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3rd Wheel dot Org

Contact: Mark DeMaio
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Website: www.3rdwheel.org
Cost: Depending on choice of programming, costs are typically between $125 to $1500
Length: Anywhere from 30 minutes, several hours, to a whole day.
Regions: Orange County and surrounding areas. We have also done workshops in Englewood, Sanibel, Tampa, Brooksville and more. We will perform anywhere in Florida! Travel arrangements are made on a case by case basis.

We are the most flexible and versatile “Drum Circle” business in the state. We can do drum circles for any age, performances representing rhythmic elements from multiple traditional cultures (African, Middle Eastern and belly dance, South American, etc.), storytelling, team building, research-based healing protocols and more.

*Monthly/Weekly Drum Circles *REMO HealthRhythms
*Drum Clubs/Classes *African Style - Cultural/Life-skills Storytelling
*Assemblies/Performances
*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.

Alina Celeste

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E-mail: alina@alinaceleste.com
Website: www.alinaceleste.com
Cost: $125 Bilingual Story Time or Spanish Story

Length:
*Monthly/Weekly Drum Circles or only Spanish 45 - 60 minutes.

Ages: Toddlers, Preschool, Kindergarten & Elementary

BILINGUAL OR SPANISH STORYTIME: Creative literacy journey of fun interactive stories, enjoying songs, puppet interactions, games and activities flowing between English and Spanish. For speakers of either or both languages.

PASAPORTES MINI LATIN AMERICAN EDITION: A unique traveling experience around different Latin American countries where children embark on a memorable cultural adventure. Suitable for preschool, K-5 grade. Children will discover culture through hands-on geographical activities: original handmade musical instruments and toys; stories, songs & rhymes in Spanish by native speakers; rhythmical exercises from folkloric dances, handling currency and pretending to buy at “La Tiendita”; arts & crafts; photobooth with props.

Asian Dance & Theatre by Surapsari

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Address: PO Box 494 Nokomis, FL 34274
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E-mail: info@asiandanceandtheatre.com
Website: www.asiandanceandtheatre.com
Cost: $250, plus travel in some areas. Discounts for block bookings.

Length: 45 minutes for performance only. 60 minutes for performance plus craft making workshop (e.g., shadow puppet, Balinese-style mask, and Indian door hanging). Craft material cost is an additional charge.

“Surapsari’s creative and interesting performances were well received by both the children and adults. They really held the attention of our school-aged youth with wonderful costumes and storytelling.” — Christine Culp, Manatee County Library System

Barry Stewart Mann

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Wellington, Florida 33414
Phone: 404-484-9446
E-mail: barrystewartmann@hotmail.com
Website: barrystewartmann.com
Cost: $235 per program ($430/$585 for double/triple in same area on same day). Reasonable travel stipend applies beyond Palm Beach, Martin, and Broward counties, and travel costs are reduced when programs are bundled over multiple days in an area. Please feel free to call or email to discuss details.

Length: Programs generally run 40-50 minutes, but fully adaptable to presenter needs.

Regions: I can and would be delighted to perform anywhere in the state. I am primarily based in Atlanta, with a Palm Beach County address as well. Best locations are in and near Palm Beach County, as well as the Orlando, Gainesville, Lake City and Tallahassee areas.

Engaging, interactive, thematic, literature-based storytelling programs. This year:
- “CultureMan to the Rescue!” - Stories of heroes from world folklore, for ages 5-12 (Seven Chinese Brothers, Miro in the Kingdom of the Sun, and more)
- “Little Heroes, Big Hearts” - Literary tales and poems for younger audiences, ages 3-9 (Lion and Mouse, Custard the Dragon, Brave Little Seamstress)
- “American Heroes” - real stories of lesser-known heroes, for ages 5-12 (Bass Reeves, Mary Walker, John Muir)
- “A Thousand Faces” - interactive workshop for teens and tweens, using masks and stories to explore the hero archetype, for ages 9-16

All Kids Spanish

Contact: Joanna Buccaro
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Phone: 321-460-2844
E-mail: info@allkidsspanish.com
Website: www.allkidsspanish.com
Cost: $125 Bilingual Story Time or Spanish Story Time
$300 Pasaportes Mini, Latin American Edition

Ages: Toddlers, Preschool, Kindergarten & Elementary

Length:
* Bilingual Story Time or only Spanish 45 - 60 minutes.
* Pasaportes Mini Latin American Edition 90 minutes - 2 hours.

Regions: Central Florida counties: Orange, Seminole and Volusia.

For an additional travel fee ($40), we will visit Lake & Osceola counties.
Berdolé
Contact: Julie Galle Baggenstoss
Address: 2596 Midway Rd. Decatur, GA 30030
Phone: 404-277-1499
E-mail: julie@flamencoclasses.com
Website: www.flamencoclasses.com/library
Cost: $250 single show
$350 double show within the same system
$450 triple show within the same system
DANCER WITH ACCOMPANIMENT(S)
$200 per show added when shows include
accompanist(s), at the discretion of librarian
Regions: All
• All programs include a Flamenco dance demonstration and lesson.
• Programs support literacy skills, Spanish language vocabulary, social studies, geography, and STEM.
• Current shows explore Flamenco and Thomas Edison; the influence of the Americas on Flamenco (Hispanic heritage); and the children’s book “The Story of Ferdinand.”
• All shows can be performed with live guitar and singing, or they can be presented by a solo dancer with recorded music. The former is much more exciting than the latter!
• Each show is accompanied by a list of Flamenco-and-Spain-related titles that patrons can search for in the stacks.

Cookie T Clown
Contact: Carol Meyer
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Website: cookieandfriends.com
Cost: $295 plus travel fee. Discount for multiple bookings in the same area same day.
Length: 40 minutes
Regions: All
Cookie T. Clown, Carol Meyer, is an award-winning clown balloon artist and face painter, with over 25 years experience entertaining children and adults of all ages. She has performed magic shows for libraries, hotels, schools, daycares, camps and fun events all over Central Florida. Cruise companies have been delighted to see Cookie’s balloon sculpture classes at sea. Call today, I will design a program to fit your needs.

The D-Pad Inc
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Phone: 727-771-8243
E-mail: jquilitz@hotmail.com
Website: www.facebook.com/pages/D-Pad-Art-Enrichment/918455894840310
Cost: Base Price (Pinellas County): $200+ library provided materials (pencils, paper, crayons/colored pencils, and markers, if available). Please add $50 per county traveled through outside of Pinellas.
Length: 1 hour
Regions: I perform in Pinellas, Hillsborough, Pasco, Hernando, Manatee, Sarasota and Alachua counties, but I am willing to perform throughout the state.

cookie1164@aol.com

U 2 Can Cartoon: Can’t draw? No problem! Learn a simple, repeatable process for creating your own original cartoon creations and let your style find you!

Tangle Jam: Relax and put the “fun” back in art fundamentals! Learn a series of patterns known as “tangles” and mash them up to create your own striking graphic designs!

DoDad’s Lab
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E-mail: darren@dodadslab.com
Website: www.dodadslab.com
Cost: $300, plus travel with discount for multiple shows
Length: 40–60 minutes
Regions: All Regions
DoDad’s Lab is a live, interactive program that combines colorful props, wacky science experiments, puppetry and reading and science 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.

Maks invites you to be part of his comedy family-friendly interactive show filled with juggling, magic and physical comedy. Audience participation in the acts makes each performance unique and authentic.

Maks has great experience in entertaining audiences around the world - USA, Europe, Asia, South America being part of the greatest entertainment companies. Already performed for Disney World, Busch Gardens, Legoland, International Circus Festivals and much more...

Thinking about good mood, positive energy and nice style? - call Maks
Bill & Eli offer three, entertaining, audience participation programs, all with their unique presentation style that includes Eli using American Sign Language as she sings.

1) “Artifacts of Florida: Song & Story” shares bits of Florida history, people, and culture utilizing Eli & Bill’s original songs, and the stories behind the songs.

2) “Black History Month: Song & Story” A presentation of facts, utilizing Eli & Bill’s original songs, that relate to notable civil right 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.

3) “Children’s Campfire Sing-Along” introduces children to traditional folk and campfire sing-along.

Finn & Fiona

This whimsical presentation will amuse audiences with tales from Celtic lands, expertly brought to life by master storyteller Finn, and his vibrant but silent assistant Fiona. Finn & Fiona, a national touring family show, will delight both children and adults with wacky antics, and demonstrations of traditional Celtic music and dance. Everything from banishes to bagpipe, Finn and Fiona are delighted to be bringing this unique show to a school, library, or festival near you!

Geddy the Gecko Library Shows

First option: “Super Geddy” Every Hero has a Story featuring Geddy the Gecko and Super Geddy!
Second option: “Super Heroes: from Farm to Fame!” featuring Holy Cow, Mr. Pig and Bully the Bull (or you may choose to feature two characters instead of three, such as Mr. Pig and Bully the Bull). ALL shows include non-stop audience participation and breakdancing!

As seen on primetime national TV four times with Simon Cowell and Regis Philbin. Twice in “People” Magazine.

The Healing Force

The Healing Force brings “The Rhythm of the Drum” to life with this spirited performance of storytelling, and vocal and instrumental music. Audiences of all ages enjoy and join in the mellow accapella singing and “foot-tapping” drumming of this family of artists. Participants from the audience, much to their delight, get the opportunity to play shekereis, beaded gourd instruments, and other instruments in a culminating “jam.” Melodious sounds of the thumb pianos, instruments made from gourds and metal, played with the thumbs by all members of the group, can be heard throughout the program.

Jacki Manna’s Very Funny Ventriloquism Show

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 “Every Hero Has a Story” program to your library!

Jane Rosenbohm Guitar Extraordinaire

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 – at a value of $240!
JiggleMan
JIGGLEMAN

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Address: 4811 S. Fern Creek Ave Orlando, FL 32806
Phone: 407-616-9720
E-mail: banks@bheflr.com
Website: bankshelfrich.com
Cost: $295+
Length: 45-minute show
Regions: Statewide

For the past 20 years, JiggleMan has performed over 4000 shows at schools, libraries, festivals and even The Late Show with David Letterman. His brand of educational performance is unique, bold and definitely memorable. Other presentations from the maker of JiggleMan are Healthy Herb, Math-U the Counting Cowboy and Filmmaking for Kids.

Karen Climer the Balloon Twister

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Orlando, FL 32801
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E-mail: Karen@KarenClimer.com
Website: www.KarenClimer.com
Cost: $295+
Length: 45-minute show
Regions: Statewide

Karen Climer’s Crazy Balloon Show features storytelling, magic, comedy, and of course, balloons. A professionally trained performer and teacher, Karen has a completely new show for 2015, 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! There is still time for you to be a hero to your young patrons. On your mark, get set, Karen is also booking for 2016.

Keith Munslow

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Website: www.keithmunslow.com
Cost: $800 plus travel expenses
Length: 50 minutes show

Keith’s highly interactive show will delight everyone with a unique mix of funny, original songs and stories, tongue-twisting poems, oddball characters and on-the-spot cartoon drawing. Keith’s rhythmic piano, skillful drawing and quick wit combine for an upbeat, positive experience with lots of audience participation. It’s a fast-paced ride, so hang on and don’t blink – you might miss something!

Liz Coursen, author, historian

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Sarasota, FL 34239
Phone: 941-706-2463
E-mail: liz@firstpersonpublications.com
Website: lizcoursen.com
Cost: I currently offer 21 original, hour-long educational programs, which range in cost from $285 to $600. A partial list of my Florida history programs follows. All Florida history programs are customized with location-specific information and material about the area where I’m speaking. I also present multi-program workshops for authors and aspiring authors. I do offer discounts when multiple programs are presented on the same day or when a library system books more than one program at a time.
Regions: I’ve presented programs in libraries from Pensacola to Jacksonville, from Homestead to Marco Island, and everywhere in between.

• Shade in the Sunshine State: Reflections on Segregation in Florida
• Florida’s Rosenwald Schools: Shaping a Generation of Civil Rights Leaders
• Having Fun, Wish You Were Here! An Illustrated History of the Postcard in Florida
• The Bounty of the Earth: A Postcard History of Florida’s Mining and Agricultural Industries
• Up From the Ground: A Postcard History of Citrus Production in Florida
• Zoom, Zoom! A Postcard History of Trains, Planes, and Automobiles in Florida
• The St. Johns River: Florida’s First Tourist Attraction
• MOO! A History of the Cattle Industry in Florida
• Baseball in Paradise: A History of Spring Training in Florida

I am in my sixth year presenting programs in libraries, historical and genealogical societies, museums, and other nonprofits in Florida. I have wonderful references and would be happy to email you links to videotaped programs for your review. I am committed to the mission of libraries and will work hard to enhance and expand your connection to your community.

Magic And Mayhem Show

Contact: James Songster - Director of Talent
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Davenport, FL 33837
Phone: 407-222-4412
E-mail: James@MagicAndMayhemShow.com
Website: www.MagicAndMayhemProductions.com
Cost: $350 (discounts for multiple bookings on same day within the same system)
Length: 40–45 minutes
Regions: All - 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.

Featured Programs for 2015 -

K-4th: THE SUPER BOOK OF HEROS!
A wannabe hero uses the magic of storybooks to discover his true superpower in the hopes of meeting his idol, Capt. Wonderfluff!

5th - 12th: SCIENCE, MYTH & MYSTERY
Participants are invited to apply their critical thinking skills to “UNMASK” the relationship between science, myth and mystery.

Why should Magic And Mayhem be on your schedule? We are trusted partners with so many libraries because they know that we deliver uniquely themed library programs. For more than 10 years we have consistently 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.

All of our programs include magic, costumes, painted backdrop, props, and LOTS of audience participation that reinforces the joy of reading.

The math is simple: Magic + Mayhem = FUN!
Magical Mr. Tim

Contact: Tim Howard
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Phone: 863-521-4093
E-mail: MagicalMrTim@gmail.com
Website: www.hishandsproductions.net or www.facebook.com/HisHandsProductions
Cost: $175-$375 * Multiple event discount available
Length: 40-60 minutes
Regions: All

Mr. Tim is the hilarious, comical and hugely entertaining family friendly magician for Florida. His high-spirited personality and dynamic interaction with his audience creates memories that last a lifetime. He has 25 years of experience in entertaining children including touring the holiday camp circuits in England and theme park entertainment. He now calls Florida home, and he is available for special events, library shows and kids parties. Mr. Tim’s Magic Show is 45-60 minutes of nonstop magic and fun that will have kids laughing and screaming with delight, which Mr. Tim backs up with 100% Money Back Guarantee.

Margaret Andersen

Contact: Margaret Andersen
Address: 600 N. Grandview Street
Mount Dora, FL 32757
Phone: 352-360-9497
E-mail: maggie@maggiezine.net
Website: www.facebook.com/MargaretAndersenPresents
Cost: $300-$500 plus travel
Length: 1 hour
Ages: Adults except Fairy Tea is for children & adults
Regions of Florida Where You Perform: I live in Central Florida so almost anywhere in the state is accessible.

Andersen’s love of history, style and tradition are the inspiration for her programs. Until her retirement to Florida in 2002, she traveled the world performing one-women plays.

- Titanic in Style and Story
- Downton Abbey Tea
- A Pleasurable Shudder
- Crowned Coffin
- Jane Austin Tea
- The Artful Tea
- The Art of Afternoon Tea
- Fairy Tea
- Red, White & Blue Tea
- Queen Victoria Tea
- Lavender or Rose Tea
- Irish, English or French Tea
- Tea Tasting
- Victorian Fan Tea
- Victorian Hat Tea
- Handbag Tea
- Shoe Affaire
- Victorian Fashion Show
- Bridal Fashion Show
- First Ladies Fashion

“Teas” can be simple with tea and scones or a three course tea. Most “Teas” can be booked as programs only.

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: www.balladofamerica.com
Cost: $250, plus travel in some areas. Discounts for block bookings.
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.

MicheLee Puppets, Inc.

Contact: Denise Lucich
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Phone: 407-898-7925 ext. 1
E-mail: denise@micheleepuppets.org
Website: www.micheleepuppets.org
Cost: $350, plus travel fee, discounts are given for "Block Booking"
Length: 30 minutes
Regions: Throughout Florida

Rhyme Time: Reading Readiness
Getting kids excited and ready to read!
Rhyme, rhythm, and repetition are critically important in preparing children to read. Using whimsical puppets and a delightful over-sized pop-up book as a background, this enchanting puppet show will have young children laughing and learning essential pre-reading skills.
Appropriate for ages: 2-6

A Good Day for Pancake
When a friend is repeatedly bullied at school, Pancake Pig doesn’t know what to do. He has to learn that bystanders have a responsibility to report bullying. Pancake helps stop the bullying and teaches everyone a valuable lesson.
Appropriate for ages 4-7.

Mij Byram, Storyteller

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Boca Raton, FL 33432
Phone: 561-504-2616
E-mail: mij@mijbyram.com
Website: www.MijByram.com
Cost: From $300 plus travel - Discount for block booking. Entertaining and interactive workshops for librarians, teachers and parents starting at $500 (travel, topic and length allowances)
Length: 45 to 90 minute programs-Versatile, flexible programs to suit all ages, all sizes, all seasons, all reasons
Ages: Children and adults both love a good story well told.
Regions: All

Choosing from hundreds of traditional folk, fairy and literary tales, personal stories and original fiction, Mij will customize programs for your audience and venue. Simple, elegant, thoughtful and straight forward or animated, energetic and witty, the audience is always engaged and entertained. Puppets, props, music, backdrop and sound system used when suitable.
Mij is known nationally as a specialist in children’s storytelling. Her programs and workshops have been well received from Portland OR to Portland ME. Visit www.MijByram.com or call for references and testimonials.

Mr. Richard

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Address: 905 Essex Pl. Orlando, FL 32806
Phone: 321-332-4271
Email: richard@mrrichard.net
Website: www.mrrichard.net
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.
This year’s program is “Heroes, Magic, Music, and More.” It incorporates music, storytelling, and magic while exploring super heroes that many people never think of. Super Mom, The Police and Firemen, and of course the villains, like the evil Dr. Procrastination, but we’ll discuss him later.

I provide my own sound, backdrop, I use my guitar, and I interact with a video screen. The programs last about 35 to 40 minutes and I like to interact with the attendees before the programs begin.

Orisirisi African Folklore
Contact: Don Harrell
Address: 14001 Beargrass Court, Winter Garden, FL 34787
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 Orisirisi in an experience that none will soon forget!

Out of My Hands
Contact: Gerard Tricarico
Address: 1147 SE 29th Street
Cape Coral, FL 33904
Phone: 239-560-1671
E-mail: Outofmyhands2@AOL.com
Website: www.outofmyhands2.com
Cost: $250-$300, depending on the number of bookings.
Length: Shows are approximately 50-55 minutes in length. Three different juggling workshops are offered from 45 minutes to 2 hours.
Regions: Perform throughout Florida.

Blending choreographed juggling with illusions, Out of My Hands delivers a high-energy show that is innovative and interactive. Cutting-edge light & laser effects will amaze & delight all ages. Several routines are designed to encourage children to not be afraid of new challenges. The workshop program is an excellent program for your tween and teen group. Workshops encourage perseverance, build self-esteem, and allow individuals to express their creativity while experiencing an aerobic workout.

Prestino’s Magic Show
Contact: Joseph Ciaravino
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Phone: 727-888-4456
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Website: www.prestinosmagic.com
Cost: 45 minute act for $200 in Pasco, Hernando, Hillsborough, Citrus, Sumter, and Pinellas counties. 45 minutes for $225 in Orange, Seminole and Manatee Counties
Multiple show discounts; greater travel distances must be calculated.
Regions: Pasco County, Hernando County, Hillsborough County, Citrus County, Sumter County, Pinellas County, Orange County, Seminole County, Lake County and Manatee County

This classic rabbit out of the hat magic show is designed to keep the whole family involved and lasts 45 minutes to an hour. It includes a live rabbit, levitating child, plenty of audience participation, and many colourful props. Prestino can even include balloon animals as an added extra. Also, as an extra, and depending on performing area, Prestino can make a child or adult appear.

Reptile Discovery Programs
Contact: Bruce Shwedick
Address: PO Box 3176 Plant City, FL 33563
Phone: 813-486-0256
Website: www.reptilediscovery.com
Cost: $250 for one presentation in the Tampa Bay area. There is a modest increase in the fee for locations elsewhere in Florida, depending on the travel distance.
Length: Program is one hour in length, followed by an audience meet n greet, which can be thirty minutes or longer. During the meet n greet, audience members may touch a python or other reptile, under Bruce Shwedick’s supervision. Audience members may also have a photo taken while standing next to Bruce and the python. Photos must be taken by another family member with their camera.
Regions: Statewide.

We provide educational and entertaining live reptile programs presented by Bruce Shwedick. We are licensed by the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission and insured. We currently offer two programs that have been utilized by libraries throughout the State of Florida.
Reptile Discovery: www.reptilediscovery.com/discovery.html
Reading with Reptiles: www.reptilediscovery.com/children.html
We would be delighted to provide librarian references.

In addition to libraries, our programs are utilized by schools, recreational organizations, zoos, aquariums, and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (the US Military’s Medical College in Bethesda, Maryland). The summer of 2015 will be Bruce Shwedick’s fiftieth summer of presenting.

Rick Huddle
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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
Sandi Sylver: Storyteller-Ventriloquist-Songstress

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Cost: $325 and up. Block booking discounts-let’s talk! Sock Puppet and Ventriloquism Workshop (2 hours), for ages 10 to 14: $400 and up. Mileage and/or accommodations, when necessary, will be factored into the fee.
Length: 45-60 minutes
Regions: Statewide and beyond

“The Storyteller-Ventriloquist-Songstress”: who could ask for anything more! In 2002, I taught myself ventriloquism from a library book; currently I’ve performed in 20 states and am having the time of my life! “We” present both themed and eclectic, interactive performances for children and families, plus concerts for adults. All puppets have soft, fabric faces, and stories, songs, and puppets are chosen for appropriate ages. Both an Illinois and Virginia Arts Council Artist, I’m now living in Florida, still touring nationally, and am still affordable! 2015 bookings include St. Louis Storytelling Festival, Southwest Florida Festival of Reading, and The Straz Performing Arts Center Tampa.

ShowTimeForKids

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

Seriously funny kids entertainment

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All programs are custom designed to the current year’s theme. All shows are 100% self-contained, including custom backdrop curtain, sound system & costumes. Fully Insured along with a State and National FBI background check!! We make event planning as easy as: 1, 2, 3...call today!

Skeletons: Animals Unveiled

Contact: Reginald V. Finley Sr.
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Website: www.skeletonmuseum.com
Cost: $150 for the first program, with an additional $125 for each added consecutive program on the same day / same location. Mileage is $.58 per mile, plus tolls.
Length: 30-75 minutes.
Regions: Orlando and surrounding areas.

“Skeletons: Animals Unveiled” will provide hands-on educational programs on skeletal adaptations and forensic pathology. These programs will use a combination of real and replica bone to involve participants in an interactive class that will increase their understanding and appreciation of the skeletal system and awareness of vertebrate diversity. Classes offered include Tooth and Eye “Dentification,” Animal Locomotion, Amazing Skeletal Adaptations, Animal CSI, and Forensic Osteology using Human Skulls! Programs are available for Pre-K through college students.

The Storytelling Sims: Wayne & Jane Sims

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Website: www.TampaTaiko.com
Cost: $275 – $425, with discounts for multiple events in the same, or nearby location.
Length: 45-75 minutes.
Regions: All

Tampa 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.

Zak Morgan

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Costs: $550 including travel
Length: 45-60 minutes
Regions: Statewide

With a background in children’s literature plus a GRAMMY® nomination for his kids’ songs, Zak Morgan brings all of his life experiences and a simple delight in words and music to his live performances. His interactive concerts are warm, full of humorous wordplay, and fun for all ages.

“He displays a passion for creating music that treats children as intelligent and creative beings capable of relating to, and engaging in, songs that raise the bar in their thinking. His wordplay is wonderful; he approaches each song as a separate musical adventure.”
- CHICAGO PARENT
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