

**2014**

**PERFORMER**

**SELECTION BOOK**

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The intent of this Performer Selection Booklet is to provide Winnefox Library System member libraries with the most accurate and up-to-date information about local performers who have responded to our annual request for information. Inclusion in this booklet does not guarantee performers bookings and it does not constitute an endorsement or promotion of any individual or group by Winnefox Library System. The Department of Public Instruction List of Performers is located at [http://pld.dpi.wi.gov/pld\\_performers](http://pld.dpi.wi.gov/pld_performers).

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# **Level of WLS Participation Options and Guidelines 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.



# 2014 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.







## Bouncin' Bus LLC



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Green Bay, WI 54302

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**Website:** www.bouncinbus.com

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

**Best time to call:** After 2:00 pm

**Stage Name:** Bouncin' Bus LLC

**Performance Title:** A school bus converted into a fitness center for kids!

**Performance Description:** Bouncin' Bus is a school bus converted into a gym and fitness center on wheels! It is fully padded, climate-controlled, and available for your next special event. The bus will be setup as an obstacle course. The children will enter in groups of six to eight perform a variety of fun exercises using our specially designed preschool gymnastic equipment. Depending on weather conditions, the children will exit the bus by sliding out the emergency door.

**Length of Program:** Usually 2 hours but available for longer periods of time if requested.

**Theme Incorporation:** The children will explore the ABCs of fitness (agility, balance, coordination, strength) using the interactive equipment on the bus.

**Fee:** Rough outline of pricing structure, please call for exact quote.

\$300 for 1 hour at one library  
\$400 for 2 hours at one library  
\$600 for 3 hours at one library  
\$700 for 4 hours at one library

**Mileage:** \$1.00/mile

**Discount:**

**Artist Comments:**

# Jeffrey Carpenter

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Appleton, WI 54913

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**Best time to call:** Anytime, usually return calls after 3:30 pm

**Stage Name:** J. Freddy

**Performance Title:** Dr. W. Science's—Electrifying Fizz, Boom, & Read Show

**Performance Description:** J. Freddy, as Dr. W. Science, presents an "electrifying" program for children of all ages using audience participation, storytelling, comedy magic, and more. He creates goal-directed, library theme programs tailored to the audience's age and interests. As a school library media professional, Jeff motivates readers in an entertaining manner to use their local library for everything from recreational reading to serious research. He is also available to make balloon figures and/or to present hands-on science experiments, balloon animal creation workshop, applying clown makeup, and magic programs. Jeff also entertains a similar show as "Mr. C. Story" a storytelling clown character

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

**Theme Incorporation:** Magic tricks, illusions, library resources, etc. selected compliment the "Fizz, Boom, Read" program. Rest assured readers will see an illusion where a patron's head will expand. There will be some fizzing, and booming science experiments lighting patrons way to their public library. However, this performer is waiting to see the 2014 Summer Reading Program Manual before putting the finishing touches on his show.

**Fee:** \$160 per program

**Mileage:** Discounted mileage offered to libraries booking programs and workshops before March 1st; otherwise, \$0.50 per mile.

**Discount:** 10% discount for multiple bookings on the same day

**Artist Comments:** Deeper discounts for additional workshops listed below done following or before program. Call to discuss pricing.

- Mad Scientist party where participants conduct "safe" science experiments.
- Animal balloon workshop where each participant makes multiple balloon creations. This workshop works great for the teenage crowd, but can be modified to work with other age groups.
- The science behind clowns applying makeup. An audience member is selected and his/her face is transformed into a clown. If a child is used parent permission is required.
- Magic workshop where library patrons are taught and practice how to do magic tricks.



## Casey & Greg

**Contact:** Greg Matysik

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Verona, WI 53593

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**Contact Preference:** email

**Best time to call:** Anytime on cell

**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 usually perform for 45-60 minutes depending upon the request of the library and the audience. We are very flexible with our timeframe.

**Theme Incorporation:** We have enjoyed performing across Wisconsin as a part of the Summer Reading Library programs for many years now. Every year we write a song specifically for the theme and plan on engaging program participants through the use of metaphors in the songs and stories as a way of 'sparking a reaction'!

**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 (same day) at either the same library or a different library.

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

# Jim Cruise

## The “Spoon Man”



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Jenison, MI 49429

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

**Best time to call:** Anytime

**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.

His program contains several **outrageous impressions** such as Glen Miller and Elvis combining together, a Heavy Metal Spoon Player and a Rap Spoon Player. He has an audience **sing-a-long competition**. He creates a **Mountain Band** out of members of the audience. You may also see him play **forks** and **knives**. In addition, if that is still not enough, everyone has an opportunity to get “SPOONED.”

**Length of Program:** 45 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** I talk about the importance of reading. I can make my spoons pop and boom. I’m still working on how to make them Fizz.

**Fee:** As low as \$300 with multiple bookings on the same day

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

**Discount:**

**Artist Comments:**

# Jean-Andrew Dickmann



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**Website:** www.storylore.net

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

**Best time to call:** afternoons or evenings

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

**Performance Title:** "Einstein's Answer"

**Performance Description:** When asked how to help children be more intelligent Albert Einstein said, "Read them Fairy Tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more Fairy Tales."

This will be an Interactive Storytelling Program of Jean-Andrew's best and favorite tales that will

- Invite participation
- Stimulate imagination
- Entertain with imaginative stories
- Encourage reading
- Send children to the book shelves

**Length of Program:** 45 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** The Einstein puppet will encourage children to READ, READ, READ! Individuals will be invited to pull a nursery/fairy tale question from the story jar, the audience (parents included) will be invited to answer the question. That will lead to the story told.

**Fee:** \$200/program

**Mileage:** \$0.50 per mile from Milwaukee (based on 2013 GSA mileage reimbursement rates)

**Discount:** \$50 off subsequent programs at the same library on the same day (within 2 hours)

**Artist Comments:** Negotiable fee will be charged if back-to-back bookings require overnight accommodations

## David HB Drake Organic Arts



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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:** An American Songbag

**Performance Description:** David's songs sparkle with America's beauty and traditions in a good old summertime family celebration sure to light up your life. David introduces an explosion of handmade instruments including mountain banjo, dulcimer, concertina, and Native American Flute. The program will include the stories behind Yankee Doodle and The Star Spangled Banner, written 200 years ago this year.

**Length of Program:** 50-55 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** As above, "An American Songbag" picks up on the "Fourth of July" aspect of the theme and presents favorite folk songs from American History to create a "Good Old Summertime" theme for this year's reading program. In addition to Yankee Doodle and The Star Spangled Banner, which will be presented with additional background information on the songs, songs from our history including some Civil War and Western Expansion songs will combine with "Summer" songs of picnics and family gatherings.

**Fee:** \$250 per performance (negotiable)

**Mileage:** Fee includes mileage

**Discount:** Reduced fee offered for multiple bookings

# Stephanie Feuerstein

## Nature's Guide Independent Naturalist Service

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Neenah, WI 54956

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

**Best time to call:** Before 1:00 pm

**Stage Name:** Stephanie Feuerstein/Nature's Guide Independent Naturalist Service

**Performance Title:** Chitter, Purr, Boom, Snort: A Chorus of Critters

**Performance Description:** A highly sensory based program focusing on the sounds different animals make and why they make them. Participants will be able to listen and guess the animal sounds, act out animal actions and mimic the sound, and feel or see artifacts from the animal or a species in the same family. The program will begin with a book and a brief introduction followed by an interactive presentation, animal sounds, and large motor actions. The program is appropriate for all ages.

**Length of Program:** 60 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** The "Fizz, Boom, Read!" theme will be incorporated by the sense of sound rather than the chemistry aspect that the theme indicates. Many animals make sounds in different manners, often utilizing their body parts rather than their vocal chords. For example, the ruffed grouse makes a drumming sound by beating its wings against its sides, which is often called "booming" or simply "drumming."

**Fee:** \$150 per program

There may be additional fees if live animals are included in the program. Live animal options are various reptiles, hawks, owls, chickens, or ferrets. Typical fees for live animals are an additional \$50.00.

**Mileage:** \$0.55 per mile charged for destinations beyond 30 miles from Neenah, WI.

**Discount:** If 2 programs are offered in the same day at the same location, the 2nd program will be discounted to \$100 from the normal \$150 per program cost.

# Wayne Francis



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Lakewood, CO 80226

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**Website:** www.WayneFrancis.com

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

**Best time to call:** 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Stage Name:** Wayne & Wingnut

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

**Performance Description:** Take to the skies with Wayne & Wingnut and let them barnstorm their way into your heart. This is a comedy/ventriloquism show with "life-sized" puppets, cartoon voices, original jokes/music and lots of interactive fun for any age. Laugh and learn in "Learn and Fly High". Take a fun look at the Wright Brothers and learn how they took math science, homework and made their big idea come true. Loads of laughter for all.

This show is more fun than a room full of Rhino's!

**Length of Program:** 60 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** This show takes a look at the science and inspiration behind early flight. Which had lots of fuzz, booms and reading to make it happen!

**Fee:** \$350 per show

\$300 per show when booking 2 or more shows

**Mileage:** Minimal travel fee may apply

**Discount:**

**Artist Comments:**





## Tim Glander



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Whitewater, WI 53190

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**Website:** www.TGMagic.biz

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

**Best time to call:** 8:00 am - 11:00 am

**Stage Name:** Tim Glander's Magic

**Performance Title:** Magician

**Performance Description:** Tim Glander performs a 45 minute magic show especially created to fit the S.R.C theme titled "Magical Science, Fizzes and Booms!" The show is a bright, colorful series of fun magic routines that use lots of comedy and audience involvement. This program is suitable for children ages 4 to 12 and their parents. It emphasizes books and reading. Tim Glander is a full-time professional magician who specializes in custom library programs.

**Length of Program:** 45 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** My show will demonstrate and explore science concepts through the use of magic tricks and routines. I will use a "hypothesize and experiment" technique to explain concepts such as gravity, mass, material density, water evaporation, raw elements, and natural selection. Each concept used will be presented as a demonstration of a principle in science but will involve a surprise result accomplished by magic.

**Fee:** \$400 per show  
\$325 per show if several libraries book over 1 or 2 days (overnight stay is \$75/night)

**Mileage:** Fee includes mileage

**Discount:**

**Artist Comments:**

# **Tammy Grady**

## **Ms. Frizzle**

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Clyman, WI 53016

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**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:** \$150 per show (limit of 75 children/show)

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

**Discount:**

**Artist Comments:**

# Billy Grisack

## “Mr. Billy”



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De Pere, WI 54115

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**Website:** www.misterbilly.com

www.summerreadingsongs.com

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

**Best time to call:** anytime

**Stage Name:** The Mighty Mr. Billy

**Performance Title:** Super Science Songs

**Performance Description:** Upbeat songs about science and science fiction that promote books, reading and the library. The program is presented as an electric “rock concert” by a high interactive band (guitar, drums and vocals) powered by a state of the art BOSE sound system. Children, family and even staff are encouraged to join in singing, dancing and even JAMMING with the band. Our mission is to bring families together with classic rock music.

**Length of Program:** 45 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** Most songs will be from Mr. Billy’s 3013 CD “Sensational Songs about Science...Fiction?” and the upcoming 2014 release “Super Science Songs!” Along with other complementary selections from his other 28 CD releases.

**Fee:** \$350 for the full show which includes electric guitar, drums and sound props  
\$250 for the Acoustic show - acoustic guitar only, no drums or sound or props

**Mileage:** None

**Discount:** \$50 per show discount when 5 or more programs are booked.

**Artist Comments:**



## Joni Hahn

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Merrill, WI 54452

**Website:** www.minestronestories.com

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

**Best time** Anytime, leave voicemail if no answer. I will  
**to call:** 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-a-longs led by guitar.

**Length of Program:** 45 minutes to an hour

**Theme Incorporation:** My theme: "Let's Tell Stories...and Make Your Imagination FIZZ!"

All of my programs are created to show listeners how they can make stories come alive by using "a prop" that is with them always - their imagination!

**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:** \$0.30/mile fees apply when performance is 30 miles or more from Merrill, WI.

**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:** Expand Your Mind: Read!

**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...

A polymer pudding and how polymers work

An illusion that makes a child's head appear to grow larger

A needle that penetrates a balloon but does not pop the balloon

Famous scientists

What the letters R E A and D stand for

... and much more

**Fee:** \$275 per show

**Mileage:** \$0.555 per mile

**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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**Best time to call:** anytime

**Stage Name:** Comedy Juggler Jason Huneke

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

**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 Diablo, 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 audience participation.

**Length of Program:** 35 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** The show is very high energy and full of audience participation. The kids will be fizzing with fun energy and ready to go check out books on juggling after the show!

**Fee:** \$300 for one program  
\$250 per program for 2 libraries or programs on the same day

**Mileage:** None

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

**Best time to call:** Anytime

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

**Performance Title:** Sizzling, Frizzling Science that Makes Reading Rock-It's Magic!

**Performance Description:** There once was a sizzle in a fizzle that caused a boom in a room which led to - KABOOM - an explosion of reading. It was magic! Join the fun as storyteller/juggler/magician merry mad scientists Bob Kann weds science, reading, and fun to make audiences live happily ever after.

Did you know that soldier ants explode to defend their colonies or that George Washington Carver figured out more than 300 uses for the peanut, including for shaving cream, shampoo, and paint? This high energy show has everything an audience could want: juggling demonstrations to teach principles of physics (speed, gravity), magic tricks based on chemistry, renewable energy explained with a solar powered pith helmet, COMEDY, AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION AND MUCH MORE. This show will tickle kids' funny bones, educate them about science and motivate them to read.

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

**Theme Incorporation:** The entire program is designed to promote the "Fizz, Boom, Read!" theme.

**Fee:** \$350 for one performance  
\$600 for two performances, if scheduled by two libraries within WLS

**Mileage:** None

**Artist Comments:** In advance of the performance, Bob will provide libraries with a list of books he'll promote during the show as well as any books the library would like to highlight. After the performance, these materials are guaranteed to be checked out by eager children.

# Tom Kastle

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



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**Stage Name:** Tom Kastle

**Performance Title:**

**Performance Description:** **FIZZ, BOOM, BUZZZZZ...**

Exploring the world of music and sound with your own voice and instruments from around the world. Why do we hear what we hear? How does sound work? Is there music everywhere? Even in outer space? If a banjo falls over in the forest and nobody hears it...is it still music? Join Tom Kastle for a look at the world of sound with instruments from around the world, including...

- The American instrument that started in Africa...
- An instrument that you eat with...
- A "dulcimer" from the Appalachian Mountains of the United States...
- The cactus that "rains"...
- A drum that booms like thunder without hitting it...
- A box with strings that you don't pick or pluck from South Africa...
- Pieces of metal that buzz...and one that uses your skull to resonate!

Tom is a folksinger, storyteller, and multi-instrumentalist, living in Madison who tours internationally. He is the narrator (with some singing parts) for the Candid Concert Opera Company, is a faculty member of the Old Town School of Folk Music, plays tenor banjo in a marching band, and recently hosted a documentary on the Battle of Lake Erie for PBS in Toledo, Ohio.

**Length of Program:** 55 - 60 minutes; or to fit

**Theme Incorporation:** See above

**Fee:** \$350 per show

**Mileage:** \$0.50 per mile

**Discount:** Discounts given for block booking 2 libraries in the same day  
Discounts given for 2 or more shows in the same library, same day  
Discounts given for block booking 2 or more libraries within the same locale on consecutive days if housing is provided. \$250 for the 2nd show.



# Bill Kehl



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**Stage Name:** Bill Kehl

**Performance Title:** Earth, Music...Magic!"

**Performance Description:** "Earth, Music, Magic!" is a fun, interactive and educational musical enrichment presentation featuring primitive-type musical instruments and a joyful celebration and exploration of the creative discovery of human expression through sound.

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

**Theme Incorporation:** As always, efforts will be made to customize each summer's programs to complement the Summer Reading Program theme for the year. Actual program material will be determined as it becomes created/available for the 2014 program year.

**Fee:** \$250 per show

\$25 sound equipment surcharge for very large audience venues/rooms, theaters, etc.

**Mileage:** \$0.40 per mile

**Discount:** Discounts available to additional performances at same library on same day, or at another area library within 25 miles on same day.

**Artist Comments:**

# David Landau



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**Best time to call:** anytime

**Stage Name:** David Landau

**Performance Title:** Have Guitar - Will Travel

## Performance Description:

**Length of Program:** 45 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** I am a former first grade teacher. My programs (and humor) are specifically designed for young children and therefore very interactive. *The Hot Dog Song* for example has the kids counting hot dogs, sizzling hot dogs in a frying pan (their hand), and “exploding” them with a thunderous BOOM!

Throughout my shows, as in my teaching career, I emphasis the importance of daily reading and lifelong learning. My young audiences of emerging readers come away knowing that the more they practice reading the better they will get at reading. They also come away smiling and amazed that a music show could be so much fun and so funny.

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

**Mileage:**

**Discount:**

**Artist Comments:**

# Chris Langenfeld



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**Best time to call:** 4:00 pm

**Stage Name:** Chris Langenfeld

**Performance Title:** CRITTERrrrMAN

**Performance Description:** Last summer I traveled to the continent of Africa with my family and visited many exciting and wondrous places. This year's program highlights critter-based moments and experiences from the trip that will entertain, educate and inspire. There will be tales of daring baboons, majestic lions and humorous elephants. Africa's amazing flora and fauna will excite everyone through engaging personal stories and glorious photographic images. As part of the trip, we traveled to the exotic island of Zanzibar, just off the coast of Tanzania. I was able to bring back research samples of shells that range in size from a fingernail to a soccer ball! It was an amazing trip and I am excited to share its life changing moments and treasures!

**Length of Program:** 45 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:**

**Fee:** \$350.00

**Mileage:** \$0.50 per mile

**Discount:** Multiple presentation requests qualify for a \$100 discount

**Artist Comments:**

# Malia Lesavage

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**Best time to call:** 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Stage Name:** Malia Lesavage

**Performance Title:** Tibetan Singing Bowl Presentation and Concert

**Performance Description:** This is an informative, delightful, and interactive presentation focused on the Tibetan Singing Bowls. At the beginning, there is a lecture portion which gives some history about the Tibetan Singing Bowl, what they were used for, how they were made, and the blend of metals that comprise the singing bowls. I also describe the other instruments used during the concert.

Next, I give a concert using the Tibetan Singing Bowls, Ghanta and Dorje, and Tingshas. This is an exceptional and unique experience which is deeply moving and allows the audience to sit back, relax and move into a quiet, contemplative state while listening to the unusual and soothing sounds of the singing bowls. After the audience has had the opportunity to listen to the concert there is time for participants to comment on their experience during the concert. Then we move into the interactive part where everyone gets to choose a singing bowl or other sound instrument, and I show them how to hold the bowls and play them. This is fun and exciting, and no musical skill is required. People of all ages are captivated by the harmonious sounds that come from playing the bowls. It is a great way for people to experience playing music together in a group setting without having musical background. Relating and communicating through the amazing sounds that are created gives everyone an opportunity to express themselves through this universal language of music and sound.

**Length of Program:** 60 - 90 minutes. Normally it is an hour long but can be expanded to 1 - 2 hours.

**Theme Incorporation:**

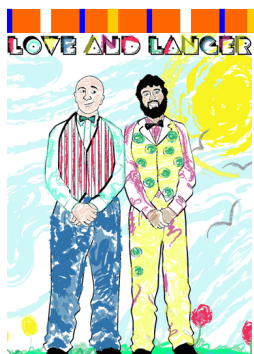
**Fee:** Negotiable starting at \$200

**Mileage:** Mileage charged when more than 50 miles from Princeton, WI

**Discount:** Discounts for additional time or multiple performances

**Artist Comments:** Performing Area: about the size of 4 foot table

# Jason Love



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**Best time to call:** Before 3 pm

**Stage Name:** Jason Love

**Performance Title:** The Magic of Jason Love or Jason Love the Balloon Twister or Cheap Animator

**Performance Description:** Jason Love provides a magic show that is both hilarious and amazing. As seen on Six Flags Theme Park Main Stage, America's Got Talent, the Travel Channel, NPR, and the Tonight Show with Jay Leno.

Jason can add a little color to your event with his large variety of balloon sculptures; he has a never-ending list of balloon creations to choose from!

This skilled performer is also available to teach workshops in magic or balloon twisting for an educational event.

Jason also provides an Animation Workshop for ages 12 and up.

**Length of Program:** Magic Show: 45 minutes  
Balloon Twisting: varies  
Magic and/or Balloon Twisting Workshop: 90 minutes  
Animation Workshop: 2 - 2.5 hours

**Theme Incorporation:** For the magic show Jason Love can use a few science experiments with his show in order to create some fun magic effects that kids can do at home.

With Jason's animation workshop the kids can create short videos that relate to any topic, such as Robots, scientists, explosions, etc, etc. Animation allows students to create anything their mind can come up with.

**Fee:** Magic Show: \$300  
Balloon Twisting: \$100/hour, minimum 2 hours  
Balloon/Magic Workshop: \$250  
Animation Workshop: \$300  
Animation Lecture: \$250

**Mileage:** \$30 for every 50 miles from Milwaukee. (waived for multiple bookings)

**Discount:** Multiple shows on the same day is 10% off and no travel fee.  
Multiple shows within 1 day of each other, 5% discount and no travel fee.

**Artist Comments:**

# Paul Merklein



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**Best time to call:** Afternoon

**Stage Name:** Paul Merklein

**Performance Title:** Paul Merklein draws Super Heroes

**Performance Description:** **Paul Merklein draws Super Heroes - for Children & Families.** Artist Paul Merklein draws famous super heroes (Batman, Spiderman & more) entertaining & inspiring children & adults. Paul demonstrates how to draw super heroes & how everyone has their own super power.

**How to draw Super Heroes - for Teens & Tweens.** Artist Paul Merklein teaches students how to draw super heroes. Everyone draws. Everyone participates. Everyone has fun! Paul provides the paper & markers for the students.

**Length of Program:** 60 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** Cartoon Super Heroes like Batman & Spiderman often use “text balloons” and action words like “Boom” and “Pow”. Paul Merklein will add words like “Boom, Pow, Read” to each drawing. Paul will also talk about how Reading & Writing can be your superpower.

**Fee:** \$350 for one program  
\$300 per program for 2 programs on the same date

**Mileage:** None

**Discount:**

**Artist Comments:**



## Michael (Mike) Neumeyer

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**Best time to call:** 10:00 am

**Stage Name:** Mike Neumeyer

**Performance Title:** Marimba & Piano Variety Show

**Performance Description:** Jokes, music, juggling, and a VERY cool instrument; the marimba! I play and present the marimba. Whether it is being played or not, the marimba is visually appealing. Standing 3-4 feet high and stretching just beyond 8 feet wide, it can bring an audience in immediately. There are not many musical sounds that are more natural and pleasing than bars of wood being played by soft yarn.

The presentation includes great music making, fun jokes/comedy and even juggling! Very cool activities to balance out learning about a new instrument! For younger audiences I present the marimba as an entity in itself, teaching them about the instrument and engaging them in participatory activities using movement, listening, and singing. An example of this is on my "color-coded mallets" activity. Audience members get to choose a color of mallet that I am using to follow with their eyes while I play. Then, those mallets give commands to hop, skip, gallop, and other fun movements. Listeners and watchers also might be asked to step to the beat that the right hand is moving to, while other listeners are following the left hand. Many variations of these games exist.

Depending on the size of the group, audience members will get opportunities to look at the instrument very closely and even play it! Singing activities are very applicable for the marimba, playing harmonies under our voices just like a guitar. Tunes I like to play and sing include well-known folk songs, nursery rhymes, Disney tunes, and more. For older listeners, I like playing cheesy hit and video game themes or playing popular tunes on marimba, like Beatles tunes for example.

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

**Theme Incorporation:** The marimba has very low sounds and many times I place pieces of paper around the marimba bars to teach about the authentic Mexican marimba sound! I believe I could tie this into science and sound by relating the buzzy Mexican sound to the word fizz and the low sounds to the word boom! Also, the science behind how sound waves bounce around within the marimba resonator pipes is a perfect cross curricular approach to bringing the "Fizz, Boom, Read!" theme into my presentation. Many times I draw a picture of sound waves and have participants "bounce around" which would totally be like fizz! I would also be interested in putting musical notation in front of them as well to bring up another type of reading!

**Fee:** \$250.00 per show

**Mileage:** \$0.555 per mile

**Discount:** Discounts may be negotiated for multiple performances

# Scott Obermann



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**Stage Name:** Great Scott

**Performance Title:** The Book To The Future

**Performance Description:** Get ready for an explosion of fun in 2014 at your library. Magician and family entertainer 'Great Scott' has turned his magical attention toward the world of science and is gearing up for a show that is sure to be a blast for everyone.

Not a science show. This is a Magical, Educational, Historical, Hysterical look at science. This is going to be a great, fun show filled with Magic, Music, Ventriloquism, Puppets, Laughter, plenty of audience participation and involvement, and the message of read, read, read!!!

Preschool through 12 years old will come away from this experience having had a wonderfully fun time, but they will be encouraged as well.

**Length of Program:** 50 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** My goal is to create a brand new show each year that ties directly into the summer reading theme. This year, with homage to "Back to the Future", my show will deal with scientific ideas, but in a fun, magical way. Backdrop, puppets, performance costume, and props will all carry the theme.

**Fee:** 1 program: \$325

2 programs within 40 minutes of each other: \$295/show

3 programs with no more than 40 minute drive between each: \$275/show

**Mileage:** None

**Discount:** Described above

**Artist Comments:**



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**Stage Name:** Randy Peterson

**Performance Title:** Randy Peterson's Symphony of Science

**Performance Description:** This all-new show for the summer of 2014 will be a lively mix of music and storytelling. Accompanying myself on guitar, banjo or percussion, I present a fun blend of songs and stories that involves the audience from the first moment to the last note. Also *everything* I present in my library show has a goal, and that is to inspire reading.

**Length of Program:** 45 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** The centerpiece of my show will be a musical/spoken story of a young "mad scientist". Actually, he's not that mad, just kind of crabby 'cause he's bored. That is, until an amazing book renews his love of science. SPACE! DINOSAURS! NATURE! The book, and my show, will have it all.

Also along the way, in quick, easy science lessons, I'll show how the instruments I play (acoustic guitar, electric guitar and banjo) make the variety of sounds they do.

As an attractive backdrop for my show, my performance area (no matter how big or small) will be decorated with stage scenery that I customize for each summer's theme.

**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:**

## Kathryn (Kathy) Prestidge

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**Stage Name:** Kathy Prestidge

**Performance Title:** Wide World Stories

**Performance Description:** A wisher, a liar, a magic bean buyer, Kathy tells traditional and modern folktales with a twist of humor, a kernel of truth and a tingle of suspense. She has been entertaining audiences for all ages since 1983 as a librarian, teacher, free lance storyteller, and Girl Scout volunteer. She has also presented storytelling workshops to teachers, child care providers, and community groups. She especially enjoys telling to multi-generational groups. Examples of her programs are "The Nature of Things," (stories of nature) "Paper and Strings" (stories illustrated with origami and string figures), "Tasty Morsels," "Critter Tales," "Spine Tickling Tales," and "Storytelling in the Classroom."

**Length of Program:** 45 - 50 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** I emphasize that reading and books are the source of most of my stories. My nature stories and "pour quoi" stories incorporate a science theme from the folklore point of view. If desired, I will include stories of actual scientific discoveries and scientists.

**Fee:** \$125 per performance

**Mileage:** Mileage charged if more than 50 miles from Appleton

**Discount:** \$100 per performance for multiple bookings in the same area on the same day

**Artist Comments:**

# Ryan Radke

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**Stage Name:** Ryan Radke

**Performance Title:** Close up magic with Ryan

**Performance Description:** Close up magic including cards and coins.

**Length of Program:** 30 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** I will make a book appear out of an empty container after a flash of light. I will also describe that reading is the way that magicians have learned their craft, passed down through the generations through books.

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

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

**Discount:**

**Artist Comments:**

# Daryl Rogers



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**Stage Name:** Magician Daryl Rogers

**Performance Title:** Fizz, Boom, 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:** Science is the theme of the "Fizz, Boom, Read!" summer library program. But magic defies the principles of scientific laws. According to science, a solid cannot penetrate another solid, and things don't vanish into thin air, but with magic they can do just that! I will demonstrate how seven basic principles of magic - vanish, production, penetration, levitation, transposition, transformation and restoration - defy natural laws and, in the process, create fun and entertainment for all!

**Fee:** \$175 per show

**Mileage:** IRS mileage rate for bookings over 20 miles from Fond du Lac

**Discount:** Discounts for same-day multiple bookings at the same or nearby libraries within 20 miles

**Artist Comments:**

# Taku Ronsman



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**Stage Name:** Ms Taku

**Performance Title:** Fizz, Boom, Pop-Shake, Stomp, & Hop

**Performance Description:** Children will learn about, drum, and dance to a variety of fun sounds. Children will also sing, drum and dance to songs from festivals around the world where fireworks and firecrackers are part of the celebration. Fun for all ages and abilities.

**Length of Program:** 45– 60 minutes (based on needs of the library)

**Theme Incorporation:** Children will listen to, imitate, and move to selected sounds; and learn in simple terms what makes them happy. Fizzing of soda water, the book of thunder and firecrackers, and popping of popcorn will be explored. Children will also drum and dance to songs from festivals around the world where Fireworks and Firecrackers are part of the celebration. Children and parents will be encouraged to check out and read books related to the 2014 summer library theme.

**Fee:** \$100 - \$200 based on distance from Green Bay

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

**Discount:** Discount for multiple bookings

**Artist Comments:**



## Steve Russell

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**Stage Name:** Steve Russell, Comic Juggler

**Performance Title:** Great Big Laughs

**Performance Description:** Kids and adults alike will laugh and giggle during this fast and funny 45-minute program. Steve's many years working for Disney, Ringling and performing more than 2,000 school and library shows makes him perfect for your Summer Reading Program. His Tonight Show, Regis and Kelly, and Lincoln Center Shows make him great for moms and dads. Juggling, magic, comedy, and audience participation make this a wonderful variety show.

**Length of Program:** 45 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** The show doesn't incorporate the theme, per se. It does feature a strong message about the fun and facts your patrons can find in library books.

**Fee:** \$500 plus \$0.50/mile: 1 show  
\$600 & no mileage fee: 2 shows in the same location  
\$350/show & no mileage fee: 2 shows at 2 libraries on the same day  
\$300/show & no mileage fee: 3 shows at 3 libraries on the same day

**Mileage:** See above

**Discount:**

**Artist Comments:**

# Mike Schneider

## Uncle Mike



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**Stage Name:** Uncle Mike

**Performance Title:** Pint Size Polkas / Pol-KABOOM!

**Performance Description:** Participation opportunities abound during Uncle Mike's "Pol-KABOOM" program! Your patrons young and old alike will enjoy singing along to Uncle Mike's theme-appropriate music, volunteering to wear hats and showing off their fancy dance moves, and participating in trivia games that will engage their minds and encourage them to check out numerous theme-related books. 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 things that go fizz or boom, whether it involves an airplane that makes a sonic boom; a dump truck that goes boom when it dumps its load; a steam train that makes a fizz sound as it gets underway; or Paul Bunyan, who was so big he made a boom with each step he took. Trivia questions, "Name that Tune" songs, and suggested reading will revolve around these topics.

**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:**

# Sky Schultz



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**Stage Name:** Professor Oops!

**Performance Title:** The Science and Wonder of the “ordinary” things all around us

**Performance Description:** An interactive program so that children and adults can see the miraculous workings of “ordinary” things like air, water, light, plants, and people. Professor Oops! Uses humor, magic, juggling, funny inventions, safe-science demonstrations to bring home the marvelous wonders of the so-called “ordinary.” This is a family program designed to both inform and delight people of all ages.

**Length of Program:** Any desired length, but generally 45 minutes to an hour

**Theme Incorporation:** Some of the experiments shown will be exciting “wow” types like creating a cloud instantly in a large soda bottle, others will be more subtle demonstrations on how to use your powers of observation and thinking to see beyond the surface of the phenomenon to the important scientific and ecological principles behind the demonstration e.g. the “pouring water sideways demo,” and the demonstration’s relevance to plants, trees, and our lives.

The resources found within the children's library will be referenced frequently to encourage families to utilize the materials there for the safe-science experiments and other science related materials.

**Fee:** Generally, for a single program \$275

**Mileage:** IRS state rate

**Discount:**

- No mileage charged for programs within a 50 mile radius of Milwaukee
- Mileage fee often waived for multiple shows booked on the same or consecutive days

**Artist Comments:** On booking a regular children’s program, a free program for teens and adults is offered as an afternoon or evening program. Please see website “Toward An Understanding of: Fear, Anxiety, Courage, and Hope..An Encouraging Program by Sky Schultz, PH.D





## The Science Alliance Bill Bosworth

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**Stage Name:** The Science Alliance

**Performance Title:** Chemistry: Close Encounters of the Chemical Kind!

**Performance Description:** The Science Alliance will “wow” your kids with boos, fizzes and super fun chemical reactions! Many kids will get their hands on science as show volunteers!

**Length of Program:** 45-60 minutes depending on your library schedule

**Theme Incorporation:** Our chemistry program incorporates the thrill of science with lots of “ooh & aah” moments...your kids will love large science demonstrations and hands-on experiments involving 50-70 kid volunteers!

**Fee:** \$450 per show

**Mileage:** \$50 travel fee

**Discount:** Libraries can split travel costs for same day bookings

**Artist Comments:**

## 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 fireworks, rockets, chemistry, etc. She's excited to create artwork with the children that centers around things that go Fizz and Boom!! She will introduce artwork or artistic ideas that follow the Fizz, Boom, Read 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

**Mileage:** 2014 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/The Frog Chorus

**Performance Title:** Sounds in Nature...Birds, Frogs, Insects, Mammals and Thunder

**Performance Description:** Using live creatures (where possible, puppets, songs, and sounds we listen our way thru nature. What makes a booming sound? Do insects fizz?

**Length of Program:** 45 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** I will bring animals in the form of either live, taxidermy mounts, study skins, toys, puppets, or photos, to illustrate the parts of nature that Fizz, Boom, etc. We will use recordings and live mouth sounds to examine parts of nature that Fizz and Boom. Thunderstorms, prairie chickens, bull frogs, insects, grouse.

**Fee:** \$260 per performance

**Mileage:** \$0.57 per mile

**Discount:** Discounts available for multiple shows in the same area on the same day

**Artist Comments:**

# Stuart Stotts



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**Stage Name:** Stuart Stotts

**Performance Title:** Fizz Boom Read: Exploring the World through Story and Song

**Performance Description:** Stuart has been performing in libraries since 1984. He is a favorite library performer around the Midwest. His own love of reading and writing books, as well as his enthusiasm for libraries are apparent during his performances. Besides singing and telling stories, he talks about growing up reading, and watching and teaching his own children to read. It is an authentic opportunity to encourage children and their parents to return again and again to the library, to use its many resources.

**Length of Program:** 50 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** Stuart includes songs and stories about exploring the wonders of our world, with lots of humor, interaction, and serious plug for reading.

**Fee:** \$300 per show

**Mileage:** \$0.40 per mile

**Discount:** Discounts available for multiple bookings

**Artist Comments:**



## Curt Strutz

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**Stage Name:** THE BASSMEISTER

**Performance Title:** "Fishing For Laughs" Comedy Show

**Performance Description:** The Bassmeister is a fun and entertaining guy who brings the excitement of fishing into the lives of children. 45-50 minute comedy shows are fast paced, and include ventriloquism, audience participation, clean humor, visual props, puppets, and illusions suitable for kids ages 3 - 13 (parents will have a blast, too)! Show also briefly touches on the importance of water and sun safety.

**Length of Program:** 45 - 50 minutes. Shows can be adapted to 30 minutes if needed.

**Theme Incorporation:** My act is set as is, and alterations are not typically done.

**Fee:** \$250/show

**Mileage:** Round trip mileage from Sussex, WI

**Discount:**

**Artist Comments:**

# Noelle Tarrant

## Zoozort Live Animal Programs



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**Best time to call:** 10:00 am

**Stage Name:** Noelle

**Performance Title:** Zoozort Live Animals

**Performance Description:** Zoozort is a wildlife company specializing in entertaining, educational live animal shows. Getting children and adults involved by letting them see and touch the animals with an interactive program that teaches about habitat, nutrition, conservation, and appreciation. Animals are taken out one at a time and fun and interesting facts are given in an entertaining way. It's the perfect combination of fact and fun! I have raised many of these animals from babies and adopted some, allowing me to tell stories about each specific animal; giving the audience an experience of getting to know each animal. Programs can be tailored to any size audience, simply choose the animals that you would like to see and I'll customize a program just for you making it appropriate so everyone has a great time. It is common knowledge that most people remember what they enjoy; Zoozort uses a positive and fun approach so you do not even realize you are learning. For very large groups, my programs can be done from a stage; in this case only volunteers are called up to help with feeding and holding. While working as a nursery school teacher, Noelle Tarrant discovered an exciting and safe way for children to imagine and explore the world of animals. Brining animals into her classroom and then into private homes, she has been a licensed animal educator since 1990. Her experience working with children of all ages has given her the ability to capture their attention and maintain an almost story-telling atmosphere with interactive questions and demonstrations. Her enthusiasm about animals is contagious and she loves being able to share her passion for animal welfare with children and adults.

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

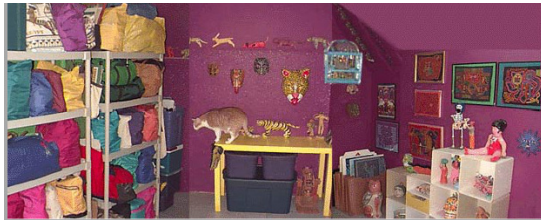
**Theme Incorporation:** Animals can use sounds for many reasons, let's find out what some of them are. Find out how animals use their ears and why some animals don't have any.

**Fee:** \$300.00 up to 30 people  
\$400.00 for 50-75 people  
\$500.00 for 100 or more people

**Mileage:** No charge for 1 hour from Westfield, WI  
\$25.00 for 1-1/4 hours from Westfield  
\$50.00 for 1-1/2 hours from Westfield  
\$75.00 for 2 hours from Westfield

**Discount:** I can do 2 programs in one day. Either at the same library or for 2 libraries that are 30 minutes or less from each other. In this case I will give a discount to each library based on the number of people at each program and the travel fee can be split between the libraries.

**Artist Comments:**



## Mary Tooley Art in a Suitcase

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**Stage Name:** Art in a Suitcase

**Performance Title:** Program 1: Fizz, Boom, Dinosaurs and More!

Program 2: Fizz, Boom Elephants!

**Performance Description:** **Fizz, Boom, Dinosaurs and More!**

Science rocks and *Art in a Suitcase* will be rocking, too! This summer's program is all about amazing rocks, exploding volcanoes, spectacular crystals, gigantic geodes AND REAL DINOSAUR FOSSILS. We'll learn where paleontologists look for fossils and how they dig up dinosaurs. Fabulous rock specimens and fossils from around the world will be displayed. To conclude, everyone will create a dinosaur diorama to take home. (All supplies included)

**Fizz, Boom, Elephants!**

Especially for younger audiences, this *Art in a Suitcase* program features everything about elephants. It's all real science and it's all fun. Topics include: What is an elephant's favorite snack? What good is a trunk? Do elephants like to swim? A huge collection of folk art elephants from around the world will parade out of the suitcase. In conclusion, everyone will draw and decorate a special elephant to take home.

**Length of Program:** 60 minutes

**Theme Incorporation:** Both of my summer 2014 programs incorporate natural science. Because of my many amazing science specimens and folk art, all ages in the audience will have plenty to keep their attention! Throughout both programs, I will encourage the audience to check out books to learn more about the topics presented. And, of course, the creative art project directly ties into the science themes.

**Fee:** Fee is \$170.00 per program which includes mileage and art supplies

For 2 libraries on one day, the fee is \$150 each.

**Mileage:** Included in program fee

**Discount:** See above

# Fred Turk

## Grandpa Fred Turk



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**Stage Name:** Grandpa Fred

**Performance Title:** The Science of Music

**Performance Description:** Every song I use has audience participation. Most songs 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:** While every song I do has audience participation, most songs also have an educational theme. For example, I do, "The Itsy Bitsy Spider", as a food chain. Children guess what animal will be next on the food chain, then act out how the animals move up the water spout. Two people use puppets to demonstrate, and give hints, while the song is being performed. An added bonus of the song, is that the first verse is done in Spanish. So in one song, children are not only learning about science, but are also being introduced to Spanish vocabulary at the same time. Whenever possible, I reinforce the library summer theme in general and reading in particular.

**Fee:** \$150 per show within 50 miles of Green Bay  
\$175 per show if more than 50 miles from Green Bay

**Mileage:** Included in program fee

**Discount:** \$25 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 Workshop

**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 will draw on each participant a henna design.

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:** No mileage charged for libraries within 100 miles of Chilton, WI

**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.