



# Dig Into READING



## 2013 PERFORMER SELECTION BOOK

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# Choose Your Level of WLS Participation in Booking Performers

## **Level 1: Full Assistance**

**Do Not Arrange or Sign a Contract Between Your Library and the Performer.**

Contact the WLS Administration Office by phone, fax or email to request a performer be booked for your library. Please provide the following information with your request:

- Artist contact information (if not included in this book)
- Location your performance will be held
- Desired date & time of performance and 2 alternatives

Winnefox will contact the performer to arrange the booking ASAP upon receipt of the request and send you a confirmation of the booking.

After Winnefox has arranged a booking, we will:

- Obtain a signed contract & W-9 form from the performer
- Make revisions to your booking if needed
- Mail reminder postcards to the performer 2-3 weeks prior to the booked performance
- Issue a check payable to the performer and send it to your library one week prior to the performance
- Bill your library for reimbursement after the performance date has passed
- Send 1099-Misc tax forms to performers

## **Level 2: Partial Assistance**

**Do Not Sign a Contract Between Your Library and the Performer.**

After your library has contacted the artist to pre-arrange a booking (discuss programming, hold date, etc.) contact the WLS Administration Office by phone, fax or email to request a performer be booked for your library. Please provide the following information:

- Specifics discussed and prearranged with the performer (date, time, location)
- Artist contact information (if not included in this book)

Winnefox will contact the performer to arrange the booking ASAP upon receipt of the request and send you a confirmation of the booking.

After Winnefox has arranged a booking, we will:

- Obtain a signed contract & W-9 form from the performer
- Make revisions to your booking if needed
- Mail reminder postcards to the performer 2-3 weeks prior to the booked performance
- Issue a check payable to the performer and send it to your library one week prior to the performance
- Bill your library for reimbursement after the performance date has passed
- Send 1099-Misc tax forms to performers

## **Level 3: Informational Support Only**

If you choose to arrange bookings, issue contracts & payment, and process performer tax forms (W-9 & 1099-Misc.), Winnefox will gladly offer assistance to you by answering any questions you may have.

# 2013 PERFORMER SELECTION FORM

Library: \_\_\_\_\_

Library Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Performance Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Please remember:

- You may pre-arrange a booking with the performer & still have Winnefox issue payment and take care of the tax forms.
- You cannot sign a contract with the performer if you want Winnefox to issue payment and take care of the tax forms.

Entertainer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Use a separate form for each entertainer & attach contact information if they are not in the selection book.

Enter your dates of choice in order of priority.

Date

Time

1<sup>st</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_

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Return form to Marcy Cannon in WLS Administration office ASAP.  
Performers will be booked as forms are returned.



# Amy Ammen

## Amiable Dog Training

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Milwaukee, WI 53203

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**Contact Preference:**

**Best time to call:**

**Stage Name:** Amiable Dancing Dogs

**Performance Title:** How To Be a Dog's Best Friend

**Performance Description:** Amiable Dancing dogs have been performing since 1999. The cast includes a diverse array of breeds; rat terrier, Doberman pinscher, Chihuahua, yorkipoo, flat-coated retriever, Labrador, Rottweiler, teddy bear, pit bull, viszla, and mixed breeds of all shapes and sizes.

The Amiable Dancing Dogs, along with their human partners, can't wait to get into costume, cue up the music, and show-off fancy routines choreographed with spinning, jumping, kicking, and weaving maneuvers.

The educational portion highlights "How to be a dog's best friend." "Amy Ammen, dog behavior expert and author, and the Amiable trainers share tips about how to be safe around dogs and the keys to avoid being frightened or bitten. Audience interaction, posters, and prizes delight even the youngest attendees.

**Length of Program:**

**Theme Incorporation:**

**Fee:** Negotiable starting at \$425

**Mileage:** IRS rate

**Discount:**

**Artist Comments:** Performing Area: 250 square feet (floor must offer sufficient traction for dog to dance and jump). Carpeting is ideal, but rugs and matting that won't slide work well too.

Electrical outlet

Travel Range: within 100 miles of Milwaukee, negotiable

# Jean Andrew

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**Secondary Phone:**

Milwaukee, WI 53212

**Email:** Jean-Andrew@storylore.net

**Website:** www.storylore.net

**Contact Preference:** 1st Email; 2nd phone

**Best time to call:** Varied schedule. Email 1st

**Stage Name:** Jean-Andrew of STORYLORE

**Performance Title:** “Dig for Gold in the Library: A Storytelling Treasure Hunt”

**Performance Description:** An interactive storytelling program that

- invites participation
- Entertains with lively storytelling
- Sends children to book shelves

**Length of Program:** 45 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** How to Dig for Gold in the Library...

- dig out a code coin—599, 811, 398.2, etc.
- Match the code to a book label
- Hear a story from the Dewey category
- Get a sheet of golden codes to hunt for more treasures on the library shelves

**Fee:** \$200 a program

**Mileage:** Additional charge for mileage from Milwaukee at \$0.50 a mile round trip - based on USA GSA mileage reimbursement rates of 4/17/12.

- Discount:**
- \$50 off subsequent programs at the same library on the same day (within 2 hours)
  - Mileage shared between nearby libraries booked on the same day

**Artist Comments:** Additional fees: negotiable fee if back-to-back bookings require overnight accommodations.

# Mary Ellen Atwood Atwood Players

**Contact:** Mary Ellen Atwood

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Brookfield, WI 53005

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**Contact Preference:** 1st Email; 2nd phone

**Best time to call:** Anytime - leave message

**Stage Name:** The Atwood Players

**Performance Title:** Scavenger Hunt USA

**Performance Description:** We have seven different plays - each having to do with a reading/children's lit theme.

A teacher goes on a cross country tour of the USA in order to win a scavenger hunt. Along the way she gets the items she needs from children's literature characters as she goes in and out of stories and back and forth in time by using a magic library card.

**Length of Program:** 40 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** Scavenger Hunt USA is a play which is suggestive of searching or digging for items for a contest.

**Fee:** Fees are negotiable from \$185 - \$270 depending on how many bookings come from an area.

**Mileage:**

**Discount:**

**Artist Comments:**

# Ruthanne Bessman

**Contact:** Ruthanne Bessman

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Madison, WI 53703

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**Website:**

**Contact Preference:**

**Best time to call:** anytime

**Stage Name:** Ruthanne Bessman

**Performance Title:** Origami - The Art of Paper Folding

**Performance Description:** All you need is a piece of paper and your fingers! Learn a variety of models that are practical, decorative and playful. Origami's for everyone - all ages! It's great fun to fold together and in the process making new friends. 4 - 6 models will be taught.

**Length of Program:** 60 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** Origami introduces young readers to a new culture and a new "language" - reading and understanding diagrams.

**Fee:** \$250/hour (includes all materials)  
\$125 for additional hour

**Mileage:** IRS rate

**Discount:**

**Artist Comments:** Table and chair needed to accommodate participants. Can teach large groups.

# Bob Bohm

**Contact:** Bob Bohm

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Racine, WI 53403

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**Website:** www.BohmsMagic.com

**Contact Preference:** 1st email; 2nd phone

**Best time to call:** A.M.

**Stage Name:** Bohm's Family Entertainment

**Performance Title:** Option 1: Need To Read Magic Show

Option 2: Survivor Family Game Show

**Performance Description:** Need To Read Magic Show

The Need To Read Magic Show is designed for all ages from kids to adults. This 45 minute show is amazing, amusing and educational all at the same time. It emphasizes the importance of reading, books, and libraries using magic to weave the message. The exciting finish to the program is the famous Swing-The-Librarian-In-Half trick.

Survivor Family Game Show

The Survivor Family Game Show is "Survivor" meets "Gilligan's Island" in this hilarious interactive event. Contestants picked from the audience are put thru funny "immunity challenges" like Gummi Bug Eating, Hula Hoops and a Tarzan Yell while the audience votes for the winner! It's loads of fun with prizes for all.

**Length of Program:** 45 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** Need to Read Magic Show

The program starts with random alphabet cards mixed together to end up spelling out the theme Dig Into Reading which are then used as the "magic words" for the show. One trick would involve five kids. Four of them would hold small pales with shovels (the kind kids use at the beach). The buckets represent poor and bad habits. Like watching TV, playing video games, hanging out and reading books. The 5th child has to choose the right one. Magically he always does.

In addition; the summer reading theme poster would be magically painted by a child volunteer.

Survivor Family Game Show

No theme integration

**Fee:** \$350 per program

**Mileage:** \$0.50 per mile

**Discount:** Discounts for multiple programs same day at the same or different libraries within the vicinity.



# Bill Bosworth

## The Science Alliance

**Contact:** Bill Bosworth

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**Secondary Phone:** (262) 745-3535 cell day of show

Lake Geneva, WI 53147

**Email:** thesciencealliance@gmail.com

**Website:** www.thesciencealliance.com

**Contact Preference:** No preference

**Best time to call:** 10 am - 2 pm Monday - Friday

**Stage Name:** The Science Alliance

**Performance Title:** Several Shows Available

**Performance Description:** The Science Alliance brings science to life with interactive programs in Chemistry, Physics, Bugs, and Environment! New this year is Get Hip to Health! Bill Bosworth involves many volunteers in every show for a fast paced family-friendly event your kids will love!

**Length of Program:** 45-75 minutes depending on your library schedule

**Theme Incorporation:** Our Bugs program or World Works program will both offer unique opportunities to “dig” into reading and science!

**Fee:** \$400 per show

**Mileage:** \$50 travel fee

**Discount:** For multiple libraries on same day, travel fees will be waved!

**Artist Comments:**



## Casey & Greg

**Contact:** Greg Matysik

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Verona, WI 53593

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**Contact Preference:** email

**Best time to call:** anytime

**Stage Name:** Casey and Greg

**Performance Title:** Songs and stories for the whole family

**Performance Description:** Casey & Greg perform traditional, folk, popular, Irish, standards, and original music on multiple instruments, including acoustic guitars, mandolin, harmonica, concertina, and ukulele. We actively involve youth in our stories and songs through singing, movement, and other participatory activities. We love taking requests and enjoy involving our youth audiences in our performances, which will leave you singing, reminiscing, and most importantly - smiling!

**Length of Program:** We are flexible, but usually perform for 45-60 minutes depending upon the audience and request of the library.

**Theme Incorporation:** We have been doing summer reading library programs for many years now and every year we write a song specifically about the theme to sing with your program participants. We also incorporate stories and songs that use the metaphor of digging deeper by learning through reading.

**Fee:** \$150 per performance

**Mileage:** IRS rate applies if more than 50 miles away from Madison area.

**Discount:** Willing to negotiate discounts for multiple performances.

**Artist Comments:** We have our own sound equipment that we can bring if needed. All we would need is an outlet.

# Pamela Corcoran Corcoran Puppets

**Contact:** Pamela Corcoran

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Stevens Point, WI 54482

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**Contact Preference:** 1st Email; 2nd phone

**Best time to call:** Between 1 pm and 5 pm

**Stage Name:** Corcoran Puppets

**Performance Title:** Donkey Tales

**Performance Description:** Three stories about donkeys, performed with the charming, needle-felted wool puppets of Pam Corcoran.

**The Bremen Town Musicians:** In this version of the familiar tale, the animals turn in the stolen goods to the authorities and receive a fine reward, enabling them to stay in the cottage while perfecting their act. Eventually, they make it to the Town of Bremen, where they receive fame and fortune as The Brementown Musicians!

**That Donkey:** A heart-warming tale about a donkey with cold ears and a kind-hearted little girl who knows how to knit.

**The Donkey and the Rock:** An old folk tale about a court case involving a donkey and a rock! On what will the judge base his decision?

**Length of Program:** 50 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** The introduction will include talking about “digging” into a specific subject - in this case, donkey stories! Following the puppet show, during the question and answer time, the children will be encouraged to share subjects that they would like to “dig” into.

**Fee:** \$325 for one show

**Mileage:** No mileage fee for the first 50 miles, then additional \$0.50 per mile from Stevens Point.

**Discount:** Multiple shows on the same day would be charged discounted rate of \$275 per show

**Artist Comments:**

# Jim Cruise The “Spoon Man”



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Jenison, MI 49429

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**Best time to call:** 11:00 am

**Stage Name:** Spoon Man

**Performance Title:** The “Spoon Man”

**Performance Description:** The “Spoon Man” is a *Published Author* who offers a hilarious *interactive comedy* program for all ages. He gives a real *stirring* performance. Everyone will really *eat him up*. No bibs required. The “Spoon Man” has a *totally clean* act. He never uses dirty silverware. The “Spoon Man” will leave a *lasting impression* after playing on you (literally). It’s a *spoonful* of family fun.

**Length of Program:** 45 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** I picture a cereal or ice cream bowl with books inside and 2 spoons digging in. I talk about the importance of reading.

**Fee:** \$300 per show for 3 shows or more the same day  
\$450 per show for 2 shows per day  
\$900 for 1 show per day

The shows can be at any location as long as I can fit them in on a given day. I am willing to do 4 shows a day. I do ask for a hotel room the night before the performance to be split between the libraries or I can add \$30 per library for hotel costs.

**Mileage:** I do not charge mileage.

**Discount:**

**Artist Comments:**



**Michael Drake**  
**Mr. Pickles**

**Contact:** Michael Drake

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Waukesha, WI 53186

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**Contact Preference:** 1st Email; 2nd phone

**Best time to call:** Any time, any day

**Stage Name:** Mr. Pickles

**Performance Title:** Hot Diggity Dog Ziggity, Dig Into Reading Now!

**Performance Description:** The entire performance will include references on many levels to “Dig Into Reading”

**Element #1** Using the melody from the song, *Hot Diggity Dog Ziggity*, I created a video with new lyrics for the kids to sing-a-long with Mr. Pickles. We will be singing and reading along! The video will soon be available on my website.

**Element #2**  
Incorporating poems like, “Mootsy The Rootsy” and many more from my 2 published children’s books, *The Growing Books*, *My Inside is Outside*, **Genius... Generate Interest In Us**

**Element #3**  
Demonstrating and teaching the kids how to read out loud in an expressive way that makes the words come alive! Can you dig it?

**Element #4**  
Including elements from my other themed presentations, “The Island Kids Show”, “Bang To The Thang” “On the Road with Mr. Pickles” “Live, The Roaming Reader” and my famous golden trumpet, it becomes a journey to enjoy!

**Length of Program:** Flexible, personally crafted to fit your needs. 1/2 hour Minimum to 1 1/2hrs.  
Small class room or a large room for combined libraries for a lot of kids.

**Theme Incorporation:**

**Fee:** I work exclusively within your budget parameters.

**Mileage:** Mileage/Travel time can be additional if over 60 miles round trip at a negotiable rate.

**Discount:** Multiple library discounts available.

# David HB Drake

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Milwaukee, WI 53207-0646

**Website:** www.davidhbdrake.com

**Contact Preference:** 1st Email; 2nd Phone

**Best time to call:** anytime

**Stage Name:** David HB Drake

**Performance Title:** Roots!

**Performance Description:** David HB Drake's 2013 Summer Library Reading Program digs down to the ROOTS of our family tree with a harvest of American Folk music performed on handmade dulcimer, banjo, Native American flute, plus concertina and guitar. The seeds of song provide a solid grounding in music to help kids grow and flower. See David perform on YouTube at "MrDHBD".

**Length of Program:** 50 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** Earthy songs like "My Roots go down to the Earth", "Inch by Inch", "and "This Land is your Land" plus the Native American story of The Three Sisters (corn, bean, pumpkin) will combine with a couple of mining sings including "Clementine" and "Heigh Ho" (7 Dwarfs) and family roots songs like "Grandma's Patchwork Quilt".

**Fee:** \$275 for one show  
\$250 per show for 2 or more shows on the same day

**Mileage:** Fee usually includes mileage, but for a single show at long distance, an additional \$25 might be requested.

**Discount:**

# Kay Elmsley Weeden

## La Cuentista Lista - The Clever Storyteller



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Stoughton, WI 53589

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kayweeden@sbcglobal.net

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**Contact Preference:** 1st Email; 2nd phone

**Best time to call:** 8 am - 12 pm

**Stage Name:** Kay Elmsley Weeden, The Clever Storyteller (La Cuentista Lista)

**Performance Title:** ¡Say Olé!

**Performance Description:** Kay's dual-language programs include stories, songs, and a dance that pertain to the reading program theme. Kay is best known for her bilingual storytelling method, seamlessly incorporating Spanish and English in the same story. Programs are designed to include the audience in the telling of the story, and also to invite one and all to dance.

**Length of Program:** 45 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** Stories will be centered around the digging theme, such as an interactive story on gardening, or something similar to The Turnip with the audience helping out. A favorite is Robert Munsch's Mud Puddle, which is very "dirty" and fun for the audience. Stories and chants are done bilingually, and various expressions in Spanish will be used over and over for the audience to use and hopefully retain. I always love to incorporate an authentic Hispanic dance, and a Zumba dance would be really great for the occasion.

**Fee:** \$200 per program

**Mileage:** \$0.30 per mile round trip

**Discount:** \$25 discount for each booking, not necessarily same day

**Artist Comments:**

# Wayne Francis

**Contact:** Wayne Francis

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Lakewood, CO 80226

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**Contact Preference:** 1st Email; 2nd Phone

**Best time to call:** AM

**Stage Name:** Wayne & Wingnut comedy ventriloquist

**Performance Title:** Wayne & Wingnut's "Red Hot Chille Puppets"

**Performance Description:** Take to the skies with comedy ventriloquist Wayne Francis, Wingnut the pilot and friends. Learn and laugh as this comedy duo barnstorms their way into your hearts. This fun journey thru the imagination includes "life-sized" puppets, original jokes/music and lots of fun audience in the show stuff! Along with Wingnut you will meet Serina the Spanish mermaid, Rodney the big floppy bird, Chico the chiquaqua and others. At the end of the show, laugh as actual audience members are asked onto stage and the voices come out of their mouths! Always a very funny ending to a very funny performance.

This show is more fun than a room full of Rhinos!

**Length of Program:** 55 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** This year's show features Jamison Hunter "world famous miner/tracker". He has been in the book stacks mining for gold (great stories). He explains that the treasure in the library is found in the stories. Listen and laugh as he tells many funny/adventurous stories to the children. Then as each character is produced they explain what they like about digging into a good book! By the time the show is over children will be anxious to go mine for the "gold" themselves!

**Fee:** \$300 per show

\$275 per show with a grouping of 3 or more shows from the district

\$250 per show for 10 or more shows

**Mileage:** Included in cost of the show

**Discount:**

**Artist Comments:**



# Tammy Grady Ms. Frizzle

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Clyman, WI 53016

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**Contact Preference:** 1st Email; 2nd Phone

**Best time to call:** After 4 pm

**Stage Name:** Ms. Frizzle

**Performance Title:** Ms. Frizzle and Her Magic School Bus

**Performance Description:** After reading one of the Magic School Bus books, we do a related demonstration and/or experiment.

**Length of Program:** 1 hour

**Theme Incorporation:** We will read the book, Magic School Bus: In the Time of Dinosaurs and follow up with a demonstration on skeletons or archaeology.

**Fee:** \$100 per show

**Mileage:** \$0.50 per mile from Clyman, WI

**Discount:**

**Artist Comments:**

# Joni Hahn

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Merrill, WI 54452

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**Best time to call:** Anytime, leave voicemail if no answer.  
I will respond within 48 hours

**Stage Name:** Joni Hahn

## Performance Title:

**Performance Description:** Performance Description: (from the Wisconsin Children's Performer Directory) Joni Hahn uses a mix of stories and music to entertain and to engage audiences of all ages in the art of storytelling. Joni leads her listeners through interactive and creative tellings of well known folktales and legends. She often supplements her stories with props, a variety of percussion instruments, and sing-alongs led by guitar.

**Length of Program:** 45 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** "Digging for a Treasure Chest of Stories!" will be my theme. I will use a treasure chest to carry the props and percussion instruments needed for the stories. There are usually 4 stories and 2 songs in each performance.

**Fee:** \$175 for a 45 minute performance  
\$300 for two performances in one day (could be for 1 or 2 libraries in close proximity)

**Mileage:** Mileage fees apply when performance is 30 or more miles from Merrill, WI. The rate is negotiable.

**Discount:**

**Artist Comments:**

# Bruce Hetzler

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Appleton, WI 54911

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**Website:** www.wisconsin-library-magic.com

**Contact Preference:** 1st Email; 2nd Phone

**Best time to call:** 11:15 - 11:45 am & 2 - 3 pm

**Stage Name:** Bruce Hetzler

**Performance Title:** Dig into Reading: Uncover the Magic!

**Performance Description:** I present a fun-filled program that explores the wonderful world of reading, the library, and the magic found in books. Children will delight in the magic, and also learn how important it is to read books. The show is full of laughs, comedy, magic, corny things that children love, and lots of audience participation!

**Length of Program:** 45 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** In the program your audience will discover...  
My favorite card  
An unusual, baffling type of ring-toss  
A bee that will not leave you alone  
A favorite summer snack  
What the letters R E A and D stand for  
... and much more

**Fee:** \$275 per show

**Mileage:** IRS rate

**Discount:** \$50 discount per show for multiple bookings at the same or nearby libraries on the same day.

**Artist Comments:**

# Jason Huneke

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Saint Paul, MN 55101

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**Contact Preference:** 1st Email; 2nd Phone

**Best time to call:** anytime

**Stage Name:** Jason Huneke

**Performance Title:** Jason Huneke Comedy Juggling Program

**Performance Description:** Jason's show is a fun, fast paced comedy juggling show for kids of all ages. The show is packed with juggling, the Chinese diabalo, balancing, a top hat manipulation routine, unicycling and juggling on a 6 foot unicycle and optional juggling of knives and fire torches. Children and their parents are fully engaged throughout the entire show with the technical skills as well as the comedic way Jason presents the show.

**Length of Program:** 35 - 40 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** There is a section of the show where I teach the audience how to juggle, and recommend books by Dave Finnegan. There is also a section where I manipulate a top hat, and recommend finding videos at their library of skills where movement is involved.

**Fee:** \$300 for one program

\$250 per program for 2 libraries or programs

\$200 per program for 3 libraries or programs

**Mileage:** No additional fee

**Discount:**

**Artist Comments:**

# Bob Kann

## Storyteller / Juggler / Magician



**Contact:** Bob Kann

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landline

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Madison, WI 53703

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**Best time to call:** Anytime

**Stage Name:** Bob Kann: Storyteller/Juggler/Magician

**Performance Title:** Finding the Magic in Reading: Can You Dig It?

**Performance Description:** Join the fun with storyteller/magician/juggler Bob Kann as he digs into the magic of reading. Learn about the Beloit explorer who dug for dinosaur eggs, hear tales of buried treasure and kids who dig to China, and find out about the diggin' prairie dogs who outsmart the silly coyote. Bob uses mesmerizing magic, jovial juggling, and everything but the kitchen sink to promote reading. Like the termite who was a comedian, Bob guarantees this show will bring the house down!

In advance of the performance, Bob will provide host libraries with a list of books related to digging into reading. During the show, he'll promote these books. After the performance, these materials are guaranteed to be checked out by eager children.

**Length of Program:** 40 - 45 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** The entire program is fashioned around the summer library theme. The stories are related to digging and the show is designed to motivate children to read. The bibliography I'll provide will supplement the "Dig Into Reading" books and reading materials provided by the host library.

**Fee:** \$350 for one performance  
\$600 for two performances on the same day at libraries within 50 miles of each other

**Mileage:** No additional charge

**Artist Comments:**

# Tom Kastle

## Singer, Songwriter, Sailor, and Teller of Tales



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**Stage Name:** Tom Kastle

**Performance Title:** Dig Into Reading

**Performance Description:** How far can you dig into the Earth?

Can you dig through the whole world to the other side?

What is on the other side?

What happens when you “Dig Into Reading”?

Can you dig down through words and pictures and ideas?

What’s on the other side?

Join singer, songwriter, traveler, and teller of tales, Tom Kastle to explore, through songs and stories, what happens when you dig a little deeper into the place we call home and find out what drifts along in the Driftless Zone and if you can make tea in a kettle moraine.

Because sometimes you have to go a little deeper to learn more and digging to the bottom of things helps you recognize how to put things in order.

**Length of Program:** 45 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** See the program description above. I enjoy the challenge and opportunity to design programs around the Summer Reading themes. Thanks you!

**Fee:** \$300

**Mileage:** \$0.50 per mile

**Discount:** \$50 - \$100 block booking discounts for neighboring libraries in same day. Libraries can split travel as well. If library block booking goes over night, hotel accommodation and one meal must be added.

**Artist Comments:**

# David Landau



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**Stage Name:** David Landau

**Performance Title:** Music, Laughter, and Adventure

**Performance Description:** This is an upbeat musical program that keeps children engaged and constantly thinking. The kids sing some, move some, learn some, act some, dance some, shout just a little bit, and laugh a bunch.

**Length of Program:** 45 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** My shows are very interactive. In keeping with the summer theme I plan on

1. singing one of my favorite kid songs “There’s a Hole in the Bottom of the Sea” and taking the kids on an adventure to a desert island in search of buried treasure (which we find).
2. I will use my “Freeze-Dance” style “Butterfly Song” to have the kids act out various animals that dig.
3. My song Plant Myself a Forest will be perfect for digging soil, planting seeds, and watching a forest grow.

**Fee:** \$250 for one performance  
\$150 for each additional performance in area

**Mileage:** No additional charge

**Discount:**

**Artist Comments:**

# Diane Lasceski-Michaels



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**Stage Name:** Diane Michaels

**Performance Title:** Digga Digga Do!

**Performance Description:** If you want to be a cool cat here's what you've gotta do; let Diane show you how to dig songs, stories and poetry, too! You'll even hear a didgeridoo if you stay a while; and learn to Digga Digga Do, kid style!

**Length of Program:** 50 - 60 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** The program is designed to help kids 'dig' music, stories, and poetry so they will want to Dig Into Reading to find their own treasures.

**Fee:** \$300

**Mileage:** \$0.50 per mile

**Discount:** Discounts for more than one performance in the same space in the same day, or, for libraries who book multiple performances in the same area.

**Artist Comments:**



# Ron Lindberg Rondini



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**Stage Name:** Rondini/Doc Ron

**Performance Title:** The Magic of Reading and the WEIRD SCIENCE COMEDY SHOW

**Performance Description:** Performance Description: Rondini has been performing since 1977 when he read a book about Houdini from the Menasha Library. He mentions this fact at his performances and encourages the children to visit the most magical place in town, their library. His shows can be as intimate or as grand as desired: from a smaller venue with just Rondini to a larger show with large illusions and an assistant. In all the shows, Rondini uses a lot of audience participation, makes balloon animals, does spellbinding magic with side splitting humor, performs a Houdini Escape and brings Einstein the cutest bunny in the world.

After the show, if desired, Rondini can also be booked to teach a short class on how to perform a few simple magic tricks.

In the Weird Science Show, Doc Ron, performs crazy and fun science experiments with a lot of audience help. Einstein the bunny also makes a magical appearance.

**Length of Program:** Shows can be catered to library needs, area to work with and budget. Most of the time, the show is about 45 minutes long.

**Theme Incorporation:** Rondini will explain how by that chance visit to the library many years ago, his life was changed and now is a full time magician, and the children will be encouraged to read books on magic as well as read as much as possible.

**Fee:** \$250 for one 45 minute program

\$200 per program for two shows on the same date within 30 minutes from each other & within a 3 hour period (i.e. 11 am & 1 pm)

Add \$50 for a 30 minute magic class if desired

**Mileage:** \$0.50 per mile round trip

**Discount:**

**Artist Comments:**

# Jason Love

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**Stage Name:** Jason Love and Cheap Animator

**Performance Title:** Comedy Magic and Variety and Animation Workshop

**Performance Description:** **Magic Show:**

As seen on the “Tonight Show with Jay Leno”, “The Travel Channel”, and “Just a Show with Kevin King”; Jason Love brings you an original show filled with his unique blend of comedy, variety acts and magic.

This vaudevillian professional will work with you to make sure that your event is a success! Mr. Love has performed across the country (and beyond!) for corporate shows, fairs, festivals, colleges, libraries, schools, private events, and more..!

**Animation Workshop:**

The workshop is to teach participants how to make animated videos on their home pc's with little or no money. Animation is normally a very expensive hobby or profession to get into, but with Jason's methods you can do it on any budget.

The goal of our workshops is to allow for personal expression through this very unique medium. If your library is interested, we can send you more information with references and past videos.

This workshop is limited to children in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above. The maximum number of participants for this workshop is twenty, but special consideration will be taken if library can provide some cameras and tripods.

**Length of Program:** Magic Show: 45 minutes  
Animation Workshop: 2.5 hours

**Theme Incorporation:** Magic Show: Jason always incorporates his love of reading into his library shows by telling the children how he learned his magic tricks through the library starting at a young age. He also does a trick involving growing flowers from a cooking pan which is connected to gardening. Jason has added a little beach shovel into his show as a magic wand, has several jokes around the theme, and touches on magic relating to “digging up the past”.

Animation Workshop: Children are given the theme to create their animated videos around. We have done bug themes, space themes, and others. The great thing about this program is the kids make the videos with whatever theme your library wants.

**Fee:** Both animation workshop and magic show prices are \$300.

**Mileage:** \$10 for every 60 miles away from Milwaukee.

**Discount:** Jason offers great discounts for multiple library bookings or a package deal for booking the magic show and Animation Workshop.

**Artist Comments:**

# Paul Merklein

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**Stage Name:** Paul Merklein

**Performance Title:** Paul Merklein Draws Great Big Faces

**Performance Description:** Paul Merklein draws famous faces and people right from the audience, entertaining everyone at your library. Who will he draw next? Paul's program combines art, comedy and audience participation. Children and adults see faces like The Lorax, Harry Potter and Superman drawn and given to the audience. Paul Merklein also teaches a "How to draw Super Hero Faces" drawing workshop for Teens and Tweens. Students discover their talent, use their imagination, and have fun drawing! Please go to [www.greatbigfaces.com](http://www.greatbigfaces.com) to see videos.

**Length of Program:** 45 - 60 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:**

**Fee:** \$450 for one program

\$350 per program for 2 programs on the same date

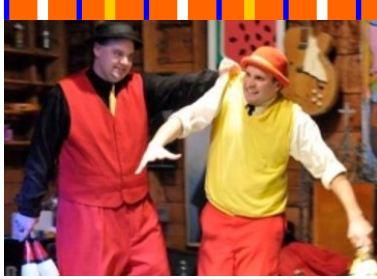
\$300 per program for 3 programs on the same date

**Mileage:** Prices include mileage.

**Discount:**

**Artist Comments:**

# Otis Miller Miller & Mike



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**Stage Name:** Miller & Mike

**Performance Title:** Miller & Mike Show

**Performance Description:** The Miller & Mike comedy show a fast-paced, high energy show full of circus skills, audience participation and of course lots of good clean comedy. You will see juggling, music, magic and yo-yos and nobody does it like Miller & Mike. These professional performers can please even the most diverse audiences and will have your patrons asking for more.

**Length of Program:** 45 - 60 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** Pull back the curtain into the world of the circus with Miller & Mike as they uncover real circus skills. Miller & Mike will show you how it's done but the only way to learn it for yourself is to uncover a book. Let's all have fun learning about the circus while we dig into reading.

**Fee:** 1 show is \$400

2 shows on the same day are \$300 each even if the shows are at different libraries.

The show is self-contained and the price includes everything even travel. There are no additional fees except in very rare cases.

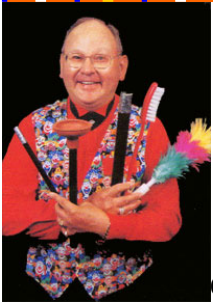
**Mileage:** Included in fee

**Discount:**

**Artist Comments:**

# Bruce Nelson

## Mr. Fun Magic Show



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**Stage Name:** Mr. Fun

**Performance Title:** Mr. Fun Magic Show

**Performance Description:** Fast paced colorful magic, suitable for all ages. Loads of belly laughs with clean family comedy, lots of audience participation. Lots of take home hand outs, pictures, color pages, trick sheets.

**Length of Program:** 45 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** Tricks are divided into segments where we then promote reading and the library. Book displays are recommended.

**Fee:** \$165.00 per show

**Mileage:** \$0.40 per mile

**Discount:** Discount for 2 shows at the same location

**Artist Comments:**

# Mark Nilsen

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**Stage Name:** Magic Mark (magic programs)

The Zany Inventor (Science Shows)

**Performance Title:** Magic Mark's Magic and Variety Show

Zany Inventor Show

**Performance Description:** **Magic Mark's Magic and Variety Show**

40 minutes of laughs, fun, and magic! Audience participation and entire-audience involvement are hallmarks of a Magic Mark show. Books from your library will be used to encourage children to read, check out books, and return to the library.

**Zany Inventor Show**

The Zany Inventor Show is 45 minutes of unbelievable wacky scientific fun! As the Zany Inventor, Mark demonstrates a variety of principles through highly visual demonstrations, including having a child from the audience illuminate an electric light with their bare hands! Foam, fizz, and fun are all part of this one-of-a-kind show!

**Length of Program:** 40 - 45 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:**

**Fee:**

**Mileage:**

**Discount:**

**Artist Comments:**

# Randy Peterson



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**Stage Name:** Randy Peterson

**Performance Title:** "Dig For the Reading Treasure Chest!"

**Performance Description:** This all-new show for the summer of 2013 will be a lively musical presentation full of audience participation. Singing, playing guitar, banjo and percussion, Randy Peterson presents a fun blend of songs and stories that will inspire young readers to see the library as a place of wonder and learning.

**Length of Program:** 45 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** "Dig Into Reading" is the theme.  
My show is perfect! Here's what I mean...  
Through song we'll visit animal homes,  
discover caves and dinosaur bones!  
We'll search with pirates on their ships  
and dig the sands of old Egypt!  
Kids will experience, as we go  
an amazing world that's down below.  
As my backdrop, to please the eyes,  
will be a treasure chest great in size!  
It's filled with books the kids all know,  
and some they might ask you to show.  
You'll DIG Randy's show, it's smart and fun.  
It'll be a hit with everyone!

**Fee:** \$300 for 1 show on 1 day  
\$250 per show if 2 or 3 libraries schedule performances on the same day

**Mileage:** Mileage is included in program fee.

**Discount:** If I receive bookings from ten or more libraries in the Winnefox Library system, the price will be \$250. for ALL shows, even if they end up being the only show that day.

**Artist Comments:**

# Rick Ponzio

## Storyteller

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**Stage Name:** Rick Ponzio

**Performance Description:** "Folk Tales from Around the World" is a dynamic performance of fun folk tales from a variety of cultures and countries. Rick brings to life characters and animals to enrich and entertain the audience. Enjoy folk tales, myths, legends, and fables from places such as Mexico, Puerto Rico, Kenya, China, and Africa or myths of Native American peoples. "Legends from Around the World" is a performance of legends about children from different cultures and countries. Both programs include some audience participation. In conjunction with this summer's theme, Mr. Ponzio will improvise a story using suggestions from the audience.

**Length of Program:** 40 - 50 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:**

**Fee:** \$125 for one 40 - 50 minute performance  
\$115 for second performance on the same day in the same area

**Mileage:** Additional

**Discount:** Discounts for block bookings within a library system

**Artist Comments: Performing Area:** 12 feet wide by 9 feet deep, 8 feet high, but can adapt within reason

**Requirements:** One chair to use as a character prop.



# Ryan Radke

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**Stage Name:** Ryan Radke

**Performance Title:** Sleight of Hand Magic with Ryan

**Performance Description:** 30 minute close up magic performance with audience participation.

**Length of Program:** 30 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** By "Digging In" to reading you can open your world to other places, adventures and magic.

**Fee:** \$80 per 30 minutes  
\$100 per 45 minutes

**Mileage:** Included in program cost.

**Discount:**

**Artist Comments:**

# Daryl Rogers

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**Stage Name:** The Amazing Daryl

**Performance Title:** Dig Into the History of Magic

**Performance Description:** I perform some of the classic effects of magic, such as the Linking Rings, Zombie Ball, and the Cut and Restored Rope. I use volunteers for several of my effects, and each participant receives a "Magicians Assistant" certificate. Several of the routines are done to music only. The show is entertaining for children as young six as well as adults.

**Length of Program:** 45 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** This 45-minute "Dig into the History of Magic" program takes the audience on a tour which digs into the history of magic, starting with the very first magic trick recorded in ancient Egypt in 2500 B.C. We journey forward in time, stopping in China in 1000 B. C., moving on to India in the year 500, to France in 1850, and New York City in 1900. We end by experiencing magic tricks from modern-day Las Vegas. Along the way we discover magic tricks from each time and place, and dig into history in a fun and magical way.

**Fee:** \$150 per show

**Mileage:** \$0.555 per mile for bookings over 25 miles from Fond du Lac

**Discount:** Discounts for same-day multiple bookings at the same or nearby branch libraries.

**Artist Comments:**

# Taku Ronsman

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**Stage Name:** Ms Taku

**Performance Title:** Rhythm and Tunes with Ms Taku "Diggin' It!"

**Performance Description:** "Hands on" multicultural music program which includes drumming, singing, and dancing to traditional and original rhythms and songs. Storytelling is incorporated upon request. Designed to appeal to all ages, this program entertains, engages, and enriches the lives of children, families, and special needs populations. Participants...

- Play a variety of rhythm instruments
- Perform to songs from the 8 world regions - Africa, Asia, Middle East/North Africa, Europe, North America, Central America/Caribbean, South America, and Australia/Oceania
- Learn songs that use Sign Language
- Blend the old (ancient culture) with the new (modern culture) to create a unique and memorable experience that values and celebrates the wisdom and good found in all cultures

**Length of Program:** 45– 60 minutes. Very flexible regarding length of program.

**Theme Incorporation:** The program will include multicultural rhythms, songs and movement related to the concept of "underground" such as...

- Buried treasure
- Underground and burrowing animals/insects
- Underground work (mining)
- Volcanoes
- Earthquakes
- Gardening
- Underground creatures (gnomes and goblins)

**Fee:** \$150 - \$250 for Winnefox Library System, based on distance from Green Bay

**Mileage:** Mileage included in program fee.

**Discount:** Discount negotiable for multiple bookings

**Artist Comments:**

# Mike Schneider

## Uncle Mike

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**Stage Name:** Uncle Mike

**Performance Title:** Pint Size Polkas

**Performance Description:** Participation opportunities abound during Uncle Mike's Pint Size Polkas program! Your young patrons will be invited to wear hats while the audience guesses the jobs that go with them. Everyone will have fun answering age-appropriate trivia questions on a number of topics including aviation, logging, and the railroad, and will be encouraged to check out books on these subjects! Catchy sing-along polka tunes complement the program theme, and of course, no one goes home without doing the "Chicken Dance" and a special polka version of "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes." Plenty of singing, dancing, and education make Pint Size Polkas fun for the whole family!

**Length of Program:** 45 minutes, flexible according to event need

**Theme Incorporation:** Each occupation segment will relate to digging, whether it's a pilot responsible for dusting the crops a farmer has planted underground; a firefighter who digs trenches to prevent the spread of forest fires; or a lumberjack who plants seedlings to help replenish their tree crop. Trivia questions and suggested reading will revolve around these topics, plus the Underground Railroad.

**Fee:** \$250 base performance fee

**Mileage:** IRS Standard Mileage Rate

**Additional Fees:** \$25 per show discount will apply if multiple libraries book the same day or as part of the same trip. Mileage is shared among participating libraries.

**Discount:**

**Artist Comments:**

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**Stage Name:** Professor Oops!

**Performance Title:** The Science and Wonder of the Underground World

**Performance Description:** Dig into the wonderful underground world with Professor Oops (the explorer who stayed at home). Experience the underground ecosystem including: micro-organisms, insects, worms, plants, soil, minerals, and gems. This program inspires independent exploration and digging into books.

**Length of Program:** 55 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** The program will introduce family audiences to the amazing information in the earth sciences and encourage them to dig further into the library's resources to continue their explorations into "the wonder of it all."

**Fee:** \$250 per program

**Mileage:** \$0.50 per mile

- Discount:**
- Discounts for multiple programs.
  - \$50 off subsequent programs at the same library on the same day.
  - Mileage shared between nearby libraries booked on the same day.
  - Half price offer for a teen/adult program on same day. See website for programs.

**Artist Comments:** Negotiable fee for bookings that require overnight accommodations

# Vanessa Selthofner

## ArtVenture Girl

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**Stage Name:** ArtVenture Girl

**Performance Title:** An Artistic Traveling Adventure

**Performance Description:** ArtVenture Girl is a certified Art Teacher specializing in extreme hands on art projects. She will tell of her traveling adventures and the artistic things she encountered. Participants will learn of her great adventures and create multiple hands on art projects. At the conclusion of each session, ArtVenture Girl will reveal the custom passport stamp she created especially for that session. Participants will choose the colors and ArtVenture Girl will print it on her traveling jacket right before their eyes.

**Length of Program:** 45 - 60 minutes - depending on audience participation

**Theme Incorporation:** ArtVenture Girl's projects will center around a traveling adventure she had that relates to digging, animals or things that are found underground, discovering and/or art of the past from an archeological dig. She will introduce artwork or artistic ideas that follow the Dig Into Reading theme. She can also customize a program to center around a certain book or theme that your group may be focused on.

**Fee:** \$225 per performance

Customization of a performance add an additional \$100 or more depending on supplies needed.

**Mileage:** 2013 IRS rate

**Discount:** \$75.00 discount for multiple performances on the same day/same location  
\$50.00 discount for multiple bookings in the same year

**Artist Comments:** Requirements: 5-6 tables for work space.  
For groups larger than 25 - an adult participant is needed for every additional 5 children

# David Stokes

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**Stage Name:** David Stokes

**Performance Title:**

**Performance Description:** Fun with armadillos, skunks, badgers, tortoises, snakes and other creatures who HUG the earth. Live animals, dead things, puppets, songs and humor.  
Songs, stories, riddles, sign-language, humor and hands-on fun.  
Bring your camera.

**Length of Program:** 45 - 60 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** Creatures from Underground....dig into the ground....read about these creatures.

**Fee:** \$250 per performance

**Mileage:** \$0.56 per mile

**Discount:** 2 or more performances in one day, waive mileage fee

**Artist Comments:**

# Mary Tooley

## Art in a Suitcase

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**Stage Name:** Art in a Suitcase

**Performance Title:** THE WONDER DOWN UNDER - Digging into Australian Animals!

**Performance Description:** Art in a Suitcase hops down to Australia to check out the incredible animals that are unique to that continent. We will start with two that dig down under the ground, the amazing platypus and burrowing wombat. Next featured will be a lizard with a bright blue tongue, a bird with a super laugh and a koala with an attitude. Then it's down under the ocean around Australia to meet the box jellyfish and Epaulette shark. The program concludes with everyone making a dot picture in the style of Australian aboriginal art. Real aboriginal art will be displayed!

**Length of Program:** 60 minutes, but I will stay longer if children need to finish their art

**Theme Incorporation:** Australia is down under, the animals dig under the ground and I had to dig into lots of books to come up with all my animal facts!

**Fee:** Fee is \$160.00 which includes mileage and art supplies for the take home project. No additional fees unless you have over 100 kids.

For 2 libraries on one day, the fee is \$120 each.

**Mileage:**

**Discount:**

**Artist Comments:**



# Noelle Tarrant

## Zoozort Live Animal Programs

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**Stage Name:** Miss Noelle

**Performance Title:** Zoozort Live Animal Programs

**Performance Description:** Zoozort is an amazing, interesting and interactive program that uses live animals that children can meet, touch, maybe feed; to teach about habitat, nutrition, conservation and appreciation. Each animal is taken out one at a time, fun and interesting facts are given in an entertaining way. These are my animals, many who I have raised from babies, some adopted. I give information about these animals, but I also can tell funny stories about each specific animal. I feel this gives the audience an experience of getting to know each animal. All are amazing and have been doing these programs for many years, some as long as 23 years; they are all used to being around a lot of people. I have been speaking to large audiences of children and adults about animals for 23 years. My programs are tailored to any age group.

Zoozort live animal programs can be performed from a stage area, in this case I will call up a few volunteers to help with the animals, such as feed the tortoise, the chinchilla, hold the python. If there is a way to do my presentation from the floor area (maybe in front of the stage, then large rugs will be placed on the floor). Children are then asked to sit around the rugs, making a very large semi circle, parents in chairs in back of children. Then the animals are taken out one at a time, giving each child a chance to pet almost every animal. Volunteers are still chosen for the audience to help with feeding a few animals etc. Either way works, but the second gives a lot of opportunity for a touching experience. Hand sanitizer is used before and after the performance, offering to anyone who wants to touch.

**Length of Program:** 45 - 60 minutes, depending on the size of the group

**Theme Incorporation:** I have many animals that dig : armadillo, fennec fox, tortoise, coatimundi, bearded dragon. But, we can always go with "Everyone digs animals" or something along those lines. That way we can bring a wallaby, kinkajou, tegu, python or whatever you would like.

**Fee:** Ed Programs: The price below do not include travel fees

\$275.00 up to 30 people

2 programs- \$475.00

3 programs -\$600.00

\$300.00 30 to 75 people

\$350.00 75 to 100 people

\$400.00 over 100 people

**Mileage:** Travel fees: 30 minutes from Stoughton WI no charge

45 minutes from Stoughton \$25.00

1 hour from Stoughton \$50.00

1hr 15 min. from Stoughton \$75.00

1hr 30 min. from Stoughton \$100.00

2 hours from Stoughton \$125.00

**Discount:** Multiple shows on the same day only for price discount

**Artist Comments:**

# Dennis Tlachac

## Nature's Niche

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**Stage Name:** Dino Tlachac

**Performance Title:** Environmental Educator/Exotic Animal Rescue

**Performance Description:** Nature's Niche provides a variety of education programs rainforest and humane animal education featuring live rescued animals. Our program is fun and hands-on for all ages and can be adapted for any theme.

Program length is approximately 1 hour in length and can accommodate group sizes up to 300 people. Our most popular program is Remnants of the Rainforest which includes everything from spiders to reptiles to tropical birds. We also offer Creatures of Mystery, Alotta Squamata(reptiles) and Wings of the World(birds) as well as many others.

**Length of Program:** 60 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** Creatures of Mystery would be a great program to showcase this theme because it can be adapted to highlight the numerous animals that live and burrow underground or are nocturnal.

**Fee:** \$350 for the 1st program

\$150 for subsequent programs at the same physical location

\$300/program for shows on same day at different locations (within 30 min. of each other)

Due to the fact that we have multiple boxes and carry kennels that need to be moved:

\$50 additional fee for setup requiring going up flights of stairs

\$25 additional fee for setup requiring elevators

Outdoor Programs

\$100 additional fee

Any Program after 5:00 pm

\$100 additional fee for overnight hotel stay or the library can arrange hotel.

**Mileage:** Included in pricing

**Discount:**

**Artist Comments:**

# Fred Turk

## Grandpa Fred Turk

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**Stage Name:** Grandpa Fred Turk

**Performance Title:** Dig into Music with Grandpa Fred

**Performance Description:** Every song I use has audience participation. Most songs in fact have the children performing next to me using animal puppets and other props while I play my banjo.

**Length of Program:** 45 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** My show will encourage children to dig into books, to expand their minds and encourage them to read.

**Fee:** \$150 per show

**Mileage:** \$25 travel fee added to show cost if performance location is over 50 miles from Green Bay

**Discount:** Discount for 2 shows on the same day

**Artist Comments:**

# Amy Wilde



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**Stage Name:** Amy Wilde

**Performance Title:** Henna Body Art / Henna Temporary Tattoos

**Performance Description:** This program focuses on beautiful art of Mehndi (or henna). Amy covers the history and traditions of henna use in different cultures around the world. She shows to how to make henna paste, designs, and gives instructions on how to apply it. She answers questions as she goes along. In the second part of the program, supplies are passed out for participants to use on each other. Amy does a limited number of drawings on some participants. This program requires a minimum of two hours within a maximum of 25 participants because supplies are involved. This gives her time to work individually with all the participants.

**Length of Program:** 2 hours

**Theme Incorporation:**

**Fee:** \$75 per hour with a 2-hour minimum, up to 25 participants

**Mileage:** Additional

**Discount:**

**Artist Comments:** Travel Range: within 75 miles of Green Bay

**Requirements:** A small room with tables and chairs for participants

# Joe or Miki Wise Wise Guy & His Gal

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**Stage Name:** Wise Guy & His Gal

**Performance Title:** Imagireadination Fantabookasy

**Performance Description:** Looking for something exciting, fun, and educational for your Summer Reading Program? Let Wise Guy and His Gal entertain you with their comedy/variety show, "Imagireadination Fantabookasy." Kids will see how books and their imaginations can enable them to create a world of learning, excitement, and fun. Style of show is a series of very fast moving 3 - 5 minute comedy sketches using acting/storytelling, singing, dancing, puppets, audience participation, and lots of comedy. Topics of sketches are Dragons/Dinosaurs, Wise Guy and His Gal Theme Son, Monsters/Fears/Books, Dance Styles (audience participation), Temper Tantrums, Hometown Idol (audience participation), the Industrial Revolution (audience participation), The Oregon Trail, Name that Book (audience participation) and Ending Song. Target age is 4 - 10 but show is designed to entertain all ages, even adults.

**Length of Program:** 45 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:**

**Fee:** \$250 for 1 performance

\$400 for 2 performances booked together that can be performed on the same day

**Mileage:**

**Discount:**

**Artist Comments: Performing area:** flexible, from a minimum of 12 feet by 12 feet to a full theatrical facility.

**Requirements:** electrical outlet; show is complete with set and sound system.  
45 minutes set up time and 30 minutes take down time.

# Jack Zolkowski

## Soda Pups



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**Best time to call:** 8 - 10 am Monday-Friday

**Stage Name:** "Soda Pups" dog show

**Performance Title:** Soda Pups Dog Show

**Performance Description:** In addition to riding a remote controlled toy hummer Sierra Mist barks her age. Ruby Red Squirt pushes a shopping cart. Dr. Pepper slams a toy basketball down a basketball hoop. Ginger Ale walks between each step of my legs and sits pretty and waves bye bye. Barq's Root Beer Rides a skateboard. Also designated children get to perform some of the tricks with Sierra Mist and Squirt after I do them.

**Length of Program:** Structured show lasts about 45 minutes. Children have an opportunity to pet two of the dogs after the show.

**Theme Incorporation:** My goal for the 2013 summer library theme "Dig Into Reading" is to have one or more of my soda pups dig into a box of shredded paper and come up with a book.

**Fee:** \$150 per program

**Mileage:** \$0.55 per mile

**Discount:** The program fee listed above reflects a \$25 discount given to libraries.

**Artist Comments:**