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Art for All with Susan Green

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Ages: Elementary age

Length: 1 hour

Fee: \$200 (over 30 miles mileage will be charged)

Art has been used for centuries as a way to make positive changes to our society. Participants will brainstorm ways we can make the world a better place. They will then take the ideas from the brainstorming session and design posters or murals to display in their communities. A variety of different art materials will be provided to help the artists express their ideas.

Special requirements: A few large tables would be great, 6 to 8 children per table.

Chris 'Hoopoe' Yerlig

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Ages: 3-103
Length: 45-60 minutes
Fee: \$425 single booking, including mileage. \$325 per show, block booking (2 shows in one day within 25 miles)

Chris Yerlig aka 'Hoopoe' travels the world building cooperation and understanding through his shows and workshops which have people from all races and religions laughing and working together. When people laugh and play non-verbally together they experience their common humanity beyond any differences that people commonly perceive.

In the show 'Hoopoe' blends silent pantomime comedy, movement illusions, sleight of hand magic tricks and balloon wizardry, to create an original vaudeville show that is funny, imaginative and full of surprises. The unexpected is to be expected as everyone gets in on the act: the audience is involved throughout and volunteers are invited to join Hoopoe on stage to assist with illusions. All without saying a word. Young and old unite through laughter as they follow the non-verbal antics of this unique performer to their humorous ends.

After the show Chris will show large photographs of children and families enjoying his programs around the world (in countries such as El Salvador, Guatemala, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Curaçao, Cameroon, Benin, Morocco, China, Japan, India, Bangladesh, England, Spain and Switzerland).

Special requirements: None.

Christine Mix, Children's Illustrator

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Ages: 6 & up, intergenerational; children 6 years & younger must be accompanied by an adult

Length: 1.5 - 3 hours per day, multi - day programs available.

Fee: \$150.00 - \$500.00, depending on length of time, number of participants, & mileage - mileage included.

In this fun program, children will have an opportunity to draw and design their own worlds, featuring kindness, a healthy environment and ways to make this planet a better place, in either cartoon, comic book or illustration form, with children's illustrator Christine Mix. Programs can be extended for extra time or days, to allow children to create their own world as a book, or make their own characters with modeling Clay, to go with their stories.

Cartoon / Illustration, game board creation and watercolor workshops / camps are available year round, as well as, holiday craft making.

Materials needed: Drawing paper, heavy weight watercolor paper or cartoon boards, tracing paper, graphite pencils, colored pencils, pens, markers, crayons, rulers, erasers, artist or painter's tape, staples. Non- toxic modeling Clay if needed.

Material fees are not included in program fee. Materials could run between an extra \$40.00 – \$100.00, depending on number of children & length of class. Will work with libraries to keep material fees down, and artist may bring extra materials to help out.

Also needed are: Tables and chairs for children to work on, light board and / or flip chart / easel if possible.

Dance with Ashley

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Ages: Birth - 18 years old
Length: 45 minutes - 1 hour
Fee: \$150-\$200 depending on distance

Ashley offers movement programs that fuse literary topics with dance. She uses techniques such as tableau poetry, physical enactments of picture books, or self-choreographed dances on a specific theme to encourage kids' deeper understanding of both books and dance. Programs emphasize participant involvement, inquiry, and community building. Engaging music, warm-ups, and movement games round out the program for a fun and joyful experience for everyone involved. Programs can be tailored specifically for kids or designed to include people of all ages for an inter-generational experience exploring the written word and the moving body together. Program can be easily tailored to the Build a Better World library theme through collaborative play, dance-making, and movement. Programs for teens available as well.

Special requirements: Program requires an open space. Program available year round and the artist is very interested in collaborating with library staff on current library themes.

Dennis G. Waring, Ph.D.

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Guilford, VT

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Ages: All ages

Length: 1 hour

Fee: \$250.00

My "From Trash To Tunes" show is a performance using handmade and homemade musical instruments built from recyclables inspired from instruments around the world. Interesting sights, sounds, and stories about the instruments give audiences new insight into folklore, music, craft, science and world view. Appropriate for schools, libraries, recycling and environmental organizations and other public venue.

Special requirements: Two large tables.

Dinoman

Contact person: Bob Lisaius
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Ages: age 4 and up
Length: 40 - 45 minutes
Fee: \$395. If two libraries group book \$295 each. No mileage charge.

Evolution Revolution - Dinosaurs, Raccoons, and People who overcame unsurmountable odds to succeed! How did dinosaurs manage to rule the earth for over 150 million years? How do people without a chance still win? How will Reflex - the attack raccoon - learn to live the others? Wonderful stories, incredible props (including life size dinosaurs), and a raccoon who doesn't understand the word 'No' bring excitement to resilience and grittiness in this life skill extravaganza! A show full of magic, merry mayhem, and some sound advice on how to make your world a better place.

Special requirements: The show works with 8 foot ceilings but 10 feet or higher would be better. And electrical outlet is required.

Ellie's Preschool Parties

Contact person: Ellie Tetrick
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Ages: Preschool (ages 1 - 5 years). MAXIMUM size group = 30 children.
Length: 45 minutes – 1 hour
Fee: \$200 (plus \$.60 per mile, beyond a 30 mile radius of Colchester)

Ellie Tetrick specializes in working with preschoolers (ages 1-5). With over 20 years as an Early Childhood Music Educator, her warm, engaging approach along with her age-appropriate “hands-on” activities always provides a positive setting where preschoolers are encouraged to share their creative ideas, which are incorporated into the fun!

In keeping with the theme, Ellie will help preschoolers learn to “Build a Better World” by celebrating diversity and by teaching them how to build a sense of community, through cooperation! By engaging in a variety of FUN, interactive, music and movement activities, Ellie will help your youngest library patrons learn these important world lessons. This action-packed, musical journey will include international songs and activities, including “Little Mr. French Bird” (an echo song about birds who sing hello in many different languages), a rhythm stick song from Africa called “Funga Alafia”, a guitar singalong with instruments (such as bells, shakers, tambourines & maracas) and a fun cooperative/movement song (in which the children share and work together, using hoops) called “Going to Mexico”! In addition, preschoolers will dance with colorful ribbons to Irish music, enjoy parachute activities and pop lots & LOTS of bubbles!

Ellie entertains for 45 minutes, and also takes an extra 15 minutes to hand out stickers and get acquainted with the children.

Ellie Tetrick has worked for over 20 years as an Early Childhood Music Educator and children’s entertainer. She is also a singer, musician and professional actor.

Special requirements: A large, open space for movement (carpeting is preferred, but a tile or wood floor is fine!), A small table for program materials, Electrical outlet for CD player (which will be provided.)

Ericc Cram

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Ages: Age 7 is preferred minimum; suitable up to early teens
Length: 1 hour
Fee: \$100 + mileage (25% block booking discount available)

NOTE: Program is available in the MONTH OF JULY ONLY. Block-booking is encouraged; Please discuss with nearby librarians if they would like to coordinate scheduling, which is helpful for travel. Thank You!

BE YOUR OWN HERO!: Comic Book Workshop

What's the first step to making the world a better place? Start with you! Every story has a hero, and comic books are where our most popular super heroes come from! We'll explore how we can use comics to have a positive effect on the world... and what better way to have an effect on the world than becoming a hero yourself!

In this Program, we'll learn the basics of drawing a figure and making a simple, four-page comic book. We'll apply these skills to creating a super hero version of ourselves based on what we're good at, what we love doing and what we're here to do! In the comic book format, we'll introduce our super hero identity, what our hero's powers and abilities are, and how they use these abilities to make the world a better place!

There's no limit to what we can imagine: come up with the best version of yourself you can dream of, activate powers you've always wanted to have, and put your gifts to good use, to the benefit of your friends and families, communities, and all of humanity! Be the hero you've been waiting for!

Special requirements: Sharpened pencils with erasers, printer paper, colors (marker, colored pencil, crayon,) tables, and easel for presentation. Preferable in a meeting room or separate library space. Disposable cups/plates help distribute tools. Books on the topic of drawing, heroes and community building, as well as comic books, for display.

Exordium

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Ages: 5 years of age and older
Length: 3 programs each 1 hour in length
Fee: A single program will cost \$140.00 for a 1 hour session plus mileage from Enosburg Falls.
Multiple programs – contact performer.

Program 1. – The Beaver – Superb Engineer of Nature

This program takes an up-close look at the Beaver. They change their environment which allows them to live in safety but then also supports a wide variety of animals and plants who come to live there too.. The constructed dams are also very beneficial for the natural world as well as humans. A variety of artifacts for hands-on examination will allow participants to look at the beaver's world up close.

Program 2. – The Honey Bee – Smallest Animal Domesticated by Humans

The honey bee originally came from Europe to North America. Originally domesticated by humans to supply honey and pollinate crops, the bee has a very complicated society that is housed in man-made structures but is now also under threat from a wide variety of pests and chemicals. We will take a close look at bees, how their hives are organized, how they communicate and taste the product of their hard work.

Program 3. – The Ants – One for All, All for One.

Found through-out the world, ants have armies, are farmers and live in many different types of environments. They build large colonies that have areas designated for specialized uses. They are part of children stories and join us unbidden at our picnics. We will get to examine and learn fun facts about this small but ubiquitous insect that is so much a part of our daily lives.

Special requirements: Display table and power

Gail Martin

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Ages: 7 years -adult (parents and adult friends always welcome!)
Length: 1-2 hours
Fee: \$100.00 + up to \$30.00 mileage. Discounts for book blocking.

Build a better world, and begin with origami! I have been teaching origami for close to 20 years, and my goal is to teach origami in every library in Vermont. Paper is an ideal building material, and we will create a number of beautiful models! In this class, we may make a heart, fox, skeletal octahedron, star box, and penguin. We will start with simple "confidence building" models to more complex models, keeping in mind that the goals of the class are to have fun and learn basic folds that can extend past this session (the internet and books are great teachers too!). I typically end up giving paper to those who show interest in going further.

Special requirements: I supply the paper, each participant will need elbow room at a table. Class size limit to 25, please.

Ilze Luneau from Basketball Family

Contact person: Ilze Luneau

Enosburg Falls, VT

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Website: www.basketballfamily.com

Ages: 3-100

Length: 45 minutes

Fee: \$300 plus mileage by irs rate. Block Booking Rates available.

You will be amazed with never-before-seen basketball ball handling tricks with three, four, five, and six basketballs. Ilze Luneau dribbles, juggles and spins basketballs on a balance board, and she uses other props for music and dance. Volunteers get to spin one, two and five basketballs at once, eat a pudding while a ball spins on a spoon, etc. You can enjoy the show and at the same time hear a valuable message on setting goals, working hard, never giving up and leading a balanced life while achieving your dreams and enjoying every day.

The only thing a library needs to provide is a floor space of about 10x10 feet with a solid floor to dribble on (can be carpeted). No hoops are necessary. Ilze has performed on the Ellen Degeneres show and the Tonight show with Jay Leno, and she also performs on a regular basis at the Basketball Hall of Fame.

Special requirements: Performance Space Requirements: 10x10 foot space with solid CLEAN floor (can be carpeted). Sound system to play music from an iphone 6 or a CD, and hand held wireless mic if possible.

Jacqueline A. Soule

Jacqueline A. Soule

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Ages: All ages

Length: 1 hour

Fee: \$75 plus mileage (mileage negotiable)

Build a Butterfly Feeder

Build a better world for pollinators! Entice beautiful butterflies into your yard with this fun butterfly feeder. Learn which butterflies like which foods, then each person will build a butterfly feeder to take home.

Special requirements: Size limit: 16 (add more with an assistant), pre-registration suggested.

Jan Reynolds

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Ages: pre k - adult
Length: Your choice from 45 minutes to a couple hours.
Fee: \$500, no limit to size of audience or mileage

Multi-media lectures to choose from: images and music and personal lecture by Jan... think movie that is spoken while it's up... lots of Jan's stories from around the world from her books about adventure, record setting expeditions, and cultures, and how they impact us all to build a better world. We even live with Indonesian rice farmers to learn about sustainability, and principles we can use today in our modern world. You are guaranteed to laugh and to be wowed by Jan's multi-media lectures, and they are perfect for all ages, great family event.

Special requirements: Jan brings all her own equipment for the show/lecture, you just supply the crowd. That will be easy to garner when they hear how much fun they will have, what they will learn in these feel good shows, about how they can participate in building a better world.

Jerry Schneider

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Hardwick, VT
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Ages: Ages 5 and up
Length: 50-60 minutes
Fee: \$195.00. No mileage fee.

Build It and They Will Come! This beautiful slide show presentation of Eastern butterflies features the importance of building and maintaining butterfly habitat. If we are to protect our various local butterflies, and the Monarch butterfly, then it is important to have lots of good nectar plants to help feed butterflies, along with plants where female butterflies can lay their eggs. We will discuss what we can do to maintain good butterfly habitat, and we'll learn about butterfly gardens that many schools are building on the Monarch's migration path, from Minneapolis to Corpus Christi.

In addition to exploring habitat, we will learn about the differences between butterflies and moths, and will touch on interesting butterfly facts and behaviors. Did you know that butterflies taste with their feet? Did you know that the Viceroy butterfly looks like the Monarch and is protected by mimicking the Monarch, which is poisonous to birds.

After the slide show, children will create their own amazing butterfly tee shirts. They may bring their own shirt, or purchase shirts from Jerry, at \$4.00 a shirt (heavy 100% cotton white tees).

Special requirements: I would need a table for displays, a small table or cart for the projector, and a pull down screen (I do have a small portable screen).

Jon Gailmor

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Lake Elmore, VT
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Website: www.jongailmor.com

Ages: All
Length: 45 minutes
Fee: \$300, \$250 block booking, mileage included in most cases

Original and traditional songs with rampant audience involvement, designed to make everyone feel like they can help build a better world, and music about how it can be done and has been accomplished. His performances will uplift, entertain and maybe even enlighten and educate. They are fraught with laughter, full of emotion, low in cholesterol and high in hopefulness.

*An hour songwriting workshop, during which the group will create and record a CD of their original song, is also available, for an added fee.

Special requirements: No special requirements for performances; however large writing space and markers required for songwriting workshop. No geographical limitations, though mileage charge may be added to long trips.

Marek Bennett's COMICS WORKSHOP

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Ages: Adaptable to program needs; suggested groupings = [Elementary/age 7-10] [Pre-teen/age 10-13] [Teen+]
Length: 1-3 hours
Fee: \$350 (+ mileage from Henniker, NH) (block booking available for \$300 per event and shared mileage)

Join NH teaching artist Marek Bennett's COMICS WORKSHOP to learn how cartoonists build entire worlds and universes out of the simplest possible materials! Using only blank pages, pencils, ink, and four basic "building blocks" of stories, we'll craft dynamic characters and rich settings, and bring them to life in comics panels, strips, and pages. We'll also look at how artists and authors use peer feedback to improve their work, and how to supplement our new worlds with helpful maps, splash pages, and more.

This interactive workshop builds literacy skills, hones powers of imagination, shares complex project organization and self-publishing techniques, and helps young artists collaborate, appreciate, and support the work of their neighbors. Participants each create 1+ pages of original comics, and go home with the skills necessary to continue creating comics all Summer long. No experience required – everyone can draw comics! MORE INFO: www.marekbennett.com/build

SUGGESTED MATERIALS:

Tables & chairs +
digital projector* +
screen OR display surface +
pencils* +
copy paper (8.5×11)*

*(If host cannot provide these items, please notify Marek ahead of time & he can bring them.)

SUGGESTED SPACE SETUP:

Display paper & easel or other display surface +
Work tables arranged in a big U or some other shape so we can all see each other & show & discuss art samples, OR...
A circle area where we can leave our work space & gather to discuss art samples (on paper or projected)
Clip boards (in case of over-attendance)

MARKO the Magician

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Montpelier, VT

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Contact person: Marko

Ages: All ages

Length: 30 & 45 minutes

Fee: 300.00 & 375.00

MARKO gives you the option of general shows or The Magic In You programs. All shows are kept on file so future shows will be different. MARKO's shows have something for everyone regardless of age. These shows will have everyone in the audience mystified and laughing together.

MARKO's The Magic In You programs were developed to give young people information on various subjects. The Magic Of Books has been very popular with libraries, it was developed in conjunction with the Department Of Libraries. Other theme shows include Substance Abuse & Safety • Self-Esteem & Positive Attitude.

Special requirements: None.

Michael Caduto

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Norwich, VT

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Ages: All ages

Length: 1 hour

Fee: \$275 + 45¢/mile (\$300 maximum total) *Block booking: \$550 plus shared mileage for 2 programs in same region on same day.

BUILDING A BETTER EARTH: Celebrating Nature with Storytelling, Song and Dance

Children of all ages are invited to join in the songs, storytelling chants and a circle dance in this celebration of caring for the natural world. Using guitar, native instruments and a range of entertaining voices and expressions, award-winning storyteller and singer-songwriter Michael Caduto creates a host of humorous and dramatic animals and human characters. Michael introduces the audience to the great Circles of Life and each participant strings a necklace of wooden beads that symbolize living in balance with Earth. Michael will share participatory stories from traditional cultures around the world—including Africa, Europe, North America, Central America and more. Includes original Earth music from Michael's CD All One Earth: Songs for the Generations, as well as stories from his CD's: The Rainbow Garden and The Wisdom of Nature.

ABOUT THE PERFORMER: Michael J. Caduto is a juried artist with the Vermont Arts Council and New Hampshire Council on the Arts and has traveled throughout North America, Europe and the Middle East performing stories and music for audiences of all ages. His latest book is *Through a Naturalist's Eyes: Exploring the Nature of New England*. Michael is best known as co-author of the national best-selling *Keepers of the Earth®* series and *Native American Gardening: Stories, Projects and Recipes for Families*. His children's book *Earth Tales from Around the World* was awarded the Aesop Prize for literary and artistic excellence by the American Folklore Society and *Catch the Wind, Harness the Sun* received the national Teacher's Choice Award. He is also the author of *The Crimson Elf: Italian Tales of Wisdom* (Storytelling World Honor Award). His other books include *Riparia's River* (Reading is Fundamental {RIF} Multicultural Book Award), *Abraham's Bind, A Child of God, In the Beginning* and *A Time Before New Hampshire: The Story of a Land and Native Peoples*. His musical CD is *All One Earth: Songs for the Generations* (ASCAP Popular Award). Michael has worked closely with many indigenous peoples.

REVIEWS:

"A magical hour." — Northfield News

"The audience was captivated." — Librarian, West Hartford Public Library, Vermont

“The best presentation we’ve ever had by a visiting author.” — Teacher, Barre, Vermont

“Masterful storytelling in a voice that soothes like a gentle breeze.”

— Teacher, Washington Village School, Vermont

“Enchantment and magic” — Teacher, Maple Avenue School, Claremont, New Hampshire

“A dynamic & powerful performance.” — Librarian, Oliver Wolcott Library, Litchfield, Connecticut

“Stories that transcend with gestures, sounds and ambiance of space...”

—Teacher, Stratham Memorial School, New Hampshire

Special requirements: A fairly quiet room that can be somewhat darkened for a slide show, 3 chairs, table.

Modern Times Theater

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Ages: Appropriate for all ages, best for ages 4-10
Length: 50 minutes
Fee: \$350 (plus mileage over 50 miles from Hardwick)

Mr. Punch, the world's oldest clown, never knows when enough is enough! He's always making a mess of himself and his environment. When Punch finds himself living in a trash heap, he needs the help of smart children and their smart parents to learn how to make do or do without.

Modern Times Theater delights family audiences with their handmade wooden and papier-mache puppets, in a modern Vermont update of the age-old Punch and Judy show. There will be live acoustic music on a variety of instruments, from the ukulele to the bicycle pump, as well as a thrilling puppet show, all calculated to delight and enlighten both children and their folks.

Rose Friedman and Justin Lander have been making and performing puppet shows together since 2003. They are co-founders of Vermont Vaudeville, Vermont's premier Vaudeville troupe. Librarians say Modern Times Theater "engages all ages with their superb talent, wit and enthusiasm", and "you must, must see them in person"!

Special requirements: We need a minimum 8' ceiling, and access to electricity.

Peter Burns

Peter Burns, Storyteller
Winooski, VT
(802) 399-7095
Email: heatofhistory@gmail.com

Ages: Any age
Length: 1 hour
Fee: \$200, block booking \$150 (mileage included)

Stories can help us build a better world together! Peter Burns presents original and traditional tales that will inspire children and adults to strive for social justice, environmental awareness and kindness to everyone. Learn how a humble tortoise saved his community from a devastating drought, how a simple act of kindness by an old woman transformed someone's life and how a little boy saved the day with help from his friends. These tales are very interactive and engaging for even the youngest listeners.

Peter Burns has been a professional storyteller for 30 years. He has performed throughout Vermont and beyond. His work has been featured on National Public Radio and New Hampshire Public Radio.

Special requirements: No special equipment, space considerations or geographic limitations.

Rebecca Rupp

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Swanton, VT
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Website: www.rebeccaruppresources.com

Ages: 7 - 12
Length: 1 hour
Fee: \$300 + mileage

Build a Better World - through science!

Cool Chemistry

Where would we be without chemistry? Let's find out – and try some experiments of our own. We'll make polymers, experiment with pH indicators, try some chromatography, and create a chemical explosion in a bag.

Brilliant Biology

Who discovered DNA? Who discovered cells? What about antibiotics? We'll extract DNA from peas, make a great model cell, and plant seeds.

Fantastic Physics

Who invented the rocket? The parachute? The battery? What about the windmill? We'll find out – and then do some cool experiments with balloons and electricity, build a catapult, and fire a rocket.

Special requirements: Access to water.

Rockin' Ron the Friendly Pirate

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Jeffersonville, VT

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Website: www.RockinRonTheFriendlyPirate.com

Ages: All ages/family

Length: 45 minutes

Fee: \$150 - \$200. Willing to discuss special situations.

Build a Better World by using the Seven C's - seven words that we can live by! ("There's COURTESY, COMPASSION, and a bit of COURAGE too / with CLEANLINESS, and CLEVERNEES they're good for me and you / plus CHERFULLNESS, and CHARITY, now that makes Seven C's / they'll never fail to help sail through life quite merrily" - from song Seven C's by Rockin' Ron the Friendly Pirate.) RRtFP performs interactive songs from his 3 albums that have value lessons, historical content, nautical references, and boatloads of wordplay.

Special requirements: Access to an electrical outlet, space to set up a speaker, and room to do dances and act out songs.

Serenity Circles

Serenity Circles
Readsboro, VT
802-423-5315
Email: zoozoo_78@hotmail.com
Website: www.serenitycircles.com
Contact person: Charlene Candiloro

Ages: Ages 5 and up
Length: 1-2 hours (can be adjusted)
Fee: \$150 (add \$50 for anything outside 60 mile radius of Readsboro, VT)

Note: Performer can come in costume if requested- contact her for details.

Program 1:

This year I'm not only bringing the fun of Hula Hooping but also introducing the World of Bubbles! What?!?! I'll start off reading a fun book, *Curious George Visits the Toy Store*, after which we will get to play and manipulate some Hula Hoops and see what we can do with them like George did in the book- because let's face it these days we do forget to take the time to play! There are so many ways to move a hoop and I'm here to help if you need ideas! Bringing out our creativity and movement skills can help in so many ways! After that I even have a few games with the hoops to share that I bet you've never played! So much fun, but wait there's more- now it's time to learn about Bubbles! What is there to learn? Curious aren't you? We will experiment with what kinds of solutions works best for bubble blowing, the different shapes of bubbles, small bubbles- lots of bubbles- big bubbles Oh My! We'll make a hula hoop bubble as well as a hula hoop wheel of bubbles! Wow all of these bubbles!!! Can you think of a new bubble thing or fact?

Program 2:

Looking for something for the preteens/teens? I've got something for them as well! I know that these days it can be a lot harder to get their attention if it doesn't have the tech aspect, but I don't need anything like that to get their attention! Sometimes building a better world is reminding ourselves that we can create, dream, move, and let our expressive selves Shine! This program aimed for the older kids/and even adults (this is the perfect outside the box hobby for teens to connect with their parent learning together!) consists of a Traditional Hoop Dance Performance as well as a Levi-Wand performance followed by interactive demonstration, where I help participants learn simple moves and as a surprise I even have a simple choreographed piece for anyone interested in learning it! Through Hooping I have not only gained weight loss but also positive self esteem, confidence, happiness as well as many many physical benefits! Because the hoop is a Circle there are endless possibilities that can be done with it! I have a number of fun games that we will be able to play using the hoops as well! Each person I bring hooping to is building a better world one hoop at a time! No one is too old for Bubbles, and well I would like to get the wheels turning even more with all the age groups! We will experiment with what kinds of solutions works best for bubble blowing, the different shapes of bubbles, small

bubbles- lots of bubbles- big bubbles Oh My! We'll make a hula hoop bubble as well as a hula hoop wheel of bubbles! Wow all of these bubbles!!! Can you think of a new bubble thing or fact?

Program 3:

Do you do programming for Adults? Looking to do some type of exercise programming? I have been a teaching Certified Hula Hoop Instructor in Hoop Flow, Dance, and Hoop Yoga- for over 3 years! I work at a YMCA and other gyms, have done after school, library programming, 4H classes, Special Events, and much more! If you are looking to run a one time Hoop Fitness program for adults. Hoop fitness is Pilates, barre, tradition workout moves, and HIIT blended or infused with the hoop! It gives you a complete core workout like nothing else! It is great for hand-eye coordination, increased reflexes and balance, increase coordination, positive self esteem, weight loss and over all toning of core and body, plus much much more. I myself have lost over 140 lbs and 90 inches off my body! This program is great for adults or anyone looking to workout! Lasts about 1 hour, needs a large enough space to accommodate # of participants and hoops.

Special requirements: The only requirement is space preferably outside. I provide everything else!
Thanks!!!

Simon Brooks, storyteller

Contact person: Simon Brooks
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Ages: 5 and up/families
Length: 40-60 minutes
Fee: \$295.00 plus mileage, 10% discount for double booking and reduced mileage

Building A Better World begins with communities, and stories help build and strengthen communities. The old stories, the ancient tales are still around because they are so good. They have been distilled, refined, honed over the centuries and still ring true. Simon Brooks takes these old folk and fairy tales, myths and legends and makes them relevant for our digital age. Bringing generations together to share the common thread of folk lore and tales of the fey (the fairy folk), Simon's unique talent with accents and vocal sound effects, energy and enthusiasm makes his tales accessible to all.

Stories about the environment, kindness, social justice are not new. Let Simon bring some of these powerful and entertaining stories to your library. Rumi's "Parrot and the Merchant" with its community support and subject of freedom, the misguided protection of Rapunzel's other mother, Solomon's social justice in "The Smell of Bread", and the Hispanic story of three creatures trying to create their own community are some of the tales Simon will bring with him.

Stories told will be based on age and make up of audience.

Special requirements: Simon provides most of what he needs! If the presentation is to be outdoors or in an acoustically challenged room, then power should be provided. Simon will bring his own PA. Simon works in spaces of all sizes, from closets to concert halls! Simon will travel wherever there is a need for stories - everywhere!

Block bookings allow for mileage to be split between two venues, which can make a considerable difference in additional savings.

Southern Vermont Natural History Museum

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7599 Route 9

West Marlboro, VT 05363

(802) 464-0048

Email: vermontmuseum@gmail.com

Website: www.vermontmuseum.org

Contact person: Michael Clough

Ages: K- Adult

Length: 45-75 minutes

Fee: \$200 plus mileage (block booking discounts available)

Program 1: VERMONT RAPTORS Approx. 1 hour: All Ages

Meet the birds of prey! Three to four live hawks, owls and falcons will come for a face-to-face exploration of what it takes to be a raptor. Their role in the environment and history with humans can help us learn from the past and help us build a better world for the future. The optional slideshow enhances the program with a wider range of species and topic possibilities.

Program 2: VERMONT WILDLIFE Approx. 1 hour: All Ages

A variety of live animals will be on-hand to put a face to the challenges Northeastern wildlife must rise to meet. Museum staff will bring furs, skulls and other artifacts for an exploration of our local animal life. Special focus programs are encouraged! Some examples could include specific ecosystems (your back yard wildlife), conservation and endangered species.

Program 2b: Working Landscape Variation Approx. 1 hour: Ages 8 and up

Vermont Wildlife with an historic twist! We'll travel through the history of Vermont with a special look at events that shaped the way we use the land around us. Our live animal ambassadors will serve as example species as we look at how different events in our history changed the land and the species that could live on it. A multi-media presentation and plenty of discussion support the animal encounters.

Program 3: ECOLOGY OF FIELD AND FOREST Fee for this program: \$150 Minimum 1 hour: All Ages

How does the climate, geology and human history of our State influence what plant communities and animal species exist here? An interactive presentation, touchable artifacts and hands-on activities will explore the interactions that balance Vermont's natural world. Ideally, this program will take place

outdoors in your local forest or woodlot. A Human Impact, Food Web and Ecosystem focus are also available. We have grant money available for outdoor programs!

Program 4: WHAT'S A WATERSHED? Approx. 1.5 hours: Ages 8 and up

This program explores your local watershed: how it works and what factors are influencing your water quality. Hands-on activities and water quality experiments are a valuable supplement to this presentation. Every Watershed program is customized to target your specific area. An exploration of your local waterways is a fantastic addition to this program. We have grant money available for outdoor programs and additional money may be available for the watershed programs!

Contact us or look at the Museum Website for more program ideas! www.vermontmuseum.org
Also check out our other traveling programs with or without live animals!

Special requirements:

All presentations will require a 6-8 foot table and room to move through the audience. The Museum will bring AV equipment when needed but we appreciate you supplying a screen or blank wall for slides.

What's a Watershed? program requires table space for participants to do hands-on activities. Can be done outside.

Stephen Coronella

Contact person: Stephen Coronella
Putney, VT
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Ages: All ages
Length: 45-60 minutes/ plus time for kids to play with instruments after the show
Fee: \$250 (\$300 if over 100 miles; block bookings \$200 each show)

"The Lore of the Wild, The Gifts of the Earth: Songs and Stories for Saving Our Planet".... A children's family/ concert performed in the vanishing tradition of a one man troubadour, with guitar, flute, hammer dulcimer, marimba and more....celebrating the beauty and wildness of Mother Earth. Especially designed for libraries and to inspire a love of reading in all ages. Stephen Coronella has performed in over 100 libraries throughout New England and his shows have received wide spread recognition as educational, uplifting, and hilarious fun! Not to be missed....

Special requirements: None.

Summer Encore

Contact person: Cathy Archer
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Ages: Grades K-6
Length: 40-50 minutes
Fee: \$200

NOTE: Summer Encore can only be booked July 17-21 (July 13-14 also potentially available- contact performer.)

“Mirror, Mirror, Show Me The Fairest World of All” Summer Encore will develop a story that includes villains from folk and fairy tales around the world who have a change of heart and start a crusade to unite the world in peace. This will be an audience participation piece with audience members having a chance to be a part of the solution. There will be keepsakes and a challenge for the audience members to take away with them. Summer Encore, which is in its twentieth year, is a troupe of students in grades 7-12 who develop a play each year that fits the theme of the reading program. *

Special requirements: None.

Swing Peepers

Contact person: Matthew Witten
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Website: www.swingpeepers.com

Ages: Families with kids ages 3-12 years old
Length: 45-60 minutes
Fee: \$300 plus mileage. Block booking can reduce fees.

Through songs and improvisational stories, this year the Swing Peepers explore building a better world through homesteading, activism, and friendship. Ever inventive, spontaneous and responsive to kids, John and Matthew of the Swing Peepers take families on an energetic, fun and participatory journey. At the height of their show, the Swing Peepers request ideas from the audience and weave them into an impromptu tall tale. Instruments strummed, swung, and tapped include: guitar, mandolin, harmonica, banjo, ukulele and accordion. Ready, get set, and come sing and move along with the Swing Peepers!

The Swing Peepers duo Matthew Witten and John Hadden have been performing in Vermont and elsewhere in the Northeast for over 20 years at festivals, schools, parks and libraries. The Swing Peepers are on the Vermont Art Council's Juried Roster of Teaching Artists and are based near Camel's Hump in Northern Vermont. They have produced four CD recordings.

Special requirements: We like to have a large carpeted area in front of the stage so that kids have a place to move around. The Swing Peepers most often perform without a sound system to maximize intimacy with our audiences. We do have an excellent sound system available, however, for outdoor events and large audiences. An additional fee of \$50 applies for this service.

Taradiddle

Contact person: Jean Roberts

Poultney, VT

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Website: <http://taradiddleduo.com/>

Ages: family/preschool/elementary

Length: 40-45 minutes

Fee: \$100 per program (\$25 mileage surcharge for programs outside Rutland/Addison counties)

Taradiddle is a storytelling duo (former public librarians Jean Roberts and Daphne Bartholomew) whose specialty is weaving mostly traditional songs and stories from many cultures into fun, affordable theme-based programs. Everyone's invited to join in at a Taradiddle event, and whether the mood is slightly scary or seriously silly, audiences leave with smiles on their faces and maybe even a new tale or tune to pass along. Sharing stories with old--or new--friends is a fine way to create the connections that help Build a Better World!

Special requirements: No special equipment. No library or audience too small!

Tom Joyce, the Funny Magic Guy

Contact person: Tom Joyce

Pittsford, VT

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Ages: 4 and up

Length: One full hour

Fee: \$300 mileage included

“Build a Better World with Magic!”

A New Hour long show every year, with New Magic Tricks and New Books. An audience participation packed funny magic show. Many librarians comment that my program is the hit of their summer.

You will hear me say, “Well that’s the end of that book” and the kids respond disappointingly, “ahhhhhhh” then I say, “But I have more books” they respond “YEEAAAAA !”. The books come alive like magic!

I reach into my Book Bag for the books, then I reach into my Magic Box for the Magic Tricks. The Books and the Magic are selected especially for the current summer theme. So you always can expect a new show that encourages the children to get involved in all the fun at your library.

Your patrons will be talking about the show for weeks to come. You will be amazed at how the kids relate to the magic tricks when they are combined with books that they have at home or are on your shelves.

Tom has been to just about all the libraries in Vermont, so ask your fellow librarian if you think his program will be good for your library. Begins booking for the summer in January, so call or email early and get your first choice of dates.

Special requirements: I bring everything I need, a beautiful backdrop that will turn your library into a magic theatre. I provide an excellent sound system so everyone of your patrons will hear the show.

The Travelling Storyteller and Co.

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Sheldon, VT

(802) 393-2697

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Website: www.travelingstoryteller.com

Contact person: Rina Choiniere or Ernie Hemingway

Ages: 3 years old - 10 years old

Length: 1 hour

Fee: \$100-\$120 base rate plus mileage and craft

Kindness, ingenuity, and the beauty of music all make a better world, and they are all explored through these three 1 hour plays presented by The Traveling Storyteller and Co.

Choices:

The Elves and the Shoemaker-Carl and Emma own a shoe store but things get tough when Carl falls, breaks his arm and is unable to make any shoes. How will they pay their bills? Then beautifully crafted shoes and boots begin to magically appear on Carl's worktable each day. Where did they come from? Who made them? These questions remain unanswered until one night when Carl and Emma stay up late and wait for their mystery guests to appear.

The Three Little Pigs-Now these aren't your average pigs. Oh, no. These are three city pigs who move out to the country to start a new life, only someone has different plans. Mayor Webster D. Wolfe has plans to make the new "porky" residents part of his dinner menu. The pigs must outsmart the mayor.

Susan's Friends-Susan would like to play a musical instrument like her friends Norma and Mary Beth but her mother tells her that they cannot afford the cost of an instrument. Susan feels alone and left out until a new boy comes to school. Isaac and Susan become best friends sharing their artistic talents in a special way.

Special requirements: We provide everything we need. A 6'x6' foot space needed for stage set up and space for children to sit in front of the stage. A power outlet nearby.

Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS)

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Ages: 4 and over
Length: 45 minutes
Fee: \$275 program fee plus \$1/mile; limited grant funding may be available to help with mileage fees through VINS.

Nesting Season – Raptors and Their Homes

Program Description: Humans aren't the only creatures that build amazing homes for their families! Nesting season is the most important time of the year for bird populations, and we can take actions that help them out. Join VINS to learn what to do if you find a baby bird, and consider becoming a citizen scientist through conservation projects like NestWatch. You'll find out what bird parents are busy doing at this time of year, and meet three live raptors up close to learn from the experts themselves.

(45 minutes, 3 live birds, touchable artifacts)

Special requirements: 6 to 8 foot folding table at the front of presentation space. All guests seated during the presentation.

Vermont PuppeTree

Contact person: Ann Legunn

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Ages: Depends on program

Length: 40-45 minutes

Fee: \$300-\$400 (depends on program)

Program 1: *14 Carrots* (ages 3-8, \$300)

In *14 Carrots*, the main character, Aunt Swilly, is an expert at taking care of HUNDREDS of new baby bunnies. She's great at it, and all the baby bunnies benefit from her care! But when she tries to become a carrot salesperson for the money, she fails abysmally. So, she goes back to being the best bunny sitter there is. When you devote yourself to doing what you love and are good (even great) at doing it, you build a better world because everyone you do it for benefits from your passion.

Requirements: Just a flat open area about 8' X 8' to set up our table. We would love to borrow a chair. The performer helps to seat the children on the floor. If you would like a workshop please have tables and chair for the children. We furnish everything else in the workshop.

Program 2: *Swimmy* & "Swimmer" (ages 3-12/families, \$350)

Vermont's PuppeTree brings to the stage a stunning production of Leo Lionni's classic children's book *Swimmy*. This fully authorized multimedia production blends shadow puppets, animation and projections performed by the PuppeTree's founder Ann Legunn. A visual and musical treat *Swimmy* features a classical music score that draws us into the undersea world and introduces children to lyrical work of Debussy.

The companion piece, "Swimmer", is an original work inspired by Lionni's wonderful story, set on a picturesque Vermont river. A young girl recognizes the threats to her beloved river and learns to organize the people that live along its banks to change their behavior and preserve the magic of the river. "Swimmer" boasts an original music score by Patrick Ross, a fifth generation Vermont fiddler and composer. Visual artists, musicians, puppeteers and craftsman have worked over 3 years to bring this beautiful and inspiring show to life.

Requirements: We require 10 feet behind the 7-foot wide screen and a 7-foot ceiling (a corner is fine). Children can sit on the floor since the screen is elevated. Audience is limited to 100 per 40 minute show. Swimmy/Swimmer is ideal for 3 - 12 year olds and their families. A complete blackout is unnecessary.

The set up requires 1.5 hours and break down takes 30 minutes."

Program 3: *Caps for Sale* (All ages, \$400) This program only available July 15-August 15, 2017.

To celebrate the 75th Anniversary of *Caps for Sale*, the PuppeTree is including Esphyr Slobodkina's original artwork in an updated puppet production of the book (published by HarperCollins). This new version of *Caps for Sale* also celebrates diversity by repeating the classic tale several times with puppets from a variety of world cultures—Africa, India, Estonia and the Middle East. Here's great opportunity to have this famous book come alive for all ages and their families. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS SHOW IS ONLY AVAILABLE JULY 15 - AUGUST 15, 2017.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7aJq4Q3EGhc>

Requirements: Caps for Sale needs a 13' X 13' flat area with electricity and 8' Ceiling. Audience sits on the floor.

VERMONT WILD, Adventures of Fish & Game Wardens

Contact person: Megan Price

Chittenden County

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Website: VermontWild.com

Ages: All ages

Length: 1-1.5 hours

Fee: \$150. Mileage after 25 miles. If evening program host may be asked to provide overnight stay.

VERMONT WILD, Adventures of Fish & Game Wardens, has proven a hit with ages 9 to 99. The books are best-sellers at many independent VT bookstores. The five volume series (includes Maine Wild) is taught in school to encourage children to read, taken to hunting camp and read out loud in nursing homes. The books promote conservation and provide insights into the multiple challenges faced daily by game warden. Difficult challenges are almost always resolved without violence. The author - a former reporter - will explain how she finds and writes the stories, secrets of publishing and share some amusing "stories behind the stories" that never made it into print. Audience questions encouraged. Books can be offered for sale following the event and inscribed for fans. If a librarian has a special topic he/she would like the author to address, we can weave it into the presentation. These books work for all ages.

Special requirements: Table and chairs. Someone to assist author setting up and tearing down displays. Handicapped access site preferred so people of all abilities can attend, but not mandatory. Happy to meet outdoors in nice weather or address a group around a campfire! Anywhere in Vermont and up to 50 miles into border states - though time and distance may require an additional fee for overnight accommodations, etc.

Wildthings! Nature Program

Contact person: Kristen Littlefield

Chittenden County

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Website: Wildthingsvt.com

Ages: Ages 5-12

Length: 1 hour

Fee: \$170.00 (mileage fee if outside of Chittenden County)

Oh, the Places You'll Grow!

Workshop info:

Butterflies, bees and bats are the pollinating heroes of our planet.

Without them, many of the foods we rely on would not exist.

But pollinators need our help. Their numbers are steadily declining due to pollution, loss of habitat, and pesticide use.

What can we do? The good news is: a lot! This one-hour workshop introduces the basics of building simple pollinator habitats in backyards, schools, parks and playgrounds.

Children will delve into the world of pollinators through picture books, puppetry, and crafts such as creating monarch chrysalises, hummingbird nests, and "mini gardens" for bees, butterflies, and birds.

An advertising poster for, Oh, the Places You'll Grow! is available upon request.

Special requirements: I will require three large tables for crafting activities and a whiteboard or chart paper for interactive drawing/games.

These performers are also viewable at
[HTTP://VTPERFORMERS.WORDPRESS.COM/TAG/SUMMER-2017](http://VTPERFORMERS.WORDPRESS.COM/TAG/SUMMER-2017)