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Gary Vidito combines his love of music and history with his desire to help students 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 students captivated with stories, songs and humor. Gary’s personable and professional style makes him a favorite of students and teachers alike.

“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.

Bill & Eli Perras have been mainstays for the past 12+ years at the many Florida folk festivals and venues around the state (and beyond) based on their educational songs and stories. Audience participation Song & Story programs such as Black History Month, Pieces of Florida History, Folk Music & Activism, The Acoustic Blues Guitar Style of Bill Perras, Three Chords and a Song, The Original Song & Stories of Bill & Eli Perras and other themed presentations are presented with Bill’s award-winning finger-style guitar and Eli’s gesture signs and expressive interpretations. They also teach Songwriting, Beginning to Intermediate Acoustic Guitar and Performance Etiquette in workshop-type environments.
Bits N Pieces Puppet Theatre

Contact: Jerry Bickel
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Email: jerry@puppetworld.com
Website: www.puppetworld.com
Cost: 250. plus .50/mile outside Hillsborough County
Ages: Pre-K through third grade or ages 3 – 8 years
Length: 60 minutes
Regions: all

Bits N Pieces Puppet Theatre presents traditional marionette plays in a beautiful theatre complete with lights and sound. The performance can include either a Souvenir Stick Puppet craft activity or an International Puppetry Demo. Programs include: Rumpelstiltskin, Robin Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk, Peter Rabbit, Little Red Riding Hood and a new production every summer including The Selfish Giant for 2013 and Mayan Tales for 2014. In addition to shows, we also offer a one hour puppet-making/creative dramatics workshop for young patrons.

Bucky & GiGi Show

Contact: Chris Allison
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Phone: 407-601-2917 or 914-299-6625
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Website: www.buckvandgigi.com
Cost: $350, plus travel
Ages: ages 3 - 103
Length: 30 – 60 minutes
Regions: Southern, Central and Northeastern Florida

These two former Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus clowns will amaze and amuse … dazzle and delight using physical comedy, mime, magic, improvisation, juggling and audience participation! Insured and bonded. You provide the audience; we provide the fun!

Carrie Sue Ayvar, Storyteller

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Phone: 305-945-4804
Email: csayvar@gmail.com
Website: www.CarrieSueAyvar.com
Cost: $300–$500 plus travel, discounts for multiple shows
Ages: all ages (children, teen, family and seniors)
Length: 30–60 minutes
Regions: all

Como se dice STORYTELLER en Espanol? 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.

Chris Kastle

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Phone: 773-576-7245
Email: chriskastle@yahoo.com
Website: www.chriskastle.com
Cost: $200 for a single performance, $150 for multiple bookings in an area in the same day or days; additional travel allowance may apply.
Ages: children, teens, adults depending on program choice.
Length: 45 minutes performance
Regions: All

The songs and stories of Chris Kastle have been described as “exquisite” and possessing “powerful imagery”. Her performances are a rich blend of original works and those drawn from folk tradition. They captivate, entertain, and transport people of all ages. Based in St. Augustine, she continues as a touring performer throughout the United States and other countries. She developed “X Marks the Spot” for the 2013 SRP, but see www.chriskastle.com for a complete description of her many library programs.

Dan Christopher … and friends!

Contact: Dan Christopher
Address: P.O. Box 290781, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33329
Phone: 954-252-1804
Website: www.DanChristopher.com
Cost: $350 - $450, plus travel
Ages: 5 years and up
Length: 45 minutes

Join Ventriloquist, Magician and Funny Guy Dan Christopher as he presents a laugh-filled 45 minute program featuring a cast of wacky puppet pals combined with some amazing magic tricks and lots of comedy that will delight everyone in the audience. 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.

Deanna the Mime and So Much More …

Contact: Deanna Braunstein
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Phone: 407-852-0388 or 727-224-2560
Email: deanna@deannahemime.com
Website: www.deannahemime.com
Cost: $200, plus travel outside of Orange County
Ages: 5 - adult
Length: 30 - 45 minutes
Regions: Orlando metro area as local, willing to travel for extra fee

A Mime Show: 25-30 minute show complete with music, audience participation and lots of giggles. This is silent storytelling, with each vignette a little slice of life. After the show, we play “Stump the Mime” where audience members call out physical activities for the mime to perform hoping to come up with something that will indeed – stump the mime.

Deanna’s Characters and More

Contact: Deanna Braunstein
Address: 2157 Fairmont Circle, Orlando, FL 32837
Phone: 407-852-0388 or 727-224-2560
Email: deanna@deannahemime.com
Website: www.deannahemime.com
Cost: $200, plus travel outside of Orange County
Ages: preschool and elementary age, adult programs also available
Length: 30 - 45 minutes
Regions: Orlando metro area as local, willing to travel for extra fee

A Mime Show: Storytelling comes alive with characters: Mother Goose, Jungle Judy, Mabel Vegetable, Spacy Stacy, Daring Deanna and Milk the Cow or Deanna & Doodle. Ventriloquism and puppets are used as an extension of storytelling. Holiday storytelling also available for Halloween, Hanukkah and Christmas (Mrs. Claus).
DoDad's Lab
Contact: Darren Casteel
Address: P.O. Box 738, Riverview FL 33568
Phone: 1-888-993-6323
Email: darren@creativeartstore.com
Website: www.odadslab.com
Cost: $300, plus travel with discount for multiple shows
Ages: age 5 and older
Length: 40 – 60 minutes
Regions: all

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.

Earthing
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Phone: 727-483-9986
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Website: www.earthlingsmusic.net
Cost: Averages $300, with discounts for multiple shows; flexible fee depending on expenses and library budget
Ages: elementary school age OR all age family
OR preschool age
Length: 40 – 60 minutes depending on library’s wishes
Regions: from Gainesville to all areas south

Award winning songwriters, singers and musicians, Earthing present highly interactive musical programs using a variety of instruments including guitar, banjolele, washboard, spoons, saw and many others. Humor and upbeat rhythm are major components. Sound effects, “hand dances” and props are employed. In twenty years of performances dozens of program themes have been developed. Literate and funny songs are composed each year to fit the library program themes. Please see our website for much more detail.

Evans Entertainment
Contact: Alexandra Evans
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Phone: (239) 878-7531
Email: booking@itsyourlibrary.com
Website: www.itsyourlibrary.com
Cost: $225 - $275
Ages: Kindergarten - 5th grade
Length: 40 minutes
Regions: all

From the tomb of Tutankhamun, to the city of Pompeii, to the enormous Tyrannosaurus Rex, the greatest mysteries of the world have not been discovered only with a microscope, but a shovel. In coordination with this year’s national reading theme, award winning 9th Period Shows presents it’s brand new experience, Tomb Reader. Join Joey, Alexandra and Sydney (a real live parrot) as they use magic, puppets and audience interaction to tour around the globe.

The Franzini Family Science Circus
Contact: Pat Fenda
Address: Strictly Entertainment, P.O. Box 18975, Tampa, FL 33679
Phone: 813-872-0300
Email: bigboss@strictlyentertainment.net
Website: www.strictlyentertainment.net
Cost: $500, plus travel with discount for block bookings
Ages: Kindergarten through fifth grade
Length: 45 – 60 minutes
Certificate of Insurance: yes
Regions: all

Professor and Lippo Franzini take the audience on an action-packed demonstration of gravity, inertia, circular motion, air pressure, and balance using circus skills, clowning, mime & magic. An introduction to astronomy presents scientific facts about the earth, sun, moon and concluding with all naming the planets as they are put into orbit a top the rolling globe sun! The Fabulous Franzinis have performed throughout the world! Complex concepts in science are explained through visual representations in an effective way to help children understand and remember. So simple and very effective.

Games2U Orlando
Contact: John Duval
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Phone: 407-792-5661
Email: g2uorlando@gmail.com
Website: www.games2u.com
Cost: $199 and up
Ages: age 5 and older
Length: 60 minutes or more
Regions: Central Florida, Daytona, Ocala, Lakeland and Tampa

Games2U brings the party right to your doorstep! With our video game theater, 4D motion simulator ride, laser tag, giant hamster balls, kid-driveable robot, and more, Games2U has all the ingredients to make your party or event a truly unique and memorable experience.

Jacki Manna: Ventriloquist, Storyteller and Magician
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Email: Jacki@JackiManna.com
Website: www.JackiManna.com
Cost: $295 – $395
Ages: Elementary, Middle, High Schools, Seniors
Length: 45 minutes
Regions: all

Jacki Manna is an award-winning ventriloquist, storyteller and elementary school teachers 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.
Jane Rosenbohm Guitar Extraordinaire

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Website: www.jane@guitar.com or www.uitarextraordinaire.com  
Cost: $200 - $300, plus travel expenses  
Ages: all  
Length: One hour, flexible  
Regions: all

My Guitar is an educational, entertaining concert on the guitar for all ages to enjoy. Jane has presented for libraries, art centers and schools for over 45 years across the USA and in Italy. She is a fulltime professional musician that is insured, easy to work with and has all the equipment needed to fit your needs. Cuckoo for the Ukule is a fun, educational program with the ukulele for children. The children are involved with the demonstrations and get to play a ukulele.

Julie Austin’s SingAlong, MoveAlong Concert

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Email: julie@julieAustin.com  
Website: www.julieAustin.com  
Cost: $185 – $350  
Ages: ages 3 - 10  
Length: 45 - 50 minutes  
Regions: all

Upbeat, humorous, entertaining music guaranteed to have your toes tapping, your hands clapping and your fingers snapping! Julie is a dynamic, energetic performer who actively engages her audience throughout her concerts. She sings and plays a variety of instruments including guitar, ukulele and autoharp along with pop, swing, folk, old time and bluegrass styles of music. Audiences join in with sign language, singing, moving and dancing as well as interactive storytelling. Her most recent CD, Fandajumbo, won a National Parent’s Choice Award.

Katie Adams’ Make Believe Theater, Puppetry & Storytelling

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Email: kateshow@aol.com  
Website: www.katieadams театр.com  
Cost: $250 - $550, depending on travel; group rates available  
Ages: preschool - grade 5  
Length: 45 minutes  
Regions: all

Puppeteer and storyteller Katie Adams unfolds a theater in your library to share a love of children’s literature with interactive, multimedia shows. Stories come to life with spellbinding storytelling, colorful puppets and scenery, music and audience participation. Titles include Pirate Tales, Florida Folk Tales, Johnny Appleseed, Anansi and the Tree of Life, Star Stories: Greek Myths and Mariposa Martinez and more Tales from Latin America.

Liang Acrobatic & Comedy Show

Contact: Bill Patti  
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Phone: 407-797-3134  
Email: bpatti5800@aol.com  
Website: www.acrobatshow.com  
Cost: $350 - $400 (multiple show discounts)  
Ages: ages 2 - 102  
Length: 30 - 45 minutes  
Regions: all

Liang, as seen on NBC’s America’s Got Talent & The Today Show, delights audiences with her incredible one-woman show. This unique experience takes children on an oriental journey. Learn where China is located, speak Chinese words & meet the emperors. Kids ask questions of a REAL Chinese acrobat. Liang demonstrates her acrobatic skills in a breathtaking performance. Then kids become acrobats by interactively using toy props like Liang uses. Add your library to our summer stops & don’t miss the excitement of this thrilling live family event.

Karen Climer’s Crazy Balloon Show

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Website: www.karenclimer.com  
Cost: $295 and up  
Ages: 3 years and up  
Length: 45 minutes  
Regions: all

Dig into your Summer Reading Program with Karen Climer’s Crazy Balloon Show featuring magic, comedy, storytelling, and, of course, balloon twisting. A professionally trained performer and teacher, Karen has a completely new show each year, but it still features the audience favorite where Karen climbs into the biggest – and I mean the biggest – balloon you’ve ever seen. Interactive, fun, and unlike anything you’ve ever had at your library. Call today about bringing this groundbreaking program to your library.

Lipi the Juggler

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Email: bigboss@strictlyentertainment.net  
Website: www.strictlyentertainment.net  
Cost: $350, plus travel (discount for block bookings)  
Ages: Grades K - 6  
Length: 45 – 60 minutes  
Regions: all

Follow Lippo Polo (Stewart Lippe) around the world on a unicycle juggling in different ports. See the Hawaiian poi balls, the Japanese umbrella, Chinese Yo-Yo and Devil Sticks. Visit Egypt where the first visual record of juggling appeared on the wall of the Pyramids. Experience the Hindu Fakir and hear about the history of today’s juggling clubs. Stewart has performed extensively around the world including the Far East, Germany, Russia and Brazil with Circus Smirkus, Circus Vargas & The Franzini Family Circus. He brings all his international experience to the stage with clarity & excitement.
Mad Science of N. E. Central Florida

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Phone: 386-898-4570 or 800-976-0980
Email: MadScienceRocks@gmail.com
Website: http://nemadscience.org
Cost: $170 for one hour workshops and $300 for one hour shows
Ages: all
Length: One hour is standard, but we can customize shows and workshops for anywhere between 30 minutes to two hours.
Regions: Central Florida counties Orange, Seminole, Volusia and Lake. For an additional modest travel fee ($25 – $100), we can perform in Osceola, Polk, Brevard, Flagler and Sumter!

Mad Science provides fun and educ-taining programs for kids of all ages! Our fun and interactive shows and workshops will 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! Mad Science – Sparking imaginative learning!

Mind Lab® - Education is Child’s Play

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Website: www.mindlabsf.com
Cost: starting at $100 (based on volume)
Ages: PreK – 8th grade
Length: One hour class. We offer weekly afterschool or summer classes and/or one time in-house field trips.
Regions: all

Mind Lab® is an innovative and research based program that helps PreK – 8th grade students enhance their cognitive, social and emotional skills using internationally acclaimed strategy games. Mind Lab® has developed a unique approach that fills the gap between school education and real life challenges by teaching students how to think rather than what to think. During the course the concepts are applied to real life situations, allowing children to make transference from game scenarios to real life experiences and scholastic achievements.

Magic and Mayhem

Contact: James Songster
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Website: www.MagicandMayhemShow.com
Cost: $350 (discounts for multiple bookings within the same system)
Ages: 3 – 10 years
Length: 40 – 45 minutes
Regions: all

Magic And Mayhem should be on your program schedule! We have been performing custom-themed library programs for over 10 years. We have developed and presented 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 a 120 mile radius from Orlando. Our programs include magic, costumes, scenery, props, and LOTS of audience participation. The math is simple: Magic + Mayhem = Fun!

Mr. Richard

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Cost: $300, plus travel if applicable. Discounts for multiple bookings.
Ages: 3 – 12 years
Length: 45 minutes
Regions: all

Summer (or anytime) programming that leaves ‘em singing! Mr. Richard shares the joy of music with string instruments, audience participation and whimsical songs about girl pilots, the garbage man, and the “5-Second Rule”. Listen to samples from his four albums on iTunes. Mr. Richard and the Pound Hounds (guitar, bass, drums) trio available for full-on rocking! Have guitar, will travel statewide.

Matthew Sabatella’s Ballad of America

Contact: Matthew Sabatella
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Phone: 305-753-1850
Email: info@balladofamerica.com
Website: www.balladofamerica.com
Cost: $250
Ages: 5 – 100
Length: 50 – 60 minutes
Regions: all

Matthew Sabatella’s Ballad of America programs have proven to be library favorites for all ages, from children to seniors. In conjunction with Viva Florida 500, he introduces The Real Florida, a new musical program that celebrates Florida’s rich heritage and diverse cultural history. Sing along to authentic songs about life in Florida while learning about the people who have called this state home over the past 500 years, as well as important environmental issues. Please visit the website for more information and other program offerings.

Orisirisi African Folklore

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Phone: 407-697-1336
Email: orisiris@aol.com or donald.harrell@ucf.edu
Website: www.orisiris.com
Cost: $300 and up depending upon distance traveled, block booking opportunity, type of event, etc.
Ages: all
Length: 45 – 60 minutes
Regions: all

Orisirisi African Folklore is an awe inspiring African adventure rooted in the history, culture and traditions of Africa, inclusive of folktales, legends, and myths, spirited drumming, dance and song, children’s games, lectures on specific topics, and a healthy dose of the obligatory African tradition of audience participation. Audience members will be enchanted by an authentic African musical experience of their own making, while playing drums and percussion instruments provided by Orisiris in an experience that none will soon forget!
Out of My Hands Juggling & Illusion Show

Contact: Gerard Tricarico  
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Phone: 239-560-1671  
Email: outofmyhands2@aol.com  
Website: www.outofmyhands2.com  
Cost: $200 – $300 plus travel depending upon region.  
Multiple booking discounts are available.  
Ages: all  
Length: approximately 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 incredible light and laser effects that will amaze and delight all ages. Positive messages are incorporated into every performance. Lights! Magic! Juggling! Striving to create the WOW factor from beginning to end! Juggling workshops are available.

Patrick Smith’s Florida – “A Land Remembered”

Contact: Rick Smith (Patrick D. Smith, Jr.)  
Address: P. O Box 343, Cambria, CA 93428  
Phone: 888-744-9381  
Email: rick@alandremembered.com  
Website: www.alandremembered.com  
Cost: $500 – $600  
Ages: all  
Length: 60 – 90 minutes  
Regions: all

Few if any books have captured the spirit and colorful history of Florida as has Patrick Smith’s beloved novel, A Land Remembered. In this dynamic program Smith’s son, Rick, takes the stage to delight audiences with a multimedia show about his father and the extraordinary experiences which led him to write with such authority of Florida pioneers, the Seminoles, migrant workers, “river rats” of Mississippi and more. Video clips, photos, music and sound effects make this a sensory-rich experience that will leave you wanting more. Visit http://alandremembered.com/speakingtour/ for more information.

Quite a Catch

Contact: Ron Anglin  
Address: 2982 Old Lifsey Springs Road,  
Molina, GA 30258  
Phone: 770-584-0571  
Email: quiteacatch@hughes.net  
Website: www.quiteacatch.net  
Cost: $300  
Ages: all  
Length: 45 minutes  
Regions: primarily north of Orlando, but will go anywhere for block bookings

Comic and educational juggler with over 5100 shows’ experience in 28 states. He also clowns for the Big Apple Circus Clown Care Unit in Atlanta hospitals and teaches “at risk” youth for Cirque du Monde (Cirque du Soliel’s outreach program).

Reactory Factory

Contact: Dr. Reacto  
Address: P.O. Box 5504, Lakeland, FL 33807  
Phone: 877-248-7647  
Email: info@reactoryfactory.com  
Website: www.reactoryfactory.com  
Cost: $300 – $350  
Ages: Pre-K – 5th grade  
Length: 30 – 50 minutes  
Regions: East/Central/West Florida

The zany Dr. Reacto and his sidekick, the trickster DJ Dan, perform live-action shows that are musical, fun, and most importantly, educational for Pre-K and elementary age children. Through music, movement, skits, video, scientific demonstrations and audience involvement, children learn reading, writing, mathematics and science as well as the importance of character building, bully prevention and good nutrition. All Reactory Factory Shows are based on Common Core curriculum skills or STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). At the Reactory Factory, we make learning fun!

Rhyme Time

Contact: Denise Lucich  
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Orlando, FL 32808  
Phone: 407-896-7925  
Email: Denise@micheleepuppets.org  
Website: www.micheleepuppets.org  
Cost: $325, plus travel with discount for multiple bookings  
Ages: 2 – 6 years old  
Length: 30 minutes  
Regions: all

Getting kids excited and ready to read ... Michelee Puppets' newest production, Rhyme Time, is focused on literacy for our youngest learners. Rhyme, rhythm, and repetition are critically important in preparing children to read. Using whimsical puppets and a delightful giant pop-up book as a background, this enchanting puppet show will have young children laughing and learning essential pre-reading skills.
Rick Huddle

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Phone: 503-720-0397
Email: rickhuddle@gmail.com
Website: www.rickhuddle.com
Cost: $350
Ages: 3-12 years and families
Length: 45 minutes
Certificate of Insurance: yes
Regions: all

Rick’s programs are mini musicals: themed shows with songs, comedy, stories and lots of audience participation. These shows go beyond mere entertainment as parents and children will laugh, sing and perform their way to a deeper understanding of themselves and the world we live in. Check out rickhuddle.com to find out about Allen Invasion, Secret Agent: Underground or why Pirates Have Feelings Too. Rick lives in Oregon but has family in Orlando, Boca Raton and Naples.

Scott Humston, Magical Storyteller

Contact: Scott Humston
Address: P.O. Box 283, Mt. Dora, FL 32756
Phone: 1-800-276-7870
Email: info@scotthumston.com
Website: http://www.schoolshow.com
Cost: $300 – $500
Ages: PreK – 6th grade
Length: 45 minutes
Regions: all

Using music, comedy, stories and lots of audience participation, Scott Humston’s programs have been the highlight of summer reading programs for more than 20 years. Encouraging kids, parents and reading and the love of books … Scott’s show has it all! A skilled magician and puppeteer – Scott knows how to communicate with kids. He’s traveled the world and entertained families in the states from L.A. to D.C. Call today for open dates on his tour schedule.

Stories & Songs with Mrs. Claus

Contact: Pat Fenda
Address: P.O. Box 18975, Tampa, FL 33679
Phone: 813-872-0300
Email: bigboss@strictlyentertainment.net
Website: www.strictlyentertainment.net
Cost: $225, plus travel (discount for block bookings)
Ages: PreK through age 8
Length: 45 minutes
Regions: all

Mrs. Claus tells the heart-warming story “The Christmas Moon” about a boy and his grandfather vividly told in rhyme and mime. Add the classic “Twas the Night Before Christmas” with SpongeBob coming down the chimney and you have some wild participation from those who want to get the facts of that classic snowy night straight. Between stories, favorite holiday songs are animated with actions for everyone. Mrs. Claus is portrayed by Pat Fenda, an award winning mime and entertainer with over 25 years of experience performing around the world; on local stages including Tampa Theatre, Mahaffey Theater, Carrollwood Cultural Center and the Straz Center.

The Storytelling Sims: Wayne & Jane Sims

Contact: Jane Sims
Address: 860 Florida Club Blvd., Saint Augustine, FL 32084
Phone: 904-823-7969
Email: storybuff@aol.com
Website: http://storynet.org/teller/directory.php?ID=486
Cost: $200, plus travel & lodging (block bookings available)
Ages: secondary school, adult and senior groups
Length: 45 minutes - 2 hours
Regions: all


Tampa Taiko Japanese Drumming Cultural Outreach Program

Contact: Ron Collins
Address: 134 19th Street SE, Largo, FL 33771
Phone: 727-531-7999 or 804-852-6200
Email: Ron@TampaTaiko.com
Website: www.TampaTaiko.com
Cost: $275 – $425
Ages: all
Length: 45-75 minutes
Regions: all

Tampa Taiko is available to visit your school or 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. To inquire about booking Tampa Taiko and to review our teachers’ guide, call 727-531-7999 or email Ron@TampaTaiko.com

Wacky Wild® Science

Contact: Seth Prezant
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Website: http://www.wackywild.com/
Cost: from $200 per presentation
Ages: PreK - 8th grade
Length: One hour each
Regions: Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties

Since 2005, Wacky Wild® Science has presented quality Science programs to nearly one million students throughout South Florida! Wacky Wild® Science develops in-school, in-camp, and in-library programs that educate and fascinate children with the wonders of nature and Science while integrating the love of reading. DIG IN! Our hands-on presentations cover topics such as Chemistry, Electricity, Force and Motion, the Digestive System, Soap Bubbles, Engineering, Recycling with Worms, Marine Invertebrates, Bugs and Insects, and many other S.T.E.M. related shows. We serve private and public schools, after-care programs, camps, special needs populations and library systems throughout South Florida. We make Science fun!!
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Using live animal ambassadors, we teach people to care for living things and to understand the environments in which they live. Through education and experience we can connect the dots between nature and everyday life.

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