances
* African Style - Cultural/Life-skills Storytelling
* Day Long Workshops (specialized rhythms or dances)
* Team Building for Staff
* Music ‘n Movement (for young learners)
* Drum With Me Baby (for very young learners)
* Mix-n-Match any idea above or create a program just for your event.

A Nation Once More

Contact: Gary Vidito
Address: PO Box 24, Cox’s Creek, KY 40013
Phone: 502-349-3204
E-mail: garyv01@bardstowncable.net
Website: http://www.garyvidito.com
Cost: $335 - travel cost may apply
Length: 1 hour, adjusted +/- to suit event
Ages: All Ages
Regions: All

Gary Vidito combines his love of music and history with his desire to help students and adults understand the importance of history. Whether it’s the Civil War in “A Nation Once More”, World War II in “WWII: A Survivor’s Story” or the Statue of Liberty, the Flag and Mt. Rushmore in “Symbols of Freedom”, Gary keeps his audience captivated with stories, songs and humor. Gary’s enthusiasm and personal and professional style makes him a favorite of students and adults alike.

allkidspanish

Contact: Joanna Bucaro
Address: 516 Walking Fern Loop, Deland, FL 32720
Phone: 321-460-2844
E-mail: joanna.bucaro@gmail.com
Website: http://www.allkidspanish.com
Cost: $125 Bilingual Story Time English/Spanish
$300 Children’s Interactive Diversity Corner
Length: Bilingual Storytime English/Spanish
$300 Children’s Interactive Diversity Corner
Ages: Preschool, Kindergarten & Elementary
Regions: Central Florida counties Orange, Seminole, and Volusia.

Backintyme

Contact: Mary Lee Sweet
Address: 30 Medford Dr. Palm Coast, FL 32137
Phone: 386-439-9413
E-mail: MLSweet@backintyme.com
Website: http://www.backintyme.com
Cost: Negotiable fees of $350-$600, plus travel & lodging
Length: 45-60 minutes
Ages: All Ages
Regions: All regions

Backintyme uses the art of storytelling and the emotion of music to illuminate the history and folklore of Florida and the United States. The banjo and folk percussion instruments playing 19th Century music transport audiences back to another time when life was different. Available programs include stories and music of the American Civil War, Holidays, Irish tales, Stephen Foster, Abraham Lincoln, Mark Twain and 19th Century children’s stories and songs. Programs can be customized upon request.

Atlantic Coast Theatre (A.C.T.) For Youth

Contact: Don Gruel
Address: 8297 Champions Gate Blvd #188
Champions Gate, Fl 33896
Phone: 863-242-8656
Website: http://www.atlantic-coast-theatre.com
Cost: Shows range in cost from $500-$625 per performance, depending on location and number of shows booked. We do offer discounts for “Block Bookings” with multiple libraries in an area

Length: Most Shows are 40-55 minutes. We also offer a special 30 minute version of our CINDERELLA AT THE SOCK HOP show.

Ages: Children
Regions: Statewide

ALICE ROCKS WONDERLAND - A “Rock Musical” adaptation of Alice’s adventures.
RUMPELSTILTSKIN - Performed in the hilarious style of Italian Commedia Del’Arte.
THE PIED BAG-PIPER OF HAMELIN - The traditional story set in the Scottish Highlands...with dancing rats.
CINDERELLA AT THE SOCK HOP - Rock around the clock with Cindy in this 1950’s comedy musical.
OUR AMERICA - Tall Tale heroes perform songs and stories from Multi-cultural America.
THE ELVES & THE SHOEMAKER - A new holiday musical based on the Grimm’s story.
THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS - The adventures of Mr. Toad and his friends Ratty & Mole.

Amazing Antics of Todd Kay

Contact: Todd Kay
Address: 5818 Clearview Dr. Orlando, Fl 32819
Phone: 407-376-4239
Website: http://www.ToddKaymagic.wordpress.com
Cost: $250, plus travel
Length: 45-60 minutes
Ages: All Ages
Regions: All

Looking for a versatile entertainer to present a fun summer program or work the crowd at an SRP kick off event? Then I’m your guy! My talents include comedy, magic, mime, juggling, balancing, balloon art, and giving those who hire me their money’s worth and more. Did I mention I’m reasonably priced, too?
Barbara Bailey Hutchison
Contact: Chris Dallas
Address: PO Box 22514, Nashville, TN 37202
Phone: 615-202-0281
E-mail: chrisdallas3@gmail.com
Website: http://BBSings.com
Length: 45-60 minutes
Ages: Children
Regions: All

This Grammy Award winning singer songwriter involves her audience in a high energy, VERY interactive concert featuring reading and the fun of exploring the library. Every song elicits willing and enthusiastic participation.

Bill & Eli Perras
Contact: Bill Perras
Address: 130 Lucie Ave. DeLand, FL 32720
Phone: 386-747-9820
E-mail: hearusout@yahoo.com
Website: http://www.bluesguitars.com
Cost: $250 to $400, plus travel expenses with discount for block bookings
Ages: All Ages
Regions: All, but with preference in Central Florida.

Bill & Eli offer two audience participation programs:
1) “Black History Month – Song & Story” is a 50-minute presentation of facts related to notable civil rights icons leading up to the Civil Rights movement. This program can also be adjusted to fit any time of year, especially the week around MLK Day.
2) “Campfire Sing-Alongs” is a 50-minute program that introduces children to traditional folk and campfire sing-alongs.

Also, Bill offers a program titled, “An Introduction to Acoustic Blues Guitar History” which introduces audiences to some of the noted songsters and compositions who carried this art forward.

The Bucky & GiGi Show
Contact: Chris Allison
Address: 8113 Bluestar Cir., Orlando, FL 32819
Phone: 407-601-2917
E-mail: nerdclown@aol.com
Website: http://www.buckyandgigi.com
Cost: The base fee for this 45 min. show with Meet and Greet after show is $350.00. Block bookings of 5 or more shows in your county will produce a 10% discount. Travel fees will be included for areas with a travel of more than 2 hrs. from Orlando. If you are able to have a block booking with two or more libraries travel fees are either reduced or taken away.
Ages: All Ages
Regions: Will travel to all regions . Will require a block booking for some regions.

This hilarious husband and wife duo spent over a decade perfecting their craft and traveling the United States with the Greatest Show on Earth.

Since leaving the circus Chris and Gina have delighted audiences from Hoboken to Hong Kong, Boston to Barcelona, and Memphis to Mexico at Ocean Park Hong Kong, Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, and various Clown Festivals in China. Their unique style combines circus skills, physical comedy, dance, mime, juggling, comedy magic and more for children of all ages.

Sit back, relax, fasten your seatbelts and put your table trays in the upright position...here comes Bucky & GiGi!

Carrie Sue Ayvar, Storyteller
Contact: Carrie Sue Ayvar
Address: 1829 NE 179th St. North Miami Beach, FL 33162
Phone: 305-945-4804
E-mail: csayvar@gmail.com
Website: http://www.carriesueayvar.com
Cost: $300 - $500 plus travel, discounts for multiple shows
Length: 30–60 minutes
Ages: All Ages (children, teen, family and seniors)
Regions: All

Como se dice STORYTELLER en Español? How do you say storyteller in Spanish? Carrie Sue Ayvar, that’s how! Flowing effortlessly between Spanish and English, Storyteller Carrie Sue Ayvar takes her listeners on a journey into the imagination connecting people and cultures through her stories. Blending traditional, international & personal tales, her programs are filled with fabulous fun. They range from interactive, participatory folklore adventures to one-woman historical presentations.

Chef Warren Caterson
Contact: Chef Warren Caterson
Address: 3501-B North Ponce De Leon Blvd. Suite 255
St. Augustine, FL 32084
Phone: 904-704-1710
E-mail: warren@tablefortwocookbooks.com
Website: http://www.tablefortwocookbooks.com
Cost: $200 - $300 (flexible) with discounts if booked at 2 or more libraries in the same region. Fee includes travel, food for show, and honorarium. 1 hour show.
Ages: All Ages
Regions: Statewide.

Chef Warren shares dozens of kitchen tips, cooking hints and humorous anecdotes about the joys and challenges of cooking for two in his energetic & informative presentation, while preparing an entree that anyone can replicate at home.

He offers 5 different shows (Beef, Chicken, Fish, Shrimp, and Cooking with Wine) so you can have him back again and again without duplication. He has already garnered rave reviews from dozens of libraries across the state.

Chef Warren is author of the award-winning Table for Two - The Cookbook for Couples and recently released Table for Two - Back for Seconds.

Cherie & Dave’s Red Nose World
Contact: Cherie & Dave Gregg
Address: 243 Zachary Wade St.
Winter Garden, FL 34787
Phone: 617-899-7674
E-mail: cherie@rednoseworld.com
Website: http://www.rednoseworld.com
Cost: $300 - $425 discounts for multiple shows
Length: 45 minutes plus 15 minutes for photo ops
Ages: Children, ages 3 - 12 and families
Regions: All

Whether you choose their “Literacy Through Laughter,” a highly entertaining & interactive story time, “Circus, Science & Silliness,” a fun way to connect the dots from classroom science to circus practicality, or one of their “Hands-On Workshops,” you’re inviting a world of laughter, learning, and fun, to your library. For the past seven years professional clowns Cherie & Dave have performed all over the country, bringing educational shows to libraries, schools, & hospitals representing Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus®. Now on their own, they are ready to invite you into their Red Nose World!
Always a favorite, Dan Christopher... and friends! Ventriloquist, Magician, Funny Guy is PERFECT for your Summer Reading Program! Colorful Puppet Pals, Ventriloquism, Mysterious Magic Tricks, Audience Participation and Loads of Comedy that can be enjoyed by EVERYONE! A fantastic draw, libraries that have used Dan’s show in the past have had record crowds for their summer reading kickoff events. A professional variety arts performer for 20+ years, Dan is a familiar face to many from his educational programs presented in schools and his many appearances on children’s television shows. Available dates are limited and do fill fast so, please book early!

Contact: Dan Christopher
Address: P.O. Box 290781, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33329
Phone: 954-252-1804
E-mail: Bookings@dramaticeducation.com
Website: http://www.DramaticEducation.com
Ages: 5 years and up
Length: 45 minutes
Ages: All Ages
Regions: All

DoDad’s Lab
Contact: Darren Casteel
Address: P.O. Box 6292, Brandon, FL 33508
Phone: 1-888-993-6323
E-mail: darren@creativeartstore.com
Website: http://www.dodadslab.com
Cost: $300, plus travel with discount for multiple shows
Length: 40 – 60 minutes
Ages: All Ages
Regions: All Areas

DoDad’s Lab is a live, interactive program that combines colorful props, wacky science experiments, puppetry and character education. DoDad’s Lab provides a safe and practical way to support the teaching of values and get children excited about learning in a creative and fun way. The goal is to help children discover that reading can open an endless world of creative fun.

Dramatic Education, Inc.
Contact: Marsha Robbins
Address: 2816 East Robinson Street
Orlando, FL 32803
Phone: 407-494-1744
E-mail: office@dramaticeducation.com
Website: http://www.DramaticEducation.com
Cost: Dramatic Education provides one-hour drama workshops with two Arts Facilitators working with up to 50 kids, grades K-6th. Workshops include musical theatre, puppetry, improvisation, stage combat and full stage productions. Dramatic Education will provide light costuming. Cost per workshop - $425
Ages: Children
Regions: Central Florida, South Florida, North Florida

Dramatic Education is an educational art company that specializes drama programs. Dramatic Education has academic excellence at its core and has been changing children’s lives for the past eight years in Florida. You can find their programs in over 35 Public, Charter, and Private Schools serving over 2,500 students.

Earthlings
Contact: K.C. Jones
Address: 831 Maple Court #309, Dunedin, FL 34698
Phone: 727-483-9986
E-mail: earthlings11@gmail.com
Website: http://www.earthlingsmusic.net
Cost: $300.00 - $350.00 depending on location.
Ages: All Ages
Length: 45 to 60 minutes, depending on librarian’s preference
Regions: Any region - We love to visit other areas but program costs will be commensurate with expenses.

Each year Earthlings write a new program matching the CSLP theme. 2015 program is “Super Heroes/Super Readers” (call or email for details). The 2014 program is “Science Song Soup”, with demonstration of the scientific causes of different qualities of musical sounds using many strange and unique instruments. These demos are guaranteed to be considered ‘Awesome!’ by the children. The program will also contain songs about science topics written in the Earthlings’ lyrically clever and rhythmically fun style, including “Give Me Gravity”, “Solstice Song”, “Galileo’s Milky Way” and “Zoom Zoom Up To The Moon”. With costume, humor and audience participation.

Contact: Gladius
Address: 393 Della Walk Ct., Lilburn, GA 30047
Phone: 404-372-0007
E-mail: gladiusbooking@gmail.com
Website: http://www.gladiusmusic.com
Cost: $200-450 (Discounts for multiple bookings)
Ages: All Ages
Length: 30-50 Minutes
Regions: All

More than a fabulous performer, listeners have called Gladius a “miracle in the making.” His story is one of perseverance and triumph in spite of debilitating physical disadvantages – a story that will no doubt inspire listeners, much like the music. A full-time touring & recording artist, Gladius has toured around the SouthEast, released several albums, and won numerous composition awards such as: Driven Creativity Competition (2013) and Music Composition Contest (2013), among others. Gladius offers an all acoustic ‘Neo-Classical-Flamenco’ (Spanish guitar) program as well as an electrified Baroque-Ethnic-Metal-Fusion experience.

Contact: Bonnie Sapp
Address: 15144 W. Colonial Dr., Winter Garden, FL 34787
Phone: 407-360-2678
E-mail: info@themaxentertainment.com
Website: themaxentertainment.com
Cost: $350
Ages: All Ages
Regions: All regions

Poetry and Spoken Word Program: This is a high energy fun-filled program with a lot of audience participation. Bonnie takes one simple word and begin to show the audience how to create a song, dance, lyrics, and theatrical poetry. This encourages the audience to interact, build self confidence and release their creativity all while having lots of fun. Each person creates their own poem and the class choose the winner by applause. The winner is then given a Spoken word T-Shirt by me as a gift!
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The Incredible Mr. Bob

Contact: Bob Whitcomb
Address: 901 Central Florida Pkwy A5, Orlando, FL 32824
Phone: 407-985-0556
E-mail: the.incredible.mr.bob@gmail.com
Website: http://IncredibleBob.com
Cost: Tell me what you can afford.
Length: 45 mins
Ages: All Ages

Join the fun and laughter as children find the joy in reading! Books become the star of this exciting comedy, juggling and magic show. How can we afford this World Class entertainer? The Incredible Mr. Bob is new to Florida and he is offering a one time only deal for you. Share with him what you can afford. If he is available, he will be there! Hurry, contact him today as his calendar is filling up fast!

It’s Unbelievable Magic

Contact: James Songster
Address: 527 Wild Forrest Dr., Davenport, FL 33837
Phone: 407-222-4412
E-mail: litlmagic@aol.com
Website: http://www.MagicAndMayhemProductions.com
Cost: $350 (discounts for multiple bookings on same day within the same system)
Two programs available:
K-4th: FUTURE SCIENCE PAST
5th - 12th: SCIENCE, MYTH & MYSTERY
Ages: Children
Length: 45 mins
Regions: All

Magic And Mayhem should be on your schedule! We have developed uniquely themed library programs for over 10 years. We present exciting, imaginative, and informative programs for a wide range of youth program sponsors including City of Orlando Summer Recreation, City of Gainesville Cultural Affairs, Orlando Shakespeare Theatre, and Disney Youth Programs. We are based in Central Florida but can be available for engagements throughout the state with a negotiable additional fee for travel beyond 120 miles from Orlando. Our programs include magic, costumes, scenery, props, and LOTS of audience participation. The math is simple: Magic + Mayhem = FUN!

Jacki Manna’s Very Funny Ventriloquism Show

Contact: Jacki Manna
Address: 3036 Moore Dr. Oviedo, FL 32765
Phone: 407-925-3527
E-mail: Jacki@JackiManna.com
Website: http://www.JackiManna.com
Cost: $295 and up
Ages: PreK - 6th grade
Length: 45 -60 minutes
Regions: All

Jacki Manna, a very funny ventriloquist, magician, storyteller, and elementary school teacher is librarians’ favorite with over 20 years experience getting children to think, learn, and read through laughter. An expert in children and family shows, she has performed for Disney World, on the world’s largest cruise ship, camps, schools, churches, and (of course) a myriad of libraries. JoJo Bean, Jacki’s main sidekick, will excite everyone to grab a book! Call today about bringing Jacki Manna’s Fizz Boom Read! program to your library.

Jane Rosenbohm Guitar Extraordinaire

Contact: Jane Rosenbohm
Address: 1174 Harbor Ridge Drive
Kissimmee, FL 34759
Phone: 804-300-6044
E-mail: greygoose625@gmail.com
Website: http://www.janeguitar.com
Cost $350 Per program.
Ages: All Ages
Length: One hour
Regions: All

Guitar Giveaway, Jane Rosenbohm is a concert solo guitarist promoting an appreciation for music. Her programs are for the general public and are informative about music, the guitar and her experience as a performer. At no extra cost Jane provides a new acoustic guitar that will be awarded to an audience member after the program.

Julie Austin’s Children’s Music

Contact: Julie Austin
Address: 155 Clubview Dr. Safety Harbor, FL 34695
Phone: 734-604-0866
E-mail: julie@JulieAustin.com
Website: http://www.JulieAustin.com
Cost: $225-$375; Travel: mileage and lodging negotiated depending on number of concerts
Ages: Children
Regions: All regions

Jojo Austin sings, plays guitar, ukulele, autoharp and jaw harp as her audience joins in with dance, sign language, interactive storytelling and singing. Every song is lively audience participation with songs from Julie’s award winning CD’s. Julie has delighted children and families both nationally and internationally with her music, warmth and sense of humor. Guaranteed to have your hands clapping, your feet tapping and your fingers snapping!

Karen Climer the Balloon Twister

Contact: Karen Climer
Address: 305 East Concord St., Orlando, FL 32801
Phone: 407-493-3974
E-mail: karen@karenclimer.com
Website: http://www.karenclimer.com
Cost: $295 Per program.
Ages: Children
Length: 45-minute show
Regions: Statewide

Karen Climer’s Crazy Balloon Show features magic, comedy, storytelling, and of course, balloon twisting. A professionally trained performer and teacher, Karen has a completely new show for 2014, but it still features the audience favorite where Karen climbs into the biggest — and I mean biggest — balloon you’ve ever seen. Interactive, fun, and unlike anything you’ve ever had at your library. Karen Climer’s Crazy Balloon Show encourages laughter, audience participation and most importantly - reading!
Katie Adams Make Believe Theater

Contact: Katie Adams  
Address: 206 S. Ward St. Tampa, FL 33609  
Phone: 813-546-3364  
E-mail: kateshow@ol.com  
Website: http://www.katiedadamstheater.com  
Cost: $250 - $550 depending on travel, group rates available  
Ages: Children  
Length: 45 minutes  
Regions: All regions

Puppeteer and storyteller Katie Adams unfolds a theater in your library to share a love of children’s literature with riveting storytelling, colorful puppets and scenery, music and fun audience interaction. Touring summer of 2015: Greek Myths shadow puppets and American Tall Tales storytelling. Year round titles include: Winter Holiday Tales, Johnny Appleseed, Anansi and the Tree of Life, and Mariposa Martinez and more Tales from Latin America. For ages 3 to 10 years old. “She was wonderful! The students talked about her for days. They came to get folk tale books in the library.” Media Specialist, Lowry Elementary School

Matthew Sabatella’s Ballad of America

Contact: Matthew Sabatella  
Address: 821 N. 70th Way, Hollywood, FL 33024  
Phone: 305-753-1850  
E-mail: info@balladofamerica.com  
Website: http://www.balladofamerica.com  
Cost: $250, plus travel in some areas. Discounts for block bookings.  
Ages: All Ages  
Length: 45-60 minutes  
Regions: All

Matthew Sabatella’s Ballad of America programs have proven to be library favorites for all ages, from children to seniors. With vocals, guitar, banjo and a wealth of traditional American folk songs, Ballad of America brings the story of the United States vividly to life. Audience members connect with people from the past, and with each other, as they sing-along to folk songs that are part of our shared cultural heritage. Each performance weaves song and history into an engaging narrative. Visit BalladOfAmerica.com for information on the themed Special Programs that are available.

Mad Science of NE Central FL

Contact: Kylie Koscoe  
Address: PO BOX 540436 Orlando, FL 32804  
Phone: 386-898-4570  
E-mail: MadScienceRocks@gmail.com  
Website: http://CFLMadScience.org  
Cost: Hands-On Workshops for groups of 25 or less start at $150 (one-hour class). And fun, interactive science shows start at $200 (30 minute show). Discounts available for multiple bookings! Travel fees may apply to areas outside of Orange, Lake, Seminole, and Volusia counties.  
Ages: All Ages  
Length: Most of our programs run about an hour, but we have program options that can run from 30 minutes to 3 hours!  
Regions: We service anywhere north and East of Tampa! Other Mad Science franchises serve the Tampa and Miami areas.

Mad Science provides fun and edu-taining science programs for kids of all ages! Our fun and interactive shows and workshops get kids excited about learning. From tasting burp potions to seeing beach balls levitate in the air, kids and adults alike will be amazed at the wonders of Science! We have many topics available, including chemistry, space, spies, engineering, dinosaurs, and more! 

Mad Science – Sparking Imaginative Learning!

The Magic Suzy Show

Contact: Suzy Seth  
Address: 6350 21st Ave. N Saint Petersburg, FL 33710  
Phone: 1-800-717-1421  
E-mail: magicsuzy@me.com  
Website: http://www.magicsuzy.com  
Cost: $295 with discounts for multiple bookings  
Ages: Children  
Length: 45 minute show  
Regions: Based in Tampa, FL. Will travel up to 2 hours from Tampa, including Orlando and the entire greater Tampa Bay area (Saint Petersburg, Sarasota, Clearwater, etc)

Magic Suzy performs a funny, amazing, age-appropriate comedy magic show that will entertain both the kids and adults while demonstrating the magic of reading throughout the show!  

Her show features a great variety of age-appropriate entertainment, including interactive magic tricks, physical comedy, and upbeat background music. She also brings her own wireless microphone, PA system, remote controlled music player, and a colorful backdrop.

As a mother herself, Magic Suzy knows how important it is to make reading fun for kids of all ages and she’s committed to helping you achieve that goal.

Mr. Harley

Contact: Harley Smith  
Address: 908 Cherokee Ctr., Sanford, FL 32773  
Phone: 207-859-0812  
E-mail: mralrleymusic@yahoo.com  
Website: http://www.mrharley.com  
Cost: $300 - $500 (depending on travel) which includes 45 minutes of engaging and fun family music that everyone will enjoy! I am also open to block booking with other libraries in the area to make my price more affordable.  
Ages: All Ages  
Regions: Central Florida is where I am located but I am willing to travel. I love what I do and want to spread the joy of music to whomever wants some.

Mr. Harley is a kid idol and children’s rockstar! His sheer exuberance and lively guitar has energized and delighted crowds of all shapes and sizes, from Maine to Florida. Mr. Harley’s music has been featured on NBC’s the Today Show as well as radio stations across the USA.

A Mr. Harley audience is not a timid one. Any inhibitions are magically wiped away, and it isn’t long before kids (and grownups) are hopping like frogs, talking like pirates, and dancing like no one is watching. 

Mr. Harley is the perfect addition to any family event where children will be.

“Mrs. Kate” Carpenter, folksinger, songwriter & storyteller

Contact: Kate Carpenter  
Address: PO Box 1543 Callahan, FL 32011  
Phone: 904-879-9155  
E-mail: MrsKate@MrsKate.com  
Website: http://www.MrsKate.com  
Cost: $250-300  
Ages: All Ages  
Length: 1 hour  
Regions: The entire state of Florida and beyond.

Using puppetry, unusual instruments and riveting storytelling, guitar-playing Mrs. Kate creatively interacts with her audience in unforgettable ways. Whether she is singing character-building songs, Florida nature songs or family tunes, the audience is totally engaged.

Calling Mrs. Kate “the best children’s entertainer in the USA,” Ron Johnson of the Florida Times Union writes, "She appears on stage like a tiny tornado, filled with spirit and bubbling over with stories. Her energy spreads like sunshine.”
Out of My Hands

Contact: Gerard Tricarico
Address: 1147 SE 29th St., Cape Coral, FL 33904
Phone: 239-560-1671
E-mail: outofmyhands2@AOL.com
Website: http://OutofMyHands2.com
Cost: $250+ plus travel depending upon region. Multiple-booking discounts are available. Ages: All Ages

Length: approximately 50-55 minutes
Regions: All

Blending choreographed juggling with magical illusions, Out of My Hands delivers a high-energy show that is innovative and interactive. The show features cutting-edge light and laser effects. Positive messages are incorporated into every performance. Lights! Magic! Juggling! Striving to create the WOW factor from beginning to end! Juggling workshops are available for your tween and teen groups.

Patrick Smith’s Florida Is A Land Remembered - Multimedia Show

Contact: Patrick O. Smith, Jr. (Rick)
Address: 1515 Radcliff Avenue, Cambria, CA 93428
Phone: 805-927-0199
E-mail: panoramarick@charter.net
Website: http://ALandRemembered.com
Cost: $600
Length: approximately 75 minutes. The time can be extended or shortened as needed. Regions: I perform all over Florida. Since I live in California I must group multiple performances into a “tour” in order to justify the cost and time of travel from California. I typically do two tours a year, one in the fall and one in the winter “snowbird” season. Ages: All Ages

Few books have captured the spirit and colorful history of Florida as Patrick Smith’s beloved novel, A Land Remembered. It has been said that people should be handed a copy of A Land Remembered when they cross the Florida border. Now you can get to know the author and his work as Smith’s son, Rick, takes the stage to delight audiences with a multimedia show about his father and the experiences he had which allowed him to write with such authority of Florida pioneers, the Seminoles, migrant workers, “river rats” of Mississippi, social injustices of the South and more.

Paleo Discoveries

Contact: Fred Mazza
Address: 6540 36th Lane, Vero Beach, FL 32966
Phone: 772-539-7005
E-mail: fredmazza@paleodiscoveries.com
Website: http://www.paleodiscoveries.com
Cost: $300-$500 plus travel expenses. Discounts apply for multiple programs. Ages: All Ages
Regions: Southern, central and NE Fla.

The Fossil Discovery Hour is a science-based exploration of Florida’s paleontological history featuring a highly interactive showcase of real Florida fossils and a real fossil dig! Participants can touch and hold fossils and keep all fossils found on the dig such as shark teeth, bones and many other treasures. Presented by noted Florida fossil tour guide, Fred Mazza. Program can be tailored to any age range, including adults. Come dig the past with Paleo Discoveries!

Palm Beach Atlantic University

Contact: Dr. Linda Ellington
Address: 2220 Front Street #201 Melbourne, FL 32901
Phone: 561-350-1401
E-mail: linda.s.ellington@gmail.com
Website: www.wetleeandfriends.com
Cost: Travel expense (gas/lodging)
Length: 45-60 minutes
Age Suitability: All
Regions: All

Wetlee’s Voice against Bullying is a storytelling session. The purpose is to increase awareness of the devastating effects of bullying. I engage children/adults in a dialogue about bullying and show them how to use their voices; to be brave; and to stand up to bullies. The storytelling is a concentrated educational effort in collaboration with my Wetlee books and large stuffed ocean characters from the books (which children can hold). It relates to the physical differences in all of us, including the differences of the friends of Wetlee, who live in the sea.

Professor Whys

Contact: Mik Jacobs
Address: 111 Spring Glen Dr., DeBary, FL 32713
Phone: 386-668-8394
E-mail: professor@professorwhys.com
Website: http://professorwhys.com
Cost: Starting at $300 per performance. Quantity and special needs discounts may be available.
Ages: All Ages
Length: 45 minutes
Regions: Available statewide but dates and start times are limited.

Professor Whys presents Professor Whys’ Powerful Adventure. Explore the amazing science of energy and learn about the five WHYS of generating electricity. See the hair raising results of static electricity. Learn how electric companies use fuel. Discover how you can conserve energy right in your own home. All of this and much more in an original performance by internationally known science presenter, stage performer & Florida native Mik Jacobs. Learn, laugh and have fun with Professor Whys.

Unique, original 45-minute live science program featuring original music, exciting audience participation and engaging demonstrations. This highly educational, extremely entertaining, internationally renowned standards-based science show is available throughout Florida starting at $300 per performance. Please call 386-668-8394 or e-mail professor@professorwhys.com for further information. Visit Professor Whys to learn more about our show as well as Captain Conservation.

Quite a Catch

Contact: Ron Anglin
Address: 2982 Old Lifsey Springs Rd. Molena, GA 30258
Phone: 770-584-0571
E-mail: quiteacatch@hughes.net
Website: http://www.quiteacatch.net
Cost: $300 plus reasonable travel fee
Ages: All Ages
Length: 40-45 minutes
Regions: All

Comic Juggler and Manipulator with over 5,500 shows experience in the last 15 years. I utilize a wide variety of props and skills to promote reading and the current SRP theme! I offer workshops for teens! I also for work for Big Apple Circus in the Atlanta Children’s Hospitals and teach “at risk” youth for Cirque du Soleil’s outreach program called Cirque du Monde.
Combining live music, storytelling, and comedy, Rick Huddle puts on variety shows that go beyond mere entertainment. Parents and children will laugh, sing, and perform their way to a deeper understanding of each other. Check out www.rickhuddle.com to find out about themed programs like Alien Invasion or Arrrr! Pirates Have Feelings Too. Rick lives in Oregon but has family in Orlando, Boca Raton and Naples. “The Hoover vacuum of storytellers - he just sucks you right in.” - Marc Acito, author How I Paid for College

Rick Huddle
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Phone: 503-720-0397
E-mail: rickhuddle@gmail.com
Website: http://www.rickhuddle.com
Costs: $300-$500 with multiple booking discounts
Ages: All Ages
Length: 45 minutes
Regions: All

Rampa Taiko Japanese Drumming Program
Contact: Ron Collins
Address: 134 19th St. SE, Largo, FL 33771
Phone: 727-531-7999
E-mail: Collins@TampaBay.rr.com
Website: http://www.TampaTaiko.com
Cost: $275 - $425, with discounts for multiple events in the same, or nearby location.
Ages: All Ages
Length: 45-75 minutes
Regions: All

Rampa Taiko is available to visit your library to provide a fun-filled interactive program that covers the history of taiko, the music of Japan, modern drumming performance and drum making using discarded barrels that have been recycled into taiko drums. After a rousing performance and introduction, all attendees are offered the opportunity to play on our drums! We’ve presented our program at hundreds of libraries throughout the southeast, and have received great reviews from audiences of all sizes, in rooms from as large as a theater to as small as a classroom.

ShowTimeForKids
Contact: James & Lori Chartier
Address: 6208 Van Dine St., Englewood, FL 34224
Phone: 941-475-2566
E-mail: showtimeforkids@showtimeforkids.com
Website: http://www.showtimeforkids.com
Cost: $250-$350
Ages: Children (Pre-K - 6th grade and Family Shows for all ages)
Length: 45 - 50 minutes
Regions: All

ShowTimeForKids: Family & Kids show Entertainment Featuring: Hilarious Comedy, Jaw Dropping Magic, Awesome Balloon Sculpting, Zany Puppets and Uncontrollable laughter! We present kid tested / family approved programs for all events from our: Reading Adventure Shows, Family Fun Magic Shows, Holiday Shows, Balloon Sculpting, Magic Classes and More!

All Programs are custom designed and themed to the current Library Season Theme. All shows are 100% self-contained including: Custom Backdrop Curtain, Sound System & Costumes. All we need is an electric outlet and an audience.

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Transmutation Designs LLC
Contact: Barry S. Anderson
Address: 2115 Suffield Dr., Winter Park, FL 32792
Phone: 407-376-3814
E-mail: monsterguy1961@yahoo.com
Website: http://www.jhoul-school.com
Cost: $175, includes material costs and some pre-production for demonstrations.
Ages: All Ages
Length: 60-90 minutes
Regions: Central Florida area - willing to travel within a 40 mile radius of downtown Orlando.

Tim Falter has been doing family entertainment for more than 15 years. Using an exciting, fun-filled 1 hour show, Professor GaZoontite puts science into the hands of children. Focusing on many books available right in their own library, Professor GaZoontite shows kids the fun they can have with science! This performance includes the scientific method, balloons, rockets, optical illusions, dry ice experiments, and a finale that will leave the audience talking for weeks!

This will be one of the best science shows your patrons will ever see!

We can also offer a custom tailored show for your specific needs.

The Storytelling Sims: Wayne & Jane Sims
Contact: Jane Sims
Address: 560 Florida Club Blvd., Saint Augustine, FL 32084-3810
Phone: 904-823-7969
E-mail: StoryBuff@aol.com
Website: http://storynet.org/teller/directory.php?id=486
Cost: $200, plus travel & lodging (block bookings available)
Ages: Children (Pre-K - 6th grade and Family Shows for all ages)
Length: 45 - 50 minutes
Regions: All


Tim Falter Entertainment
Contact: Tim Falter
Address: 4420 Cooper Rd., Plant City, FL 33565
Phone: 813-294-1585
E-mail: TimFalter@TimFalterEntertainment.com
Website: http://www.TimFalterEntertainment.com
Costs: $300 per show, plus travel expenses. Multi-show discounts available.
Ages: Children
Regions: All

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Monsters and makeup in the movies - the Professor from the Ghoul-School will show fun props and talk about how special effects for films are done. Also a quick makeup effects demonstration will be done. Samples of materials will be passed around for the kids to see and feel. This is an interactive question and answer opportunity for kids interested in how special effects in monster/sci fi films are done. This workshop would be best suited for kids 10-16
Wildlife Tree, Inc.

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Address: 281 Brandy Hills Dr. Port Orange, FL 32129  
Phone: 386-320-6020  
E-mail: learn@wildlifetree.com  
Website: http://www.wildlifetree.com  
Cost: $249 + travel  
Ages: Children  
Length: 45 minute live animal discovery program  
Regions: 150 mile radius from 32129.

What better way to enhance a library program than by actually bringing live animals to the children! Wildlife Tree, Inc. offers wildly exciting and interactive educational experiences with rescued exotic animals. We bring animals, information, and an exciting presentation including hands-on- time with the animals, questions and answers, and lots of fun learning about the animal kingdom.

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