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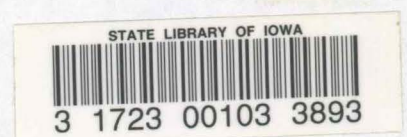
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Program Providers Introduction

Working with Program Providers

When arranging library programming with outside providers, you may find the following suggestions useful:

1. Be clear about your library's needs and expectations when talking with presenters.
2. Confirm your agreement and program details with the performer in writing.
3. Include thorough directions on how to find the program location.
4. Ask for additional staff or volunteer assistance during the program for crowd control and a smooth performance.
5. Plan for assistance to the performer before and after the program, such as unloading equipment, carrying supplies, and working out room arrangements and performance details.
6. Provide water and a glass for the performers.
7. Have payment for the performer arranged ahead of time.
8. Send a thank you letter after the program.

Program Provider Information

The performers list in this directory may be useful for libraries planning children's programming for a variety of events throughout the year. The information in the listing has been provided by the performers. For more detailed information, contact the performers. **Please remember that inclusion of this information does not constitute endorsement or promotion of any individual or group by the State Library of Iowa or the Iowa Regional Library System.**

Children's Authors/Illustrators

David Collins

3403 45th Street
Moline IL 61265
Phone: 309-762-8985
E-mail: KIMSEUSS@aol.com

Description:

Born in Marshalltown, Iowa, Collins has published seventy-one children's book and taught English thirty-five years before retiring in 1997. Collins is a Leap Year Baby and has only had 14 birthdays! His speciality is biography and he combines humor with drama in his presentation.

Fee: \$500/day + expenses
Travel Range: State of Iowa

Connie Heckert

1462 Olde Freeport Place
Bettendorf IA 52722-7001
Phone: 319-359-0337
Fax: 319-355-1221
E-mail: hecklit@aol.com

Description:

Author/Co-author of 11 books, two have been for children. I frequently present programs in the schools as a professional writer and former college teacher.

Fee: Negotiable
Travel Range: Negotiable

Kristi Holl

224 Park Avenue
Story City IA 50248
Phone: 515-733-4292
E-mail: kholl@storycity.net

Description:

For author visits, I do general presentations, a revision (writing) workshop, and a Mystery Writers workshop for kids in middle grades (approximately grades 2-6).
Information packet upon request

Fee: \$500 day/school visit
Travel Range: no limit

Also available for:

Other Programs
Writing Workshops

Julie McDonald

2802 E Locust Street
Davenport IA 52803
Phone: 319-355-7246
E-mail: jmcdonad@saunix.sau.edu

Description:

Author of: "Nils Discovers America" Story based on a Norwegian nisse who stows away on a ship sailing to America in the 19th century and wakes up in the 20th century. Has many Writer-in-the-Schools residencies and programs creating characters, and speaks about the writing life.

Fee: \$150/day Will negotiate
Travel Range:

Clowns

CT Slicker / Whistles T. Clown

Julene Carberry

2459-B 230th Street
Aredale IA 50605
Phone: 515-894-3317
E-mail: ctslicker@yahoo.com

Description:

One person with two clown characters offering two different show styles. Clowning magic, balloon animals, make-up demonstrations, and juggling.

Fee: Contact for more info

Travel Range: Contact for more info

Also available for:

Magicians

L and L Clowns (Sparkle and Lollipop)

Lynn Deal

310 NE Oak
Ankeny IA 50021
Phone: 515-964-2039 / 515-964-1805

and

Lucy Kluever

822 SE Trilein
Ankeny IA 50021
Phone: 515-964-2039 / 515-964-1805

Description:

They use magic, songs, juggling, and comedy with kids of all ages and can create programs to fit any theme. Also do face painting and balloon sculpture.

Fee: \$100 + mileage

Travel Range: Statewide

Booking with Del-Mar

Delmar E. Kiefer

3303 15th Street A
Moline IL 61265
Phone: 309-762-7119

Description:

Delmar Kiefer's goal is making children of all ages laugh with his magic. Mr. Kiefer creates his magic show to revolve around the fun things you can find in the library. He has performed in over 300 television performances and is well know to many area clubs and groups who have used him for Christmas parties and picnics.

Fee: Negotiable plus travel

Travel Range: Iowa

Also available for:

Magician

Bubbles the Clown

Cheryl Kramer

1314 S Hampshire Avenue
Mason City IA 50401
Phone: 515-423-7379

Description:

Bubbles has a bubbly personality & very silly voice. Bubbles will make balloon animals and will teach older children the skill.

Fee: \$45/ hr

Travel Range: Depends on day and time

Also available for:

Storyteller

Mari-Gold & Tip-Top

Marion & Travis Lehman

3296 K Avenue
Adel IA 50003
Phone: 515-993-3236
E-mail: mlehman100@aol.com

Description:

Mom and teenage son team: magic, face painting, balloon animals, and real animals

Fee: Contact for more info

Travel Range: Contact for more info

Also available for:

Magicians

Dick Mumma

4134 Boyd Street

Des Moines IA 50317-5556

Phone: 515-262-1567

Description:

Clowning, magic, clown make-up demonstrations

Fee: None

Travel Range: 50 miles

Buckee and Ruffles**Arvin & Grace Olson**

4117 73rd Place

Urbandale IA 50322

Phone: 515-253-0477

Description:

Clowning, clown magic, balloon animals, face painting, make-up demonstrations. Educational presentations.

Fee: Contact for more info

Travel Range: Contact for more info

Buttons the Clown**Muriel Sheppard**

825 14th St

West Des Moines IA 50265

Phone: 515-223-4444

Description:

Clowning, balloon creations, make-up demo, hand and arm painting. Clown magic, birthday parties

Fee: Negotiable

Travel Range: 50 miles from Des Moines

Dance

Beth Clarke Studio of Dance

Beth Clarke

118 High Avenue
Ames IA 50010
Phone: 515-232-8908
E-mail: clarkefamily@ames.net

Description:

Dance demonstration, audience participation, and historical instruction on dance throughout history, specializing in the 50 & 60's. Programs on ethnic dance, line dancing, creative movement and interpretive dance are also available.

Fee: \$50/hr + mileage
Travel Range: 60 miles

Also available for:
Storytellers

Lana Lyddon Hatten

201 1st Street NW
Mitchellville IA 50169
Phone: 515-967-6865
E-mail: tlhatten@radiks.net

Description:

Participatory creative movement for any age, preschool through adult, for any audience size. Program can be adapted to the library's needs.

Fee: Negotiable
Travel Range: Statewide

Kahraman Near East Dance Ensemble, Inc.

Marie Wilkes

1700 First Avenue, #10
Iowa City IA 52240
Phone: 319-354-9638

Description:

A dance ensemble featuring the traditional music, costumes, and folklore of the Near East including Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, Lebanon, Turkey, Persia, and Saudi Arabia. Various programming possibilities are available for all ages, including the use of audience participation, folktales, traditional instruments and dolls of the region, and much more.

Fee: Fees vary
Travel Range: Contact for more info

IMAN! Dancers

Dorian Williams Byrd

1601 North Marquette
Davenport IA 52804
Phone: 319-326-3352

Description:

Multi-cultural stories and dance with a solo or multi-member troupe. "Traveling the Reading Road" features possible stops in Africa, Tahiti, Japan, Mexico and others. Lots of audience participation.

Fee: \$75-\$150 solo \$200- up troupe
Travel Range: 3 hour radius

Also available for:
Storyteller

Iowa Authors

(These authors have indicated they would like to work with children's programs.)

Dorothy Brenner Francis

1505 Brentwood Terrace
Marshalltown IA 50158
Phone: 515-753-7273

Description:

Children's author who will speak to groups. Mystery, romance, short story, and novel

Fee: Contact for more info

Travel Range: Contact for more info

Dorothy Brenner Francis

1505 Brentwood Terrace
Marshalltown IA 50158

Jacqueline Briggs Martin

312 2nd Avenue North
Mount Vernon IA 52314

Kay Burford

113 South Johnson Street
Iowa City IA 52240

Mary Jane Finsand

1501 W. 19th Street
Cedar Falls IA 50613

Cindy Gerard

Box 72
Marengo IA 52301

Equity House

Doug Larche
1401 E Euclid Avenue
Indianola IA 50125

Maribeth Boelts

3815 Clearview Drive
Cedar Falls IA 50613
319-277-0981

Mel Boring

1791 200th Street
Rockford IA 50468
515-756-2296

Mary Ann Gensicke

3330 Silverthorne Road, NE
Cedar Rapids IA 52402
319-365-1113

Pam Ostwinkle

400 North Washington Street
Edgewood IA 52042
319-928-7262

Craig Riecks

2114 Primrose Drive
Cedar Falls IA 50613
319-277-5909

Gary Kelley - illustrator

301 1/2 Main Street
Cedar Falls IA 50613
319-277-2330

Dori Butler

4408 Topaz Avenue NW
Cedar Rapids IA 52405

Delia Ray Howard

2550 Bluffwood Circle
Cedar Rapids IA 52245

Jeff and Vicky Copeland

University of Northern Iowa
Department of English Language and Literature
115 Baker Hall
Cedar Falls Ia 50614-0502

Magicians

FAX Gilbert Performance Programs

John Faxon Gilbert, Jr.

PO Box 1893
Fairfield IA 52556
Phone: 888-514-5678

Description:

Mime, magic and speaking characters combine to tell stories, blending movement, music and illusion. Audience participation throughout. Ideal for adults as well as children of all ages. Recommendations & videos available. Iowa Arts Council registered artist. Grant available.

Fee: Negotiable
Travel Range: Statewide

Also available for:
Storytellers

Magical Messages

Jeff J. D. Freed

4021 Lunner Drive
Des Moines IA 50310
Phone: 515-255-7961

Description:

Sharing a message through magic with birds, tricks, and audience participation.

Fee: \$100 and up + mileage
Travel Range: 100 miles

Walter Graham Comedy Magic

Walter Graham

PO Box 369
Omaha NE 68101
Phone: 402-342-4221
E-mail: magigraham@aol.com

Description:

Entertaining childrens show with audience participation. A fun time for all. References available.

Fee: Contact for more information
Travel Range: Contact for more information.

Magic of Reading Show

Curtis Hed

380 3rd Street, Suite 306
Elk River MN 55330-3012
Phone: 888-771-7426

Description:

Curtis promotes reading and library use while entertaining children and adults with magic and comedy. Curtis' show also includes juggling and "Duo" the White Killer Dove.

Fee: Contact for special library rates and info packet
Travel Range: Anywhere

Jim Jayes

Rural Route 1, Box 92
Oakland MN 56076
Phone: 507-434-0945

Description:

Jim customized his one-person shows for his audiences. He creates shows and designs his puppets and puppet stages specifically for the performance.

Fee: Negotiable
Travel Range: 120 mile radius of Austin, MN

Also available for:
Puppeteers

Jim Kenaga Magic

Jim Kenaga

915 Oak Street
Osage IA 50461
Phone: 515-732-5411

Description:

Program includes magic, comedy, and stories with an emphasis on reading. Works with any size group of children or adults. Can do a program on the summer reading theme.

Fee: Begins at \$100 + mileage
Travel Range: Statewide

**Aunt Maybe & Uncle Mac Magical
Clowns**

Don & Judy MacCabe

4270 NE Sheridan
Des Moines IA 50317
Phone: 515-266-1323

Description:

Clowning, magic, balloon sculptures, face painting, puppets and storytelling. Can provide a theme program. Perform as a team, evenings and weekends.

Fee: Contact for more info
Travel Range: 50 miles

Peter the Near (Great)

Pete Petrashek

13442 Westwood Lane
Omaha NE 68144
Phone: 402-334-2929

Description:

Comedy magic for kids or adults. National Magician of the Year in 1988. My guarantee: If they don't laugh & applaud, there's no charge.

Fee: Contact for more info
Travel Range: Contact for more info

**The Comedy and Magic of
Keith West**

Entertainment Group I.c.
8350 Hickman Road, Suite 8
Clive IA 50325-4311
Phone: 888-470-7948
Fax: 515-270-0866
E-mail: egroup@Radiks.net
Web Page: www.e-group.net

Description:

"Magic for a new Millennium" Show is comedy and magic entertainment for children and adults. Keith's shows are filled with audience participation. Everyone is part of the show. One child will be cut in half, one child becomes a JR. Magician and makes another child float, and someones' shoes will explode. Kids of all ages have enjoyed Keith's library magic and humor for the last eight seasons. Keith's programs can be tailored to meet your libraries special needs.

Fee: \$250 for isolated dates - special rates for multiple engagements.

Travel Range: Throughout the USA and Canada

Also available for:

Clowns Puppeteers Storytellers

Music Therapist

Theo

Theona Fahl, R.N. & V.M.T.

3310 Woodlane Drive
LeClaire IA 52753
Phone: 319-332-4833
E-mail: jfahl-ia@emailmsn.com

Description:

I love to give programs for the senior citizens & children (of all ages). I play a 100 year old and 25 year old autoharp.

Fee: \$0.21/mile
Travel Range: 50-60 miles

Also available for:
Puppeteers
Children's Author/Illustrator

Musican

Mike Mumm

Pat Walke
3627 105th Street
Preston IA 52069
Phone: 319-689-6691
E-mail: pwalke@netins.net

Description:

Sing and play old-time ballads and barn dance music of Iowa. Can present workshops on how to play banjo, jaw harp, autoharp, and mountain dulcimer. Contact the Iowa Arts Council for grants.

Fee: \$90/hr or \$400/day
Travel Range: Contact for more info

Pied Piper Productions

Timothy Britton

808 South 3rd Street
Fairfield IA 52556
Phone: 515-472-4005

Description:

Celtic music, dance, stories, and lore with authentic musical instruments such as bagpipers, penny whistles, and more. Performs in costume and has wide experience performing both in Iowa and the rest of the country. appears on over two dozen recordings.

Fee: Contact for more info
Travel Range: Anywhere

Steve Couch "I like to read shows"

Steve Couch

PO Box 38
Wilton IA 52778
Phone: 319-264-5662
Fax: 319-264-5358
Home: 319-732-3292

Description:

Multi-media performance of original children's songs and stories. Promoting good ethical values like reading and exercise, accompanied by computer animation, streamers and a giant dinosaur named Claude.

Fee: Negotiable
Travel Range: Throughout Midwest

Also available for:
Other Programs
Special events above reading, or kick off events

Mark Dvorak

PO Box 11
Kaneville IL 60144
Phone: 630-557-2742
Fax: 557-2753
E-mail: jmurdock@mes.com

Description:

An entertainer whose performances are marked with a clear knowledge of his music and art, and also with an understanding of what a given audience is ready to listen to.

Fee: Contact for more info

Travel Range: Contact for more info

Our Iowa Home

Joey & Lou Fautsch

LoPot Productions
2833 Northridge Drive
Dubuque IA 52001
Phone: 319-582-0543
E-mail: joey@mwci.net

Description:

Our Iowa Home - Celebrating Iowa and its people. Musical performance of original songs written by a social studies teacher, based on themes such as agriculture, native & African Americans, small towns, grant wood, railroads, rivers and more (one hour)

Fee: call for quotes

\$150 to \$500 including expenses

Travel Range: Statewide

Kathleen Gibson

Rompin' Records
1672 Edinburgh Lane
Aurora IL 60504
Phone: 888-280-4569
Fax: 630-585-6809
E-mail: katgibson@aol.com
Web Page: www.zibberbibber.com

Description:

Kathleen Gibson 1995 Parents' Choice Honor Winner, 1996 Nappa Honor Award Recipient, named "Woman Making a Difference" by Today's Chicago Woman magazine, renowned children's singer, songwriter & author delights audiences internationally with her delightful musical celebrations.

Fee: \$300 & up

Travel Range: North America

Also available for:

Puppeteers
Children's Author/Illustrator

Michael Haverkamp

109 N Van Buren Street
Iowa City IA 52245
Phone: 319-337-7180

Description:

Folk singers and musicians with a wide repertory of children's songs that work well as sing-alongs for children's programs.

Fee: Contact for more info

Travel Range: Contact for more info

Acoustic Mayhem

Michael Haverkamp

109 N Van Buren Street
Iowa City IA 52245
Phone: 319-337-7180

Description:

Four person group specializing in old-time country and acoustic string band music, folk and square dance calling, and musical storytelling for children and adults.

Fee: Contact for more info

Travel Range: Contact for more info

Noble Joe Nobiling

Noble Joe

320 40th Avenue
East Moline IL 61244
Phone: 309-755-6065
E-mail: fidlerjo@hotmail.com

Description:

Good ole time fun with music and songs performed on guitar, fiddle, mandolin, five string banjo and harmonica. Stories include: Civil War, Cowboy, Indian, Pirate, Animal, Historical, Hysterical, Tall Tales, Legends and Lore.

Fee: \$100/hour + \$0.25/mile
Travel Range: Unlimited.

Also available for:
Storytellers

CE-MAR Cloggers

Chuck Lovig

141 W Orange St, Box 787
West Branch IA 52358
Phone: 319-643-7459

Description:

Country-style clogging music and dance demonstrations in full costume.

Fee: Negotiable
Travel Range: Contact for more info

Mak Dervo

David Makinster

3426 Gilmore Road
Marion IA 52302-9366
Phone: 319-373-7591 or 800-365-7789 ext. 102361

Description:

Music of the Andes Mountains / One-Man Bank. MAK DERVO plays traditional music of the Andes Mountains with authentic instruments including the Andean pan flute, ten string charango and percussion. With voice, flutes, guitar and foot percussion he creates a one-man bank to play originals and music of the Americas. Andean Pan Pipe Workshop; Children's Parade; One-Man-Bank Performance; Percussion Circle Workshop.

Extras include: Bolivian weavings and figurines; 3'x5' photographic display; Andean slide presentation.

Fee: \$300 + expenses
Travel Range: Open

Hans Mayer

216 S 8th Street
LaCrosse WI 54601
Phone: 608-782-2224
E-mail: hcm@lse.fullfeed.com
Web Page: www.hansmayer.com

Description:

Hans performs his humorous, ear-tickling, child-oriented music with an irresistible sense of play. People of all ages are immediately attracted to his playful, fun-loving personality and his magical, memorable songs that stimulate imaginations while building self-esteem. Hans has delighted audiences in a wide variety of settings including: Libraries, schools K-5, festivals, theaters, fairs, colleges, conventions, community halls, night clubs, radio and TV. His performances include songs with guitar, mandolin, native American flute, sound effects and audience participation.

Fee: \$250. + mileage
Travel Range: Tri-state

Mark Dvorak

Joann Murdock

Artists of Note
PO Box 11
Kaneville IL 60144
Phone: 800-525-4749
E-mail: jmurdock@mcs.com
Web Page: www.mcs.com/~jmurdock/mark/dvorak.html

Description:

An expert folk musician on the guitar, banjo, and more whose performances are natural, entertaining, and educational. His "Old Songs and New People: Hootenanny For Young Folks" program can be tailored to needs of all ages, from preschool through teenage.

Fee: Reasonable rates with special discounts for multiple bookings
Travel Range: Throughout the Midwest

Lee Murdock

Joann Murdock

Artists of Note

PO Box 11

Kaneville IL 60144

Phone: 800-525-4749

E-mail: jmurdock@mcs.com

Web Page: www.mcs.com/~jmurdock/lee/murdock.html

Description:

Informative, educational, and entertaining presentation that use folk music to increase children's and teens' awareness of their rich American heritage. His "Folk Songs of the Great Lakes Region" emphasizes the people of the Midwest, from Pioneer days to the present.

Fee: Reasonable rates with special discounts for multiple bookings

Travel Range: Throughout the Midwest

Noble Joe

Noble Joe Nobiling

320 40th Av

East Moline IL 61244

Phone: 309-755-6065

E-mail: Fidlerjo@hotmail.com

Web Page:

Description:

Good ole time fun with music, songs, stories and dance. Music and songs performed on guitar, fiddle, mandolin, 5-string banjo and harmonica. Stories include; Civil War, Cowboy, Indian, Pirate, Animal, historical, hysterical, tall tales, legends & lore.

Fee: \$100.00 one hour + \$0.25/mile

Travel Range: Unlimited

Also available for:

One-Woman Band

Sharon Seufferer

2449 240th Avenue

Lacona IA 50139

Phone: 515-534-3227

Description:

I play four instruments at the same time. A 12-string guitar, harmonica, bass guitar, and tambourine. My program is tailored to fit the audience young to senior citizens. Finale is my clogging and playing the bones, and my clogging with a pair of Marionettes. My program is motivational, upbeat, and high energy. My traveling partner, Carol Oliver, is a fifth grade teacher and can be prepared to expand the music of my program with book talks about current and classic titles for elementary students.

Fee: \$1.00/ mile one way from my house in Lacona

Travel Range: Iowa and surrounding states

Also available for:

Dancers

Puppeteers

Bob Stone

1915 West 38th street

Davenport IA 52806

Phone: 319-391-7136

E-mail: bstone@netexpress.net

Description:

I am a retired Iowa educator/administrator. I've presented many pro grams and workshops for students from kindergarten age to events for teachers, administrators and parent groups. I build and play dulcimers, and teach primary and elementary & middle school students, and work in classrooms with teachers to help students link history, music, science, and technical subjects into an integrated whole. I present evening and weekend concerts for parent groups as a part of fund-raising activities.

Fee: \$75 hr plus expenses

Travel Range: All of Iowa- reasonable distances into surrounding states.

Also available for:

Storytellers Fundraisers

Miss Phyllis
Phyllis Turnipseed-Khare

513 S Second
Fairfield IA 52556
Phone: 800-535-2389
Fax: 515-472-4932
E-mail: care@lisco.com

Description:

"Create-a-Song" from any favorite book! Workshops and performances for all ages are fun, music-filled, and flexible to your needs. IAC Artists in the Schools/Communities rostered artist.

Fee: Reasonable rates
Travel Range: Contact for more information.

Dennis Warner

PO Box 365
Clearwater MN 55320
Phone: 800-870-1770
E-mail: oneworld@netlink.com
Web Page: www.netlinkcom.com/~oneworld

Description:

Dennis has toured throughout the USA and Canada. He recently released his fourth CD and has won several songwriting awards. This talented singer has also hosted programs for NPR. The Dennis Warner Kids Concert is an enormous amount of fun, as he brings his young audience into the spotlight with involvement and participation. If the kids don't know the song, he'll teach it to them.

Fee: Block booking \$150-200. No mileage charges
Travel Range: Nationwide

Other Programs

Farm Safety 4 Just Kids

110 S Chestnut Ave, PO Box 458

Earlham IA 50072

Phone: 800-423-5437

Fax: 515-758-2517

E-mail: fs4jk@netins.net

Web Page: www.fs4jk.org

Description:

Programs, demonstrations and activities that teach the concepts of Farm Safety and Health for children and adults.

Fee: Negotiable

Travel Range: Contact for more information

Jefferson National Expansion Memorial

National Park Service

11 N 4th Street

St. Louis MO 63102

Phone: 314-655-1600

Fax: 314-655-1642

E-mail: JEFF_Director_Education@nps.gov

Web Page: www.nps.gov/jeff/arch-home

Description:

With an emphasis on St. Louis history and westward expansion, the National Park Service can send two programs to your library. The traveling Trunk Program consists of trunks filled with hands-on museum objects and photographs. Nine topics are available. The Picasso Still Image Program brings images of the Museum of Westward Expansion and the opportunity to talk live with a National Park Ranger using your library's phone line, VCR, and TV monitor.

Fee: \$35 Trunk \$45 Picasso

Travel Range: Throughout the USA

Also available for:

Storytellers

Shelley Barron

Pioneer Heritage Library

204 N Vine

LeGrand IA 50142

Phone: 515-479-2122

Fax: 515-479-2122

Home: 515-752-2458

E-mail: pioneroo@marshallnet.com

Description:

Dog or Sled dog related programs including dog obedience & dog safety. Can bring a dog for obedience or sledding weight pull demo.

Fee: \$20 to cover materials

Travel Range: 100 mile radius of Marshalltown

Time Trackers

Debbie Dunn

4691 Fox Lane NE

Iowa City IA 52240

Phone: 319-351-4851

Description:

Travel to distant times and places when Debbie sets up mini-museum displays with hands on activities and storytelling. Topics include Native Americans, Pioneer Life, Young Heroes of the Heartland, and other specials.

Fee: Begin at \$50 and up

Travel Range: 75 miles

Dean Franzen

5915 Symons Road

Cedar Falls IA 50613

Phone: 319-266-6911

E-mail: unidean@aol.com

Description:

Juggling and unicycling. Lots of participation for children.

Fee: \$200

Travel Range: State of Iowa

Also available for:

Clowns

Magicians

Animal Encounters, Inc.

Dr. Robert James

PO Box 245

Lombard IL 60148-0245

Phone: 888-264-6280

Fax: 920-674-7735

E-mail: robjames@ticon.net

Web Page: www.animalencounters.com

Description:

Dr. James brings live zoo animals to your library. Everyone touches a porcupine, alligator, and several other animals; an ostrich walks through the rows of the audience. Dr. James visits about 400 schools and libraries throughout the country.

Fee: \$425/ program;

AE is non profit and will attempt to accommodate any library's budget

Travel Range: Throughout the USA

Also available for:

Children's Author/Illustrator

Prairie Winds Zoo

Brent Mielke

PO Box 458

Adrian MN 56110

Phone: 507-483-2665

Description:

Animals of the Pioneer is a hands on animal exhibit featuring animals of Iowa, both domestic and indigenous. Other traveling show available (including monkeys, birds, reptiles, etc.) Prairie Winds Zoo does over 900 shows per year - call for references.

Fee: Negotiable (\$300/show)

Travel Range: Throughout the United States

Betty Mowery

1530 7th Street

Rock Island IL 61201

Phone: 309-788-3980

Description:

Writing workshop

Fee: Contact for more info

Travel Range: Contact for more info

Charles Reetz

3102 N 15th Street, Lot #98

Fort Dodge IA 50501

Phone: 515-995-6849

Description:

Performs juggling and comedy routines with a lot of audience participation for children and adults. Can provide a 15-minute, 30-minute, or 60-minute program.

Fee: Negotiable

Travel Range: 200 miles

Melvin Shivers

645 46th Street

Des Moines IA 50312

Phone: 515-277-5082

Description:

Architecture for Children: Workshops in architecture and design. Shivers, architect, offers creative problem-solving workshops in architecture and design with geometric shapes. The focus is on how circles, squares and triangles generate every other geometric shape. Part of the excitement of his classes is the building of a project by each child. He modifies these workshops into several different formats, which can run from one hour classes to full day sessions. Math classes also come alive with Mel's workshop on the shapes of math. A list of related curricular topics are provided to teachers. Mel can modify course content to fit school curriculum. For example: Adventure in Creativity, Architecture, Design and the Shapes of Math.

Fee: Negotiable

Travel Range: State of Iowa

Dick Stahl

4702 Sheridan Street

Davenport IA 52806

Phone: 319-391-7995

Description:

Poetry reader and workshop presenter.

Fee: Contact for more info

Travel Range: Local

Also available for:

Poetry

Puppets

Parasol Puppets

Peter & Debbie Allen

RR2, Box 269B
Jamesport MO 64648
Phone: 660-684-6825

Description:

Solo puppeteers Peter Allen and Debbie Lutzky Allen have a repertoire of over 20 hand puppet and marionette shows. Their stories range from Japanese folk tales to St. George and the Dragon. They perform in a variety of styles from classic Punch and Judy to Circus extravaganzas. All of their shows include full puppet stage, lighting and sound equipment. Musical accompaniment is taped, but puppet voices are always performed live to ensure active communication with the audience. A brochure listing all of the puppet shows is available on request.

Fee: \$200-\$300. (depending on what show is booked)
Travel Range: Travel fee may be added and agreed upon at time of booking

Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre

Owl Glass Puppetry Center
PO Box 330
West Liberty IA 52776
Phone: 319-627-2487

Description:

An Iowa professional puppet troupe for 20 years specializing in hand and rod puppets, folk and fairy tales, and more. Available for school residencies, workshops for adults or children, festivals, or individual performances.

Fee: Contact for more info
Travel Range: Anywhere

Mary Anderson and Suzie Q

Mary Anderson

PO Box 16056
Des Moines IA 50316
Phone: 515-263-9532

Description:

Ventriloquist and puppet program that includes storytelling. Summer programs ordinarily booked up to a year in advance.

Fee: Negotiable
Travel Range: Statewide

Dreams Unlimited

Beulah Brinker-Olson

103 Fairholm Drive
Waverly IA 50677
Phone: 319-352-2646

Description:

Dreams unlimited presents many types of programs including puppets, storytelling and workshops.

Fee: Base fee + mileage
Travel Range: Iowa and nearby area

Also available for:
Storytellers

Marilyn Price Puppets

Joann Murdock

Artists of Note

PO Box 11

Kaneville IL 60144

Phone: 800-525-4749

E-mail: jmurdock@mcs.com

Web Page: www.mcs.com/~jmurdock/marilyn/price.html

Description:

Marilyn Price weaves a finely crafted performance filled with storytelling and puppetry, for children and families. Her handmade puppets are created with the same irresistible wit that shines through in each of her stories. Marilyn creates all of her own puppets (over 300 in her menagerie to date) many from found objects. She also offers puppet making workshops for all grades, and teacher in-service. Her "Wonderful Whirl of Puppets" is a collection of folklores from different parts of the world, about three stories per performance. "Into the Rainforest" is an environmental program, with many of the puppets created from recyclable objects.

Fee: Reasonable rates with special discounts for multiple bookings. (FYI: this will be in the \$300-350 range for a single booking, depending upon location in Iowa)

Travel Range: Throughout the Midwest

Patchwork Puppets

Carol Taylor

3425 Witmer Parkway

Des Moines IA 50310

Phone: 515-279-1102

E-mail: ritaylor@netins.net

Description:

A veteran professional puppeteer performing lively, colorful folktales and songs with puppets, storytelling, and puppet telling. Lots of audience participation. Creative drama and puppet-making workshops available. Summer library programs designed to fit each year's theme.

Fee: Contact for information. Special library rates. Discounts for multiple bookings.

Travel Range: Statewide

Storytellers

Patricia Coffie

502 2nd Street SE
Waverly IA 50677
Phone: 319-352-5592

Description:

Storytelling filled with love and laughter; especially appropriate for those whose hearts belong to the Midwest. Upper elementary through seniors, with singles a pleasure.

Fee: Negotiable

Travel Range: Contact for more info

Catherine Cooney

1025 25th Avenue Court
Moline IL 61265
Phone: 309-797-3257

Description:

Stories can teach us about other cultures, morals, ourselves, history and math. Catherine Cooney is a powerful teller and a master of humor who dramatically educates, entertains, and enthralls.

Fee: Contact for more info

Travel Range: Contact for more info

Duffy DeFrance

PO Box 856
Muscatine IA 52761
Phone: 319-732-2468
E-mail: ddefrance@libby.rbls.lib.il.us

Description:

Provides workshops on puppetry, creative dramatics, and storytelling as well as storytelling programs. Has a number of storytelling programs including STORIES FROM GRANNY'S ATTIC done in character as Granny Rutabaga.

Fee: Contact for more info

Travel Range: Contact for more info

Donna Dettman

1032 Towne Ave
Batavia IL 60510
Phone: 630-879-6891
E-mail: donna-tell@inil.com

Description:

Water sprites, exploding popcorn and a glowing ghost come alive within the listener's imagination as Donna Dettman's tales unfold. Adults and children alike are mesmerized as Donna uses her voice, eyes and face to draw her audience into the world of story. Her repertoire includes folk tales from around the world and some of the best of contemporary literature. The importance of reading and family literacy are stressed with active use of the imagination.

Fee: \$300

Travel Range: Throughout the Midwest

Thomas S. Owens Diana Star Helmer

1001 W Boone Street
Marshalltown IA 50158-2412
Phone: 515-753-8566
Fax: 515-753-8566

Description:

A husband and wife storytelling team who tell Iowa stories, personal stories, and elder-tales. They are also published authors of books for children and adults, including Belles of the Ballpark and Inside Collectible Card Games.

Fee: Negotiable

Travel Range: Statewide

Nancy Duncan

1803 58th Street
Omaha NE 68106-2225
Phone: 402-551-4532
Fax: 402-551-4532
E-mail: nkd@storygalore.com
Web Page: www.storygalore.com

Description:

Ten different storytelling presentations for all ages. Gee Whiskas-cat stories from different cultures. 49 pioneer women trip across IA & NE; Good old crunchy stories- a potpourri of different types of stories, spooky stories-etc.

Fee: \$300+ mileage (\$275 if block-booked)

Travel Range: 200 miles

Iris Eriksen

899 Wright Avenue, RR 2

Dows IA 50071

Phone: 515-852-4559

Description:

Folkteller featuring Iowa history, down-home tales, ghost stories, clowning, Iowa farm women, dogs, and Bible stories for any age and audience size.

Fee: Adjustable + mileage

Travel Range: Anywhere

Judy Farrow Busack

821 Walnut Street

West Bend WI 53095

Phone: 414-334-7868 (h) / 414-253-7762 (w)

Description:

Interactive stories to enchant, stories to warm, and stories to tickle audiences of all ages.

Fee: \$100 and up

Travel Range: 200 miles

Tulip & Friends

Barb Funke

2425 Cooper Avenue

State Center IA 50247

Phone: 515-483-2638

Description:

Programs entitled "Reading Magical Reading" and a title that incorporates the years theme. Both encourage reading and the fun it can provide. They include storytelling, puppetry, music, ventriloquism, illusion, and audience participation. I am an Iowa Arts in Education Restored Artist approved in storytelling and puppets.

Fee: \$100 + \$0.30/mile

Travel Range: Statewide (If travel is over 50 miles, two programs required)

Also available for:

Puppeteers

Rock-N-Read with Ruby and Sapphire

Barb Funke

2425 Cooper Avenue

State Center IA 50247

Phone: 515-483-2683

Description:

Duo presenters incorporate storytelling, humor, puppetry, ventriloquism, music, magic, and fun to create a "gem" experience for audiences of all ages. Generate the excitement to read and spend time at your library. Available for instructional workshops, library shows, and larger events.

Fee: Negotiable + \$0.30/mile

Travel Range: Statewide

Also available for:

Puppeteers

Kelly Gee Carey

RR1, Box 189

Farragut IA 51639

Phone: 712-246-3453

Description:

Irish folk, myth, historical, multi-cultural stories

Fee: \$250 + mileage (school day); \$150 + mileage (evening or day program)

Travel Range: Contact for more info

Carol Gorman

3601 Skylark Lane SE

Cedar Rapids IA 52403-4334

Phone: 319-363-7850

Description:

Storyteller for juveniles and young adults

Fee: Contact for more info

Travel Range: Contact for more info

Also available for:

Iowa Author

Jan Gray

3624 38th Street, #4
Rock Island IL 61201
Phone: 309-786-6508

Description:

An ex-school teacher who enjoys the good life and tells stories to grade-school age children and adults. Old and new tales, modern 'fairy' tales, anecdotes, children's stories with a moral. Anything good to listen to!

Fee: Contact for more info
Travel Range: 100 miles

Pat Harms

318 West Garfield
Laurens IA 50554
Phone: 712-845-2161

Description:

Storyteller. Elementary youth and family groups.

Fee: Contact for more info
Travel Range: Contact for more info

Margaret Harvey

506 Commercial
Strawberry Point IA 52076
Phone: 319-933-4553

Description:

Legends, Bible stories, and workshops.

Fee: Contact for more info
Travel Range: Contact for more info

Beverly Heintz

119 Crestview Drive
Parkview IA 52748
Phone: 319-285-4947

Description:

Features good old-fashioned family fun storytelling including multi cultural, motivational, and audience participation stories. Recently graduated from East Tennessee State University with M.ED. in Storytelling. Available for workshops and performances.

Fee: Contact for more info
Travel Range: Contact for more info

Aunt Betty

Betty Husted

1203 16th Street
West Des Moines IA 50265
Phone: 515-224-5926
Fax: 515-224-5926 (call first)
E-mail: bjhart12@aol.com

Description:

Professional artist, writer & storyteller of tales for all ages. Enhances program with drawings and participation. Recommendations from other librarians available.

Fee: Contact for info
Travel Range: Statewide

Duane Hutchinson

PO Box 22828
Lincoln NE 68542
Phone: 402-438-7080
Fax: 402-438-7099

Description:

Stories K-12. Born and raised on a farm in Nebraska, Storytelling and writing has been Hutchinson's vocation since 1981. Hutchinson has written thirteen books and published many articles and short stories.

Fee: \$250 base + \$0.21/mile
Travel Range: Statewide

Also available for:
Children's Author/Illustrator

Cholly

Charles Johnson

6750 School, #856
Des Moines IA 50311-1647
Phone: 515-255-0681

Description:

Papa Cholly is a down the road character. His stories come from life with some folktales from other times. He will tell to all age groups. Cholly is an out growth of clowning and love of an easier time.

Fee: \$60 + travel
Travel Range: USA

Also available for: **Clowns**

**Skip
Skip Karnes**

Box 484
Alpha IL 61413
Phone: 309-529-9441

Description:

Skip's storytelling experience is vast and varied, including some thirty years around scout campfires. His traditional, old-fashioned stories work with all ages, particularly middle grades, teenagers, and above

Fee: Negotiable (\$1-2 / minute, + \$0.25/mile)
Travel Range: Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Illinois

Grace Knipper

9749 Forest Road
Arlington IA 50606-8242
Phone: 319-633-4345

Description:

Elementary educator who "pushes" reading in schools and libraries in a fun way. Programs include exciting stories, humorous stories, and heartwarming stories -- all for entertainment, and all with a message. Grace has many years experience presenting in schools, churches, banks, colleges, and senior citizen gatherings for all occasions, and all for the fun of it! Presents workshops to teachers at schools, colleges, and conventions.

Fee: \$125 and up
Travel Range: Throughout the USA

Also available for:
Storytelling

Maureen Korte

7642 Hickory Lane
Des Moines IA 50322
Phone: 515-276-7973
Fax: 515-276-7846

Description:

Maureen writes, adapts, and tells stories of every kind, to every kind of audience. She uses sign language, puppets, pantomime, dialect, and costume.

Fee: \$50/hr + mileage
Travel Range: Throughout the United States

Maureen Lemek

737 W 48th Street
Davenport IA 52806
Phone: 319-391-4134

Description:

Prefers audiences that are alive and breathing. All types of stories, and all ages from the little people to adults. Tries to give the audience the type of story they want. Needs at least 2 weeks notice.

Fee: Contact for more info
Travel Range: Contact for more info

Steve Marriott

5470 White Post Road
Bettendorf IA 52722
Phone: 319-332-9309

Description:

Fee: Contact for more info
Travel Range: Contact for more info

Georgeann McClure

2825 Highland Court
Muscatine IA 52761
Phone: 319-263-0007

Description:

Fee:
Travel Range:

Jennifer Munro

13940 Binford Drive
Orland Park IL 60462
Phone: 708-349-6957

Description:

Performances for all ages that consist of personal stories, audience participation, and folk and fairy tales. Tailored to meet the needs of each audience. Jennifer also gives workshops on the art of storytelling and workshops for teachers and librarians.

Fee: \$200 and up + mileage
Travel Range: Throughout the United States

Shanta

Joanne Murdock

Artists of Note
PO Box 11
Kaneville IL 60144
Phone: 800-525-4749

E-mail: jmurdock@msc.com
Web Page:
www.mcs.com/~jmurdock.shanta/stories.html

Description:

Shanta is a Griot (storytelling) whose repertoire includes African folklores and songs, stories of empowerment and healing, and more. She involves her audience through music, rhythm, and vocal responses.

Fee: Reasonable rates with special discounts for multiple bookings
Travel Range: Throughout the Midwest

Acorn Storytelling

Susan Pagnucci

8717 Mockingbird Road
Platteville WI 53818
Phone: 608-348-8662
E-mail: pagnuccs@uwplatt.edu

Description:

With stories old and new Susan uses hats, masks, hand puppets and shadow puppets tickle, enchant, and warm. She has an amazing repertoire of stories and folk tales from around the world. She also involves children in hands-on telling.

Fee: \$195 + mileage
Travel Range: Anywhere

Also available for:
Puppeteers Children's Author/Illustrator

Sue Reiher

23474 Highway 14
Allison IA 50602
Phone: 319-267-2603
E-mail: sgreiher@netins.net OR w15083@cedarnet.net

Description:

Storyteller. Presents storytelling programs at libraries and schools.

Fee: Contact for more info
Travel Range: Contact for more info

The Story Connection

Margie Reitsma

112 Colorado Avenue, NW
Orange City IA 51041
Phone: 712-737-2472
E-mail: mreitsma@nwcwiowa.edu

Description:

An experienced teller who has been on the Iowa Artists in Schools and Communities Program for 4 years. Margie's programs include high-energy stories complete with audience participation, props, and plenty of laughs. Programs can be tailored to fit particular themes and audiences. Stories help us connect to each other, the past, and even to ourselves. As an old Hasidic proverb states: "Give people a fact or an idea and you enlighten their minds; tell them a story and you touch their souls."

Fee: \$70 single performance + mileage. Block scheduling for more performances
Travel Range: Unrestricted

Also available for: **Storytelling**

Dan Titus

310 Lake Park Blvd.
Muscatine IA 52761
Phone: 319-263-4768

Description:

An Iowa author who tells humorous & tall tale stories for elementary age children through adults. Author of four books of humor: TALES OF HACKETT'S CREEK, TALL TALES OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER, BAD POETRY LUDICROUS LIMERICKS AND OTHER STUPID STUFF AND TONGUE IN CHEEK YARNS.

Fee: \$60 & up
Travel Range: 100 miles

Marie Tschopp

1438 Woodland Drive
Sherrad IL 61281
Phone: 309-754-8737

Description:

Performs a researched, dramatic interpretation of the story of Laura Ingalls Wilder (in costume), as well as stories that entertain and inspire.

Fee: Contact for more info

Travel Range: Contact for more info

Chris Turnipseed

3458 49th Street
Moline IL 61265
Phone: 309-764-8752

Description:

A veteran storyteller of ghost, participation, folk, and contemporary stories for all types of groups and age levels. Available for both workshops and performances.

Fee: Contact for more info

Travel Range: Contact for more info

"T" Valada Viars

4032 Kingman Blvd.
Des Moines IA 50311
Phone: 515-255-5153

Description:

Storyteller-mime specializing in audience participation. Likes to perform for audience with variety of ages - preschool though adult. Prefers audience of 15 - 150 (or larger). Workshops available.

Fee: Negotiable + mileage

Travel Range: Statewide

Parable Parallels (Christian Storytelling)

Lori Vicker

1124 39th Street
West Des Moines IA 50266
Phone: 515-223-0920 (h) / 515-996-2221 (w)

Description:

This is a unique demonstration using classical children's literature. Gospel applications are made which are

appropriate for junior sermons, Bible School, mother-daughter banquet and Sunday School rallies

Fee: Negotiable (\$100/hr performance)

Travel Range: Statewide (on weekends)

Razzel Dazzle Reading

Lori Vicker

1124 39th Street
West Des Moines IA 50266
Phone: 515-223-0920 (h) / 515-996-2221 (w)

Description:

High-paced storytelling uses life-size puppets or props for every story. Poetry, quality children's literature, and magic entertains audiences ages pre-school through pre-adolescence. Motivates even the most reluctant reader. Lori was named 1996 Reading teacher of the year. She uses humor to entertain as well as to educate.

Fee: \$100 + \$0.25/mile

Travel Range: 150 miles (week nights during school year)

250 miles (weekends, and summer)

Also available for:

Children's Author/Illustrator

Rock-N-Read with Ruby and Sapphire

Lori Vicker

1124 39th Street
West Des Moines IA 50266
Phone: 515-223-0920 (h) / 515-996-2221 (w)

Description:

Duo presenters incorporate storytelling, humor, puppetry, ventriloquism, music, magic, and fun to create a gem experience for audiences to all ages. Generate the excitement to read and spend time at your library. Available for instructional workshops, library shows, and larger events. This high energy presentation incorporates music & will leave your audience with a smile on their face.

Fee: Negotiable + \$0.25/mile

Travel Range: Statewide

Wortman & Nothnagle

Deanne Warnholtz-Wortman

2707 Woodfield Lane NE

North Liberty IA 52317

Phone: 319-351-0396

E-mail: dwortman@wade.iowa-city.lib.ia.us

Description:

Musical storytelling of folk literature, original tales and stories taken from well known artworks. Our programs include costume, props, and audience interaction. Will design a program to fit themes or programs.

Fee: \$300+ \$0.25/mile

Travel Range: Entire State

Also available for:

Musicians

ILA Storytellers Roundtable

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