

2023 Missouri Library Association Performers Showcase



Babaloo

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Get loud in the library with Babaloo -- the one-man musical comedy act for kids! He's bringing the bubbles, really big balloons, bucket drums, beat-boxing and so much more. Be prepared to dance, sing and get Summer Reading Rowdy!!

Cost: Contact for pricing.



Chef Bananas

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Chef Bananas' show is a unique and thrilling experience for kids as young as 2 and as old as time itself. The Chef Bananas show combines magic, music, comedy, dancing, and mind-bending illusions, with a focus on audience interaction. Inspired by his love for cooking banana bread, his magic is uplifting and has a lot of sweet honey-like bits.

Chef Bananas is a true celebrity in the St. Louis entertainment industry, with a reputation for delivering performances that leave kids in a fit of belly laughter and audiences in awe. He's become a renowned master of magic and children's entertainment, earning praise and recognition from industry experts and fans alike.

The Bananas For Books library show always uses 7-10 books on the Collaborative Summer Reading theme to help encourage kids to read and visit the library often. Because what's a summer reading program at the library without books?

Cost: \$450/show. 50% off for additional shows at same location. District and multiple location discounts available.



Dizzy The Hooper

(314) 803-2503 / www.KaputKorner.com / ginger@circuskaput.com

Dizzy the Hooper is Lost Again

Uh-oh, Dizzy is lost in the stacks again! You might have helped Dizzy get home from the library last time. Well this time she's gotten dizzy hula hooping and she's lost in your library! She's going to need some help learning the different sections of the library and if you've been here before, you're just the helper she's looking for. The whole audience will go on an epic adventure with Dizzy and her magic hula hoops, finding the best books along the way. Dizzy can sure hoop like crazy, but can she find her way back out? Together we find out that she's made so many friends and found so much to read, that's she's not ready to leave after all.

Cost: \$325 each (1-2 shows), \$300 each (3-5 shows), \$275 each (6 or more shows). Travel fees may apply.



Elliot the Entertainer

(314) 803-2503 / www.KaputKorner.com / ginger@circuskaput.com

Elliot The Entertainer Forgot His Props!!

Elliot the Entertainer has arrived at your library without any props! After realizing he left his case at home, he grabbed a cardboard box and started finding replacement items. Juggling, magic and unicycling will all take place with found objects – showing that we can recycle anything into a second life of use rather than throwing it away. Elliot creates a whole show with castoffs such as a plunger, a box of Kleenex and home made juggling balls, and your audience is part of the adventure! Everyone contributes some imagination and improvisation as trash is turned into treasures!

Cost: \$325 each (1-2 shows), \$300 each (3-5 shows),
\$275 each (6 or more shows). Travel fees may apply.



The Fishin' Magician

(417) 714-4124 / fishmagic.com / fun@fishmagic.com

Take a magical adventure with Steve, The Fishin' Magician. Explore the water with Bubbles, the Magic Goldfish. Take a trip into the world of optical illusion where they become real. Search the brains of audience members to discover what's on their minds. And Spooky the Magic Ghost returns for more hilarious shenanigans. Catch the fun of these magical, comical adventures!

Cost: Contact for pricing.



Gasket Kaput

(314) 803-2503 / www.KaputKorner.com / ginger@circuskaput.com

Gasket Gets Gravity!

Blast off on an adventure with Gasket! In a blast of science and chaos, Gasket's next adventure will take us where no one has gone before... that is, if he can ever get his homemade rocket off the ground. You'll help Gasket use books from the library to learn about gravity, the scientific process, and recycling. Watch as he planet-hops on his rolling globe and juggles in orbit! To fix his rocket, he will need you, the audience and his trusty robot R2Detour to help put the pieces together.

Take part in the drumroll finale to cheer on the rocket launch!

Cost: \$325 each (1-2 shows), \$300 each (3-5 shows), \$275 each (6 or more shows). Travel fees may apply.



Happy Faces Entertainment

(816) 309-2460 / www.HappyFacesEntertainment.biz /
dennis@happyfacesentertainment.biz

Smiles for Everyone!

Kids: The Super Friends will unite again for adventures with storytelling, magic and interactive story creation with kids comedian Dennis Porter.

Teens and Adults: interactive murder mysteries, Game Show Party and Mad Skillz teambuilding/puzzles.

Cost: Programs start at \$400, available year-round, and great for staff development.



The Happy Store

(816) 536-5584 / www.thehappystore.com / maryw@thehappystore.com

When you read you can go on an adventure, use your imagination and you can learn. "Rita" takes the kids on an adventure, encouraging them what a fun time they can have when they spend time reading. With the help of magic tricks, reading some of our favorite stories, and provide fun coloring bookmarkers, coloring sheets making it all fun to read. Program approximately 30 to 45 minutes in length.

Cost: Price starts at \$225.00 with additional travel cost if outside Kansas City metro. No additional fee for 3 more programs booking on the same trip. Program available year-round.



Jay & Leslie

(913) 660-3162 / www.leslieandjay.com / laughing@leslieandjay.com

Jay & Leslie - Juggling and Other Nonsense

Jay and Leslie have performed their blend of juggling, mime, magic, and wacky stories to over 6000 audiences in 36 states and 7 foreign countries. Every summer they create a fun library program based on the summer reading theme. "Delightful, engaging, and wonderfully funny!"—Kansas City Star

Cost: \$375 + travel costs; discounts for block bookings or adding to existing tours



Jim Cosgrove

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Mr. Stinky Feet's Rock & Roll Adventure

Come join author and award-winning musician Mr. Stinky Feet on a rockin' expedition from the library, through the jungle, and out into space. It's a high-energy, interactive musical adventure exploring themes of teamwork and the power of imagination.

Cost: \$425-800 depending on distance and number of shows/block booking



Love-O-Rama

(314) 913-1516 / www.celaisrock.com / celaisrock@gmail.com

Celia's Sing Along Dance Party

Celia's world-famous, one-woman show is a rockin', stompin', hollerin' good time. Wear your dancing shoes to this all-ages party because Celia will rock your socks off!

Cost: 45 min shows start at \$300. Travel rates apply outside of St. Louis Metro area. Discounts for multiple bookings are available.



Mad Science

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Up, Up and Away Summer Science Show

Embark on a thrilling adventure with Mad Science! Witness mind-blowing demonstrations, harnessing the power of physics and chemistry. Our hot air balloon will soar high. Glide with our hovercraft and watch in amazement as smoke rings gracefully float above the heads of the audience. Experience the awe-inspiring might of air on this exhilarating scientific journey!

Cost: \$295 plus travel fees if applicable



Maestro the Magician

(314) 803-2503 / www.KaputKorner.com / ginger@circuskaput.com

Maestro's Magical Time Machine Misadventure

A mad-cap magician out of time and an only the audience can save him! As Maestro steps out of the time machine and into your library, he's in for a great shock. Why are people looking at strange light boxes? And so many children not shining shoes or selling newspapers! Maestro's time is 1924 and libraries are quiet places with books! Kids will be asked to recommend books to help get Maestro up to speed on the last 100 years. They will help him perform some magic and show him the modern dances (and he'll show the Charleston!) Join Maestro as he dances through time, weaving magic, comedy and misadventure together.

Cost: \$325 each (1-2 shows), \$300 each (3-5 shows), \$275 each (6 or more shows). Travel fees may apply.



Marko Polo Music

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Marko Polo is an award-winning kids musician! His live shows delight young audiences with interactive songs that will move your body and your mind. Marko's groovy rock and roll guitar, sing-a-long melodies, and memorable topics educate and inspire. His recent albums, "Mammal Music" and "Aqua Phonic" were produced by Grammy-Award Winning Children's Music Producer Dean Jones. Get ready to sing and stomp, wiggle and giggle. It's Marko Polo Music!!! In addition to his rockin' solo shows, Marko offers workshops and full band performances with his group FIRE DOG! Inquire for details.

Cost: \$325 per show. Please inquire about travel costs and multiple booking discounts.



Max the Magician

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Max the Magician brings laughter and joy to audiences through his performances. His 2024 show follows the “Adventure Begins at Your Library” theme through audience participation, creativity, history, entertaining stories, and curiosity. And it’s all done with magic. Many of Max’s shows bring the largest audiences of the season. Additionally, the kids relate to his youth and the way he presents his message.

Max Meystrik is an 18-year-old magician and freshman at the University of Missouri-Columbia. His polished, professional performances appeal to and entertain all ages and personalities. Max offers a 30–45-minute show and is a turn-key operation, relieving you of any responsibility and preparation. Check out Max at his Facebook page [@MaxwellMagic](#) for photos and videos to learn more!

Cost: Contact for pricing.



Mike Anderson

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Mike’s kids’ shows are legendary. Whether doing a standard kids’ show, telling Spooky Stories, or appearing as Hugo Kringle (Santa’s brother), Mike Anderson delivers an amazing program. Interactive songs and stories, deftly delivered with humor and multiple musical instruments, will leave kids and adults with enduring memories. Always the teacher, if the kids aren’t careful, they may learn some history, a few character traits, and how cartoon sound effects are made.

Cost: \$395



Nathan J. Roberts

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Nathan J. Roberts is a captivating storytelling magician, skillfully blending mesmerizing sleight of hand, colorful props, clever comedy, and enchanting music to infuse wonder into audiences around the world. Filled with lively audience participation, children will be captivated as they witness objects materialize and vanish, encounter comedic puppetry with a mouse and rabbit, and witness a drawing board that magically brings a drawing to life. Each performance is thoughtfully tailored to align with the library’s theme for the year.

Having showcased his magical artistry in libraries across Missouri, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi, and Arkansas, Nathan’s friendly library patron interaction is renowned. When he graces your library with his presence, the excitement he conjures will leave your young audience utterly delighted and thrilled.

Cost: \$300



Ozum Routh

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Ozum - Mayhem In Miniature!

Shrink down with Oz, the world's tallest magician, and travel on a tiny adventure! Shrunken down by a laser ray in a lab, Oz needs your help to get zapped back to size! In the micro world of the floor, you'll meet Carlos the Cockroach, see Oz pull a dust bunny from his hat, and cheer him on as he juggles grains of gravel from rug. It's hard to visualize this tall trickster being the size of a thimble, but your audience has the power to do just that. Everyone contributes some imagination and improvisation until Oz has his height restored so he can do his biggest trick of all!

Cost: \$325 each (1-2 shows), \$300 each (3-5 shows), \$275 each (6 or more shows). Travel fees may apply.



Paul Vandivort

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Stories come to life with Puppets by local puppet builder Paul Vandivort. Fairy tales and Fables make great puppet shows because they are funny and full of things that kids love. In these stories you will find magic, talking animals, and monsters, but you will also find a kind of wisdom and honesty that is enjoyable for adults and kids of all ages. After seeing the puppets and witnessing them behind the scenes, the audience will go home with a sense of "I can do that too". Even a child with no art supplies at home can make a shadow puppet with little more than a cereal box and a used drinking straw. It is a very creative program, intended for children of all ages.

Cost: starts at \$300 with discounts for multiple bookings.



Peppy Puppet Troupe

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Peppy Puppet Troupe has been performing professional puppet shows for libraries—locally, regionally and nationally for over 15 years. When you hire Peppy Puppet Troupe, you and your audience will enjoy entertaining and humorous puppet original performances based on the current library summer reading theme. Shows include live music and audience participation. Peppy Puppet is extremely flexible and can offer multiple show discounts along with puppet building workshops.

Cost: \$300 / 30 minute show, \$400 / 45 minute show. Workshops starting at \$50/hour. Travel and lodging fees may apply. Multiple booking discounts available.



Ric Vice

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Ric loves telling stories that use laughter, sound effects, and characters with a message that children and adults can take home. His tales engage his listeners and draw on his background as a professional jazz musician to enliven his stories with sound and movement. His current group of programs include: Star Tales, stories of the constellations in the night sky, U.S. Grant: Horse Whisperer the story of Grant and his dedication to horsemanship and art throughout his life, Elmer McCurdy "The Bandit Who Wouldn't Quit" who was more famous after his death, and Pourquoi Stories from Missouri for children and adults alike.

Cost: \$150-\$200 for 50 minute engagements within 50 miles of St. Louis, MO



Sarah Poff, Multimedia-StoryTeller

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Sarah's presentations can be roughly divided into two types. In her workshops for adults and kids, the primary focus is on education as she shares interesting facts about a historical topic through her signature hands-on, minds-on, immersive methodology. In her Historical Storytelling sessions, the primary focus is on entertainment as Sarah grabs her audiences by the heart and takes them on a journey of discovery. But whichever type of presentation you attend, don't worry. You won't miss out on anything. There's a lot of entertainment in her Workshops and a lot of factual information in her Historical Storytelling sessions. Sarah is one of those rare individuals who not only lives and breathes history, but who also has a burning desire to share her knowledge with others—adults and children alike.

Cost: \$199 per hour



Show-Me Dinosaurs

(573) 400-DINO / www.ShowMeDinosaurs.com / info@showmedinosaurs.com

Step back in time and let your imagination run wild with Show-Me Dinosaurs! Our fun-filled giant dinosaur events create memories that will last a lifetime. Plus, we proudly give back to our local community with every booking. Join us for the ultimate prehistoric adventure! We deliver our 7-foot tall walking and roaring Giant Dinosaurs (a T-Rex and Raptor), PLUS three adorable Baby Dinosaur puppets (Triceratops, Stegosaurus & Duck Billed Dinosaur) to events across Missouri and beyond! They are guided by our entertaining and passionate Dinosaur Wranglers that lead guests through interactive games and hands-on dinosaur themed activities! We work with you to customize the best dinosaur activities package for your event! We also offer video production services to help promote your event or capture the memories during the event.

Cost: Contact for pricing.



What If Puppets

(816) 356-3700 / www.whatifpuppets.org / info@whatifpuppets.org

Ringo's Sing Along Adventure

Intrepid explorers Ringo the Dog and Mister Mike are on an epic quest to find the greatest sing along song EVER! Join Ringo and Mike on their adventure as they discover musical favorites like Wheel on the Bus, If You're Happy and You Know It, and B-I-N-G-O. Audience participation, a cast of curious critters, and engaging puppetry styles will delight audiences of all ages. Adventure awaits!

Cost: \$550 plus travel and mileage



WildHeart

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Let's explore the wild world together with WildHeart! What nature adventures await you outdoors, even in your own backyard! Come along on a musical safari discovering Missouri's wildest critters and their habitats. Where can you find a black bear? What's up with an armadillo? Join WildHeart as we sing along to original nature tunes and adventure together!

WildHeart is the Emmy Award Winning singer/songwriter and naturalist Jan Syrigos, who has "edutained" kiddos at Silver Dollar City, the Missouri State Capitol, Missouri Botanical Gardens and state parks and libraries throughout the Midwest. Kids will love singing and learning along with WildHeart! Plus, get ready to meet a real wild backyard critter!

Cost: Summer 2024 Pricing begins at \$350/program for two programs per day; Single programs \$400. Additional travel expenses determined per location.



Will Stuck

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SUMMER 2024 SHOW

Will Stuck's Adventure into the Absurd - Take a journey into Will's usual high energy and hilarious M.E.S.S. (Music, Education, Stories & Science). Each performance features a story, a song, a science experiment, silliness and plenty of audience participation. Summer performances are expected to be inside, unless approved at the time of booking.

A list of Will's other shows, cartooning classes and librarian training presentation can be found on his website. (www.willstuck.com)

Cost: \$300-500 depending on number of shows in the area and distance from zip code 64504