

**TLN Teen Services Committee Meeting**  
**Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 1:30 pm**  
Virtual Meeting

**1:30 PM**

**Call to Order**

- Introductions
  - Elissa Zimmer - Ferndale
  - Michelle Van Well - Wayne
  - Sandy Herman - Romulus
  - Elizabeth Norton - Walled Lake
  - Lauren Aquilina - Commerce Twp
  - Barb Dinan - Plymouth
  - Mechelle Bernard - Southfield
  - Nick Rapson - Rochester Hills
  - Sabrina Halsey - Orion Township
  - Shelby Fox-Purrier-Rivera - Commerce Twp
  - Jocelyn Levin - Lyon Township
  - Emily Dobbs - Wixom
  - Kim - Garden City
  - Becky Price - Taylor
  - Janna VanHouten - TLN
  - Elisabeth Phou - Baldwin
- Approval of Agenda
  - 1st Kim - Garden City
  - 2nd Michelle - Wayne
- Approval of Minutes
  - 1st Kim - Garden City
  - 2nd Michelle - Wayne
- State and Local Committee Updates
  - Spring Institute is October 27th
- TLN Updates
  - Zoom link updates
  - Meeting locations are listed on the website but are subject to change

**1:45 PM**

**Teen Volunteers**

- Are you still getting them?
  - Most libraries are not allowed to have volunteers at this time
- Are they coming into the building or working remotely?

- Taylor has teens who want to volunteer and do things so they're setting up a TAB and have them help with social media
- What are you having them do?
  - Virtual volunteers could possibly review teen books and videos could be posted online
  - Ask teens to create instructional videos to go along with craft kits
  - Teens could interview each other about what 2020 has been like for them
  - "Reading Buddies" - pairing a teen with a child and read together on Zoom
  - A pen pal program between teens and people who can't leave their house

**2:00 PM      Discord**

**2:15 PM      Virtual Performer Showcase**

- This year we are doing a virtual performer showcase and instead of trying to set up a meeting that all the performers could be at, we had them submit videos. They are all compiled on a private YouTube playlist
  - [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL9da6ja9kaHvc7m3sQW3\\_1ZB3m\\_mBcwG8](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL9da6ja9kaHvc7m3sQW3_1ZB3m_mBcwG8)
  - All of the info about their pricing, etc., is available in the video descriptions as well as on a hand-out that was sent this morning.
  - Please note there were a couple of performers who didn't submit a video, submitted a video we couldn't add to the playlist, or submitted a video where we couldn't add their info to the description. However, they are all included on the hand-out

**2:15 PM      Adjournment**

- 1st Kim - Garden City
- 2nd Mechelle - Southfield

2020  
TLN Virtual  
Performer's Showcase

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL9da6ja9kaHvc7m3sQW3\\_1ZB3m\\_mBcwG8](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL9da6ja9kaHvc7m3sQW3_1ZB3m_mBcwG8)

<p><b>Genot "Winter Elk" Picor-Storyteller</b>  Genot Picor  <a href="mailto:evoyageur@aol.com">evoyageur@aol.com</a>  586-558-8065</p> <p>For children, ages 5-12, adults of any age, including seniors who live in assisted living environments.</p> <p><b>Audience Size:</b> 5-60  <b>Fees:</b> In-person: \$175   Virtual: \$175.00 (I have to pay the technician for studio access)  <b>Additional Info:</b> Discounts can be negotiated depending on travel or time between performances  <b>Video:</b> No</p>	<p>In-person, Recorded Video, I have access to a studio for green screen computer-assisted backgrounds</p>
<p><b>Cameron Zvara- Comedy Magician &amp; Entertainer</b>  Cameron Zvara  Bookings@CameronZvara.com  989-574-8631  <a href="http://cameronzvara.com/">http://cameronzvara.com/</a></p> <p>Best intended for ages 4-101</p> <p><b>Audience Size:</b> 1-unlimited  <b>Fees:</b> \$425  <b>Additional Info:</b> 2 Libraries Booked On The Same Date: \$400 per library  3+ Libraries Booked On The Same Date: \$375 per library  Two back to back programs (within an hour of each other) in the same location: \$695  <b>Video:</b> Yes</p>	<p>In-person, Recorded Video, Zoom Meeting</p> <p>45 Minute Comedy Magic Show- Is packed with magic, comedy, juggling, music, and audience participation! The show is suitable for all ages to enjoy. Cameron's show can be altered for outdoor &amp; limited capacity indoor performances. Audience participation &amp; interaction will happen at a distance due to recent health &amp; safety concerns.</p> <p>Lights. Cameron. Action!- Libraries will receive a 30 Minute pre-recorded video that features segments from Cameron's live virtual show. The video is sent as an unlisted YouTube link, and can be posted on your library's website for 1 week.</p> <p>Cameron Zvara LIVE Online: Cameron brings his Comedy Magic Show to your living room! A live virtual show with professional production features mind blowing magic, comedy, juggling, music, and audience participation through Zoom's chat feature.</p>
<p><b>Wacky Science</b>  Doug Scheer  scheergenius@mac.com  248-891-1900  <a href="https://www.assemblyshows.com">https://www.assemblyshows.com</a></p> <p>Best intended for Elementary students (typically 4 and up)</p> <p><b>Audience Size:</b> 10-unlimited  <b>Fees:</b> In-person: \$425   Virtual: \$295 for prerecorded \$395 for live interactive over zoom  <b>Additional Info:</b> Live performances will be discounted by \$25 for libraries that choose to share a day  <b>Video:</b> Yes</p>	<p>In-person, Recorded Video, Zoom Meeting, YouTube Premier events</p> <p>Virtual Science shows (2 different ones available) or live performances --see website for all 12 offerings (Comedy Magic, Diversity, Math, Environment, more)</p> <p>Virtual Science - Full show  This is my full performance as it would be performed live at your library. But it's streamed to you as a YouTube Premier Event.  The show is streamed once then is made available for the next 5 days so kids who do not tune in live can watch a replay at their leisure. 45 minutes</p> <p>----ADVANTAGE: Unlimited viewers for 5 days through an unlisted Youtube address available only to your library.  ----DISADVANTAGE: There is no back and forth interaction with the live audience. YouTube does not allow that with programs made for kids.</p>

Virtual Science - Side-by-Side guidance  
 Live and interactive shows performed over your Zoom or Facebook platform using your library's account. Crowd size is limited to your Zoom subscription, unlimited on Facebook.  
 I will email to you, in advance, a list of simple household items kids need to gather in order to perform experiments alongside me as I present then explain the effects step-by-step. Programs typically run 45 minutes and feature up to 10 experiments (depending on the age group and their ability to quickly grasp the content --older kids typically participate in more experiments).

-----ADVANTAGE: Live shout outs to kids by name. Interactive in that I can see what the kids are doing and compliment them/help them along the way.  
 -----DISADVANTAGE: No replay is available. Once the demonstrations are complete the lessons are over, but kids will have the knowledge to show these experiment to their friends and parents.

**Copper Tom**  
 Tom Fivenson  
 tom@coppertom.com  
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<https://www.youtube.com/user/coppertomrocks>

My programs are fun for all ages- including older family members & parents- though I can focus on either very young children ( toddlers & pre-school) or mainly elementary school age children.

**Audience Size:** 1-unlimited  
**Fees:** In-person: \$395-\$495 depending upon time, location & # of performances in a booking. | Virtual: Currently done only at presenter's location. Negotiable.  
**Video:** Yes

In-person, Recorded Video  
 Highly interactive fun for all ages. Includes a very popular Copper Tom Dance Party segment.

**1)The Tale of Maple Syrup 2)The Details Are In The Bee Tails**  
 Don Snoeyink  
 thornapplewoodlands@gmail.com  
 616-893-4765  
<https://thornapplewoodlands.com/>

Suited for ages 6 yrs and up. Teens and tweens. Adults. Families. Presentation style and content are adjusted to match the age of the audience.

**Audience Size:** 1-100  
**Fees:** In-person:\$375 (\$325 for Saturdays) plus a modest travel fee from Grand Rapids, MI. | Virtual: \$275 for video program \$375 for Facebook live or Zoom/etc live shows  
**Additional Info:** Discounts available for multiple same day shows at same location. Travel discounts available for same day same general area presentations.

In-person, Recorded Video, Zoom Meeting, Facebook LIVE

1)The Tale of Maple Syrup-- Learn the Native American tale (legend) of maple syrup as performed by Thornapple Woodlands, LLC presenter and backyard maple syrup producer Don Snoeyink. Enjoy listening to tales of the old ways of producing maple syrup and learning the progression to our current practices. Find out how to identify maple trees with their leaves on or without them. Plus, view Don's maple syrup making paraphernalia and taste pure maple syrup on vanilla ice cream in a live presentation.

2)The Details Are In The Bee Tails-- A honey bee's tail may pack a wallop of a sting, but it also tells a tale of where it has been and how to get there through the tail waggle dance. Learn how to interpret the dance language and find out how bee stings can actually help people.

<p>Thornapple Woodlands, LLC provides promotional write-ups and pictures for your advertising convenience.  <b>Video:</b> Yes</p>	<p>Audiences are amazed at the fascinating information about honey bees presented in an entertaining way. All programs are performed by Thornapple Woodlands, LLC beekeeper/presenter Don Snoeyink.</p>
<p><b>The Gratitude Steel Band</b>  Chaz Russell  gratitudesteelband@mac.com  313-268-9468  <a href="http://www.Gratitudesteelband.com">http://www.Gratitudesteelband.com</a></p> <p>Our program offers very Diverse Age Styles... Music from Sharky Doo to Can't Stop The Feelin, Uptown Funk, Reggae, Jimmy Buffett and more! Very Family Orientated...</p> <p><b>Audience Size:</b> 1-4,000  <b>Fees:</b> In-person:Call for pricing   Virtual: Call for pricing  <b>Video:</b> Yes</p>	<p>In-person, Recorded Video, Zoom Meeting, Facebook LIVE</p> <p>Caribbean Fun Time ( Includes Reggae, Calypso, Kids Music Steel Drums and Sing) African Show (African Drumming, Bala Phone, and Singing Fun) Latin Sol (Congas Timbales, Salsa, Reggaeton and Fun Conga Lines) Other Shows available.</p>
<p><b>Peter Bergin</b>  berginmusic@gmail.com  231-709-2080  <a href="http://www.berginmusic.com">http://www.berginmusic.com</a></p> <p>My programs are geared towards adults and kids, late-elementary and up.</p> <p><b>Audience Size:</b> 1-unlimited  <b>Fees:</b> In-person:\$550 for a one hour program   Virtual: \$350 for a virtual, one-hour, live program. \$250 for a 20-minute, exclusive video production.  <b>Additional Info:</b> Discount is available if bundled with a school performance. I'll play any piano that is on-site; please add \$50 if bringing my own keyboard.  <b>Video:</b> Yes</p>	<p>In-person, Recorded Video, Zoom Meeting, Facebook LIVE, YouTube LIVE</p> <p>I am a solo artist providing music programs for kids (late elementary and up) and adults, including the whole family. Below is a description of my programs.</p> <p><b>Ragtime Spectacular</b>  Scott Joplin, James Scott, Joseph Lamb, Eubie Blake, James P. Johnson, plus many others! Classics to modern, this program includes favorites such as "The Entertainer" and "The Maple Leaf Rag".</p> <p><b>The Great American Songbook</b>  They just don't write 'em like they used to! George Gershwin, Glenn Miller, Irving Berlin ... only the best from the 30's, 40's and 50's.</p> <p><b>The American Parlor</b>  Exploring the intersection of ragtime with early American classical. Music from the 1850's - 1930's featuring the American classical composer Louis Moreau Gottschalk, ragtime composers Scott Joplin and Eubie Blake, and the incomparable George Gershwin.</p> <p><b>Patriotic</b>  Sip your ice tea &amp; lemonade as you sing along to this unabashed display of American patriotism.</p> <p><b>TV Theme Songs</b>  Relive and sing along to the hilarious sitcoms of the 60's - 90's</p> <p><b>Christmas</b>  A full program of popular Christmas music. Includes soundtrack music from "A Charlie Brown Christmas" and "How the Grinch Stole Christmas", original transcriptions from George Winston's "December" album, and perennial favorites such as "White Christmas", "I'll Be Home for Christmas", "It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas", among many, many others! Includes plenty of time to sing</p>

along to favorite Christmas carols.

**Halloween**

Don't be frightened by this mix of scary favorites! Includes "Monster Mash", "Purple People Eater", "The Skeleton Rag", and theme songs from "A Nightmare Before Christmas", "The Addams Family", and "The Munsters"!

**Valentine's Day**

Cozy up and enjoy favorite romantic tunes spanning the decades. Older tunes like "I Love You Truly" and "Our Love Is Here To Stay" are mixed with newer favorites such as "Longer", "You've Got A Friend", and "A Thousand Years".

**St. Patrick's Day**

Everyone is Irish on this day! Enjoy Irish-American tunes like "When Irish Eyes are Smiling" and "My Wild Irish Rose" alongside Irish standards like "Danny Boy" and "Molly Malone" and many more from the 19th and 20th centuries. A good time to be had by all!

**A VIDEO Concert with Jim Gill!**

Jim Gill  
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<https://jimgill.com>

Best suited for families with young children.

**Audience Size:** 1-unlimited

**Fees:** In-person: The fee varies depending on location and whether the concert is a solo event or requires an accompanist. Please email for a quote. | Virtual: The fee for a VIDEO concert = \$1000

**Additional Info:** Yes! There are discounts for multiple concerts.

**Video:** Yes

In-person, Recorded Video, training sessions for library staff (children's services)

Jim Gill is an award-winning musician and author. His concerts of music and play are filled with opportunities for children, parents and grandparents to sing, dance and play TOGETHER!

**Story Be Told Productions**

Jenifer Strauss  
[jeniferstorybetold.com](http://jeniferstorybetold.com)  
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<http://storybetold.com/>

I design programs for all ages.

**Audience Size:** 1-unlimited | Teen Dragon Kite Making Workshop will be limited to 20 participants if we are live.

**Fees:** In-person: \$400 program fee. For Summer Reading 2021 only: \$275 a program (\$100 discount) | Virtual: \$300 program fee. For Summer Reading 2021 only: \$200 a program (\$100 discount)

**Additional Info:** \*SPECIAL Summer Reading COVID-19 REDUCED FEES!

For Live, Onsite Programs: share days with nearby libraries and save!

\$275 for a single live performance, \$200 Virtual  
\$500 for two live performances, \$425 Virtual  
\$700 for three live performances, \$625 Virtual

In-person, Recorded Video, Zoom Meeting, Facebook LIVE

I am a storyteller and narrative coach who offers storytelling performances, workshops and trainings for library patrons of all ages. For Summer Reading 2021: Tales with Tails my programs will include the following:

**For Your Young Patrons**

**Don't You Like My Tail?**

Long, short, hairless and flat! Wiggly, waggly, skinny and fat! Join Storyteller, Jenifer Strauss for Animal Tales about their Tails! How did they get them? How did they lose them? Why do they wag them? How did they flatten them? Join in adventurous stories and songs about our favorite (and not so favorite) furry friends and then make a unique TAIL that you can wear home or at home!

\*PROGRAM FEE: \$275 Virtual/Prerecorded Program Fee: \$200

**For Tween and Teen Patrons**

<p>Grant money available for my performances through Michigan Humanities Touring Arts.  <a href="http://www.michiganhumanities.org/touring-grants/">http://www.michiganhumanities.org/touring-grants/</a>  <b>Video:</b> Yes</p>	<p>DIY Dragon Kite Making Workshop  Chinese kites usually represent mythological characters, symbolic creatures, as well as legendary figures like the DRAGON! Learn about the Great Dragon King of the Sky and then make a Dragon Kite to take home and fly!  *Program Fee: Two-hour Workshop: \$300. NO virtual option.</p> <p>For Adults  Tail Spin!</p> <p>A Storytelling Performance for adults filled with tales about successfully and unexpectedly recovering from Life's Tail Spin Moments! This program is designed to promote laughter, understanding and connection!  *Program fee: \$275, Virtual/Prerecorded fee: \$200</p>
<p><b>Will Juggle</b>  Will Oltman  booking@willjuggle.com  616-808-9564  <a href="http://www.willjuggle.com">http://www.willjuggle.com</a></p> <p>Suited for all ages</p> <p><b>Audience Size:</b> 1-unlimited  <b>Fees:</b> In-person: Contact for quote   Virtual: Depends on duration \$150-350 range.  <b>Additional Info:</b> Please see my full promo video at this link  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qw9AwQ0G1Y4&amp;feature=youtu.be">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qw9AwQ0G1Y4&amp;feature=youtu.be</a></p> <p>I could offer a discount if booking multiple shows... depends on quantity of shows.  <b>Video:</b> Yes</p>	<p>In-person, Recorded Video, Zoom Meeting, Facebook LIVE</p> <p>A juggling workshop, a livestream show, or an in-person comedy juggling show between 10-45 min.</p>
<p><b>Fresh Classics</b>  Benito Vasquez  Mav@motorcitysda.com  313-675-2018  <a href="http://www.freshclassicsdetroit.com">http://www.freshclassicsdetroit.com</a></p> <p>Suited for all ages</p> <p><b>Audience Size:</b> 3-unlimited  <b>Fees:</b> In-person: \$1,200   Virtual: \$500  <b>Additional Info:</b> discount for multiple classes in one session  <b>Video:</b> Yes</p>	<p>In-person, Recorded Video, Zoom Meeting, Facebook LIVE, youtube stream</p> <p>Hip Hop Dance classes &amp; Yoga</p>
<p><b>Rufus the Dufus</b>  Chuck Clark  rufus@rufusthedufus.com  313-673-3603  <a href="http://rufusthedufus.com/">http://rufusthedufus.com/</a></p> <p>Suited for all ages</p> <p><b>Audience Size:</b> 1-unlimited</p>	<p>In-person, Recorded Video, Zoom Meeting, Facebook LIVE</p> <p>I offer two different shows and a strolling option. Each show is 45 minutes but can be lengthened or shortened if needed. Strolling is by the hour and can include stilt walking and balloon animals.</p> <p>#1: Circus Extravaganza (all ages)</p>

<p><b>Fees:</b> In-person:\$300   Virtual: \$200  <b>Video:</b> Yes</p>	<p>I use different types of juggling and circus equipment, adding age appropriate humor with an underlining message about practice and dedication. As well as talk about the history of the juggler, the props I'm using, and how I learn these skills.</p> <p>#2: The Science of the Circus. (Made for ages 10+) Where I perform tricks and proceed to explain how and why, not just in execution but also scientifically. So I present a skill then explain some of the math, physics, and other sciences which make the tricks possible.</p> <p>#3: Strolling.  I mingle and entertain the crowd in a laid back format, using juggling, stilts, balloon animals, and other circus acts to entertain.</p>
<p><b>Musical Tales &amp; Tales</b>  Lynn Hartwig  lynnhartwig@att.net  313-645-3685</p> <p>Suited for pre-school &amp; their families</p> <p><b>Audience Size:</b> 1-30 or 1-100+ if you provide mic and space  <b>Fees:</b> In-person: \$125  <b>Additional Info:</b> If you have more than one show the first show is \$125. Additional shows (on the same day or within a calendar year) are \$100 each. Favorite pre-school shows include: Thanksgiving, My Country, My Body, Friends, Butterflies &amp; Rainbows, Great shows for early elementary age children include: Build a better world, Libraries Rock, &amp; Reading is out of this world. I am also willing to write a show on a theme of your choice.  <b>Video:</b> Yes</p>	<p>In-person</p> <p>Your little ones and their families will delight in beautiful animal picture books with puppets, guitar music, &amp; movement activities.</p>
<p><b>Leonardo Music</b>  Leonardo  Leo@LeonardoMusic.com  888-826-6004  <a href="https://Leonardomusic.com">https://Leonardomusic.com</a></p> <p>Suited for all ages</p> <p><b>Audience Size:</b> 1-unlimited  <b>Fees:</b> In-person: \$375   Virtual: \$250  <b>Additional Info:</b> 2 per day/\$350 each, 3 or more/\$300 each.  <b>Video:</b> Yes</p>	<p>In-person, Recorded Video, Zoom Meeting, Facebook LIVE, Open to any platform</p> <p>He is a Parents' Choice Award winning family musician from Chicago strumming into town with a humorous high energy musical program that inspires little rockers to become big readers!</p> <p>This highly interactive performance has plenty of sing-a-longs and dance moves to inspire imagination, creativity and a love of reading in audiences of all ages and abilities.</p> <p>Seasonal Shows: Roctober Halloween Show, Yule B Rockin' Holiday Show</p>
<p><b>OpenSpot Theatre (FKA 4th Wall Theatre)</b>  Katie Mann  katie.mann@openspottheatre.com  313-279-8401 <a href="https://openspottheatre.com">https://openspottheatre.com</a></p> <p>Ages best suited for program: Elementary through high school</p> <p><b>Audience requirements:</b> 1 - no max</p>	<p>In-person, Recorded Video, Zoom Meeting, Facebook LIVE</p> <p>We are currently offering a fun virtual experience! We sing, act and dance together. At the end of the time the students perform a short play that they wrote. A good time is had by all.</p>

**Fees:** In-person: \$250/hour | Virtual: \$250/hour;  
\$150/30minutes  
**Video:** Yes

**Karen Bonnici- Storyteller, Musician, Inventor**

Karen Bonnici  
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<https://www.karenbonnici.com/>

Suited for Pre-K through adult depending on program

**Audience Size:** 1-250

**Fees:** NEW PROGRAM - Cuddle Zoo and You! - Family program | I'm Game! for Tweens to Adult, From Idea to Shelf - Invention & Business Building Workshop for Teens to Adults, Teelightful Teesigns for Tweens to Adult \$275

**Additional Info:** Discount Pricing - Program fees are discounted by \$50.00 for bulk bookings. Bulk booking discount applies to libraries that book together on the same day. An additional \$100.00 discount applies if a library books two different programs on the same day. Travel Fees 2021 - First 50 miles of round trip travel are free. An additional fee of \$30 is charged every 50 miles of round trip travel from Keego Harbor, MI. When libraries book together, the travel fee is shared between libraries. For other year round storytelling, song, performance, game, or craft programs, please visit karenbonnici.com.

**Video:** Yes

#1- NEW PROGRAM - Cuddle Zoo and You! - Family program Bring your favorite stuffed animal pal to the library and join musician and storyteller Karen Bonnici for this play filled interactive program featuring songs and stories celebrating our four-legged, feathered and aquatic friends. You and your stuffed pal will giggle and play as we stomp and slither along with Karen's engaging songs and animal tales! And get ready for animal boogie time as Karen wraps up her program with a jump dance party. Program length = 45-50 minutes

#2- I'm Game! for Tweens to Adult - If you're looking for tons of fun and game activity at your next library event Karen will serve as your Games Coach for all ages. Her contagious enthusiasm will have your participants raising their hands while creating a safe space for even the shyest of game players to connect. Create togetherness through team building games. Expand creativity through improvisational/stage game play. Build confidence through non-competitive game play. Explore play through individual, partner, team and parent-child games including competitive and non-competitive games for the perfect amount of fun. All supplies and props included. Program length = 1.5 hours

#3- From Idea to Shelf - Invention & Business Building Workshop for Teens to Adults - This workshop program shares the story of how inventor, one of Michigan's 2018 Most Valuable Entrepreneur award recipients, Karen Bonnici, got her patented inventions Super Blanky® & Super Towel® into Target® stores nationwide. Karen's story provides inspiration to aspiring inventors and business owners alike. Hear the handmade story of how Karen's Super Blanky® & Super Towel® went from a homemade gift idea to a patented and trademarked brand with nationwide distribution. Karen will walk participants through her process and provide insight including obstacles along her journey and how she overcame them. Visit [www.superblanky.com](http://www.superblanky.com) for product info. Program length = 1.5 hours

#4- Teelightful Teesigns for Tweens to Adult -Join the maker movement at your library. Participants will learn how to transform tee shirts into something new in this no sew workshop. Just a few of the options include upcycled dog toys, cape and mask, tee shirt scarf, tote bag, bracelets, skirt, belt, water bottle carrier, and much more. Each participant should bring 2 - 3 old tee shirts to the workshop. Any color, shape, condition, or size of tee shirt will do. Extra tee shirts, fabric scissors, professional roller cutter, cutting mat, and all supplies needed for this activity will be provided. This popular workshop is ideal for libraries looking to offer a creative, hands-on, maker style program. Program length = 1.5 hours

## Alex Thomas and Friends

Jessica Thomas

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<http://www.alexthomasandfriends.com>

We have programs to suit all ages and abilities.

**Audience Size:** 1 - Virtual programs: no maximum. In person workshops: max 20-35

**Fees:** In-person: \$399-\$550 depending on the program, + mileage | Virtual: \$200-250 depending on the program

**Additional Info:** In person programs: \$100 off for booking 2 programs on the same day, \$50 off for booking 2 programs on different days.

**Video:** Yes

## In-person Recorded Video

### Oliver's Animal Adventure: Virtual Puppet Show Program

This program mixes the silliness of puppetry with a series of live exotic animals for an educational and entertaining virtual program for the summer 2021 theme of Tails & Tales! It's like two programs in one that is fun for the whole family! Our new virtual puppet program is structured a little different. We found that the attention span for a virtual program is a little different than the attention span for a live program. That's why we are offering a package of 5 fun packed adventures that are each 5-7 minutes long. The library can post one per day for a week, or one per week for 5 weeks. It is up to you! We have 10 videos total and will be grouping them into Group A and Group B. This is a pre-recorded full production. Libraries will receive links to the 5 unlisted youtube videos and may host the program on their digital platforms for 7 days. \$250 per group of 5 videos, suitable for youth and families. No maximum number of participants.

### Dewey's Virtual Puppet Story Time

Join Dewey the Dragon and his puppet friends as they read and act out some of your favorite fairy tales! This is a pre-recorded full production featuring multiple characters! Libraries will receive a personal link to an unlisted youtube video and may host the program on their digital platforms for 7 days.

\$200, suitable for youth and families. No maximum number of participants.

### Virtual Caricature Workshop

Learn to draw fun caricatures of some of your favorite characters led by one of our puppets! Whether you are just beginning or more advanced, this workshop will teach you the tips, tricks, and techniques! This is a pre-recorded program. Libraries will receive a personal link to an unlisted youtube video and may host the program on their digital platforms for 7 days.

\$200, suitable for youth, tweens, and teens. No maximum number of participants.

### Virtual 2D Animation Program

Ever wanted to explore the magic of animation? In this virtual workshop, participants will learn to create several different animations in the traditional style of animation using free open source software. This is a pre-recorded program. Libraries will receive a personal link to an unlisted youtube video and may host the program on their digital platforms for 7 days.

\$200, suitable for youth, tweens, and teens. No maximum number of participants.

### Interactive Puppet Show

Our interactive shows bring jokes, prizes, stories, silliness, and all-around fun to your location through the art of puppetry. Our Interactive Puppet Shows allow volunteers and audience members to play along and become a part of the act. Our zany Muppet-style puppets are sure to bring your imagination to life. We invite the audience to stay for our "Meet and Greet" session after every show for

their chance to meet the characters, take a photo, and receive a personalized autograph from the puppet on a free photo card! Choice between Waxler's or Oliver's show.

\$399 (+mileage), 30-45 minutes. Family fun for everyone, all ages welcome.

Spacing Requirements: Designated indoor area for our 10ft by 5ft stage with floor or chair seating in front for the audience, access to an outlet, and one table.

#### TV Puppetry Workshop

Participants will learn how to puppeteer and use a monitor in the style of puppetry developed by Jim Henson for performance on film, and television productions.

Participants will have the chance to test their skills at puppet eye focus, lip sync, and movement!

\$399 (+mileage), 1 hour. Suitable for adults, teens, tweens, and youths ages 8 and up. Maximum 20 participants.

Spacing Requirements: 4 tables for our equipment, and enough chairs for the participants to sit at while receiving instruction, access to an outlet.

#### Claymation Animation Workshop

Book us for an all new stop-motion animation workshop: Claymation! Participants will explore the fascinating process of claymation as they learn the tools and skills necessary to make their own claymation films. Includes a free DVD of all the animation for each participant. Great STEAM program.

\$399 (+mileage), 1 hour. Suitable for adults, teens, tweens, and youths ages 8 and up. Maximum 20 participants.

Spacing Requirements: 3 tables for our equipment, and enough chairs for the participants to sit at while receiving instruction, access to an outlet.

#### Stop-Motion Animation Workshop

Every participant will build their very own custom, stop-motion puppet and bring it to life using the art, and the magic of stop-motion animation. Participants can choose from a variety of NEW ANIMAL THEMED puppet templates or create one of their own! Includes a free DVD of all the animation for each participant. Great STEAM program.

Standard: \$450 (+mileage), 2 hours. Suitable for adults, teens, tweens, and youths ages 8 and up. Maximum 20 participants.

Deluxe: \$550 (+mileage), 2 hours. Suitable for adults, teens, tweens, and youths ages 8 and up. Maximum 35 participants. The deluxe workshop accommodates more participants and includes an additional animation station and professional animator.

Spacing Requirements: 3 tables for our equipment, and enough tables and chairs for the participants to sit and work at, access to an outlet.

#### Pixilation Animation Workshop

Participants will create a stop-motion, group-animated project where everybody works together to create a live animated video starring the participants. Pixilation is a live

	<p>action, experimental form of stop-motion animation where the people are the puppets! Includes a free DVD of all the animation for each participant. Great STEAM program. \$399 (+mileage), 2 hours. Suitable for adults, teens, tweens, and youths ages 8 and up. Maximum 20 participants.</p> <p>\$499 (+mileage), 3 hours. Suitable for adults, teens, tweens, and youths ages 8 and up. Maximum 35 participants.</p> <p>Spacing Requirements: Designated open area or room in the library, one table, access to an outlet.</p> <p>Special Effects Makeup Demonstration Join us for a demonstration of the exciting process of creating professional prosthetics and make-up effects used in films. \$399 (+mileage), suitable for tweens, teens, and adults. No maximum number of participants. Spacing Requirements: Designated area or room in the library, two tables, chairs for audience members.</p>
<p><b>Phoenix Freerunning Academy</b> Eric Zimmerman <a href="mailto:eric@phoenixfreerunning.com">eric@phoenixfreerunning.com</a> 734-744-6220 <a href="http://www.phoenixfreerunning.com">http://www.phoenixfreerunning.com</a></p> <p>Ages best suited for program: 7-17</p> <p><b>Audience requirements:</b> 5-30 <b>Fees:</b> \$300-\$500 <b>Additional information:</b> Discounts for multiple workshop bookings in same day <b>Video:</b> Yes</p>	<p>In-person, Recorded Video, Zoom Meeting</p> <p>Introduction to Parkour Workshop</p>
<p><b>Little Creatures Company (Dan the Creature Man)</b> Dan Briere littlecreatures@hotmail.com 248-544-2239 <a href="https://littlecreaturesco.com/">https://littlecreaturesco.com/</a></p> <p>Best suited for 5-12 years, but am willing to speak to any age group as needed.</p> <p><b>Audience requirements:</b> 25-100 <b>Fees:</b> In-person: \$275.00 - 300.00 for a single program, additional programs are discounted   Virtual: \$200.00 <b>Video:</b> Yes</p>	<p>In-person, Zoom Meeting</p> <p>Educational wildlife programs featuring rescued and adopted exotic pets. I strive to be very personable and kid friendly, providing accurate and age appropriate information to groups of all sizes. The animals are handled and shown in a very safe manner, any photos may be take and any questions are welcomed by library patrons. I am usually available 7 days a week, daytime and evenings. My website provides more information about the program themes that are available and special requests are always welcomed!</p>
<p><b>Signs of Whales, Scales, and Animal Tales</b> Lois Keel Lois-sez@Lois-sez.com 248-625-5848 <a href="http://www.lois-sez.com/">http://www.lois-sez.com/</a></p> <p>These stories have worked with K-8 auditorium programs because the sign language adds interest even beyond elementary school.</p>	<p>In-person, Recorded Video, videos on my YouTube channel</p> <p>Storytelling of international tales about the animals, including three in voice and sign.</p>

<p><b>Audience requirements:</b> Unlimited  <b>Fees:</b> In person: \$250   Virtual: Negotiable  <b>Additional information:</b> In the current "Covid chaos" there is no One Size Fits All. As a fellow librarian, I will work with library budgets and needs. (I've always given a discount for multiple locations.) I'm also grant-worthy with the MI Arts &amp; Humanities Touring Directory.  <b>Video:</b> Yes</p>	
<p><b>Jeff Wawrzaszek- A2 Magic</b>  Jeff Wawrzaszek  a2magic@yahoo.com  734-996-2442  <a href="http://www.a2magic.com/Libraries.htm">http://www.a2magic.com/Libraries.htm</a></p> <p>Magic shows are geared to every age from 2 years to adults. Virtual magic Workshop is for ages 8 and up. In person magic workshops are for ages 6-12 - Elementary Program and ages 10 -18 for the Teens and Tween Program</p> <p><b>Audience requirements:</b> 5-500  <b>Fees:</b> In-person: \$370.00 for a single program   Virtual: \$350.00 for one library. \$425.00 for libraries with multiple branches for a single performance. If libraries would like to leave the video up after the initial performance there is an additional fee of \$100.00 per day.  <b>Additional information:</b> NEW Super Saver Rates for multiple shows at the same location. Save \$100.00 off the above rates on each additional performance when booked ""back to back"" on the same date and within one hour apart. *Special discounted rates for two or more libraries within a 30-mile radius. If you belong to a library co-op, this is a great way to save money! *Two shows same day (within 150 miles of Ann Arbor) - \$320.00 each performance *Two shows same day (151-250 miles from Ann Arbor) - \$340.00 each performance Wow! Block Booking rate - *Three shows same day - Just \$295.00 each. (Libraries within 250 miles of Ann Arbor)  <b>Video:</b> Yes</p>	<p>In-person, Recorded Video, Zoom Meeting, Facebook LIVE, I can also work through your desired platform if you would like to act as host. I have a Zoom license for up to 500 screens. I have done facebook live and youtube when the shows were hosted by other libraries.</p> <p>Jeff's 40-45 minute magic show is GUARANTEED to charm every age group from 3 to 93 with awesomazing magic and interactive fun and humor that your readers will not soon forget. Plenty of entertaining references to reading and library services are always included in every show, and the same high energy that Jeff brings to his live and in-person programs will be seen in his virtual shows as well.</p> <p>NEW for the 2021 season...A2 Magic is excited to introduce The Virtual Magic Workshop. This 3-stage magic workshop includes all the elements that make up a great virtual experience for your readers.  Phase 1 includes 4 colorful and professionally designed, downloadable activity pages allowing participants to print, cut and assemble most of the magic tricks taught in the workshop. A short list of additional materials, easily found around home, is also included. This creates anticipation and interest in the workshop.  Phase 2 - The Virtual Magic Workshop. Kids will learn my "Top 10 Picks of the Really Great Tricks" gleaned from over 200 magic books found in libraries throughout Michigan and Ohio. Two original effects are also included, making a total of 12 amazing magic tricks that we will learn in this 1-hour virtual workshop.  Phase 3 - Kids will be pointed to a link where they can download a complete set of beautifully illustrated, well-written instructions to review and remember all of the great material we learned in this interactive and fun virtual magic workshop.</p> <p>Libraries are Jeff's absolute favorite venue in which to perform. Jeff is happy to accommodate you with in-person, live appearances at your library - either inside or outside (weather permitting). Jeff offers a wonderful Library Magic Show and two Interactive Magic Workshops - Elementary level - ages 6-12, or a Teens and Tweens Workshop - ages 10-18.</p>
<p><b>PaleoJoe Library Programs and Shows</b>  Joseph "PaleoJoe" Kchodl  <a href="mailto:paleojeo@charter.net">paleojeo@charter.net</a>  989-430-3980  <a href="https://www.paleojo.com/">https://www.paleojo.com/</a></p> <p>Suited For Family shows children, school age, teen and</p>	<p>In-person, Recorded Video, Zoom Meeting, Facebook LIVE</p> <p>Tales and Tails, Dinosaur tails and the Tales Dinosaur Tails can tell.  What tales can Dinosaur Tails, tell ?? Join PaleoJoe, Paleontologist, Dinosaur Hunter, Children's Book Author and storyteller as he excites, entertains and educations</p>

<p>adult programs</p> <p><b>Audience Requirements:</b> 0-space allows  <b>Fees:</b> In-Person \$400   Virtual \$300  <b>Additional Information:</b> Discounts available for multiple shows contact for more details.  <b>Video:</b> Yes</p>	<p>children of all ages.  Have you ever wondered why the Stegosaurus has spikes on his tail? Why are the Longneck Dinosaurs equipped with such long tails ? Hear and see the Dinosaur with 4 long Pheasant-like tail FEATHERS.  Dinosaur stories from a real Dinosaur Digger who returned recently from a dig in South Dakota.  PaleoJoe Paleontologist, Children's Book Author, Storyteller and yes, a real dinosaur digger will bring his high energy programs that will excite, entertain and educate the patrons about DINOSAURS and Paleontology.  For over 25 years PaleoJoe has provided programs to kids - of all ages across the country. His stories about dinosaur dig site adventures and the relationships between dinosaurs is told in a way that keeps kids - and adults on the edge of their seats. Dinosaur Tails and The Tales Dinosaur Tales Can Tell is a spirited look at the means of attack and defense Dinosaurs can use their tails for, and of course tales and dinosaur stories fill the program. Virtual programs offered again, 5 Different programs for you to choose from or choose multiple programs for a discounted fee structure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Dinosaur Tails and the Tales Dinosaur Tails can Tell</li> <li>* Dinosaur Myths and Legends</li> <li>* Dinosaur Day with PaleoJoe</li> <li>* Fishing with a hammer and chisel</li> <li>* Trilobite Treasures: Arthropods of the Ancient Seas</li> <li>* Digging Dinosaurs</li> <li>* Fossils of the Michigan Basin</li> <li>* PaleoJoe digs Long Neck Dinosaurs of Utah</li> <li>* Dinosaur CSI what we know of dinosaurs by the evidence in the ground ----Teen and Adult specific program.</li> </ul>
<p><b>The Amazing Zeemo</b>  Paul Kyprie  <a href="mailto:zeemo@charter.net">zeemo@charter.net</a>  734-449-0999  <a href="http://www.zeemoshows.com">www.zeemoshows.com</a></p> <p>Best suited for ages: 4-14</p> <p><b>Audience Requirements:</b> 5-150  <b>Fees:</b> In-Person: \$300-500 depending on travel   Virtual: TBD  <b>Additional Information:</b> I do give discounts for block booking and encourage libraries to partner up it at all possible.  <b>Video:</b> Yes</p>	<p>In-person</p> <p>For 2021 I have a special theme show based on animals and it features animal magic, some yo-yo tricks like "Walk the dog, skin the cat, monkey climbs a string and I plan to juggle three stuffed animals. I also offer a juggling workshop free of charge after the shows and I provide all materials.</p>
<p><b>Baffling Bill the Magician and Gus the Bunny</b>  William Schulert  225 Coats Rd Lake Orion, MI 48362  248-693-2420</p> <p>Best suited for children and family audiences from 3 years and older. Also have programs for teens and adults.</p>	<p>In-person, Recorded Video, Zoom Meeting, Facebook LIVE, Google Classroom</p> <p>Magic Shows and classes that promote reading and library.</p>

<p><b>Audience Requirements:</b> 1-1,000  <b>Fees:</b> In-person: \$425.00 - \$950.00   Virtual: \$375.00 - \$750.00  <b>Additional Information:</b> Additional show at same location on same day is 50% off on second show.  <b>Video:</b> Yes</p>	
<p><b>Samuel Nalangira</b>  Renee French  nalangiraduguu@gmail.com  269-277-2247  <a href="https://samuelnalangira.com/">https://samuelnalangira.com/</a></p> <p>Ages best suited for program: All ages</p> <p><b>Audience requirements:</b> 30-1000  <b>Fees:</b> \$200-\$1,000  <b>Additional information:</b> The fee really depends on what he's being hired for.  <b>Video:</b> Yes</p>	<p>In-person, Zoom Meeting, Facebook LIVE</p> <p>Solo performance, trio performance, drum workshop, dance workshop, drum and dance workshop, interactive story telling performance</p>
<p><b>Fairy Godmother of Music</b>  Melissa Behring  melissabehring@gmail.com  248-798-2080  <a href="http://www.fairygodmotherofmusic.com">http://www.fairygodmotherofmusic.com</a></p> <p>Best suited for families with young children under the age of 10</p> <p><b>Audience requirements:</b> 1-unlimited  <b>Fees:</b> In-person: \$250   Virtual programming fees start at \$250, depending on the content requested by the librarian.  <b>Video:</b> Yes</p>	<p>In-person, Recorded Video, Zoom Meeting, Facebook LIVE, YouTube Live or Pre-recorded</p> <p>The Fairy Godmother of Music provides an edu-tainment experience for families centered around songs, storytelling and fun activities. Sharing classic songs from Disney and other kids favorites, my goal is to help young people find a connection with music by singing along to songs they know and love. My program features music like "Let it go", "How far I'll go", "London Bridges" as well as classics in foreign languages like Frere Jacques, Luna Lina and more. I spent years touring the world and would love to share stories from other lands as well as songs in communities across Michigan.</p>
<p><b>Paul Demick</b>  Julie Demick  <a href="mailto:juliedemick@wowway.com">juliedemick@wowway.com</a>  586-553-3199</p> <p>Ages best suited for program: 5-100</p> <p><b>Audience requirements:</b> 1-unlimited  <b>Fees:</b> In-person: \$300-\$400   Virtual: \$150-\$250  <b>Additional info:</b> Yes. We would be more than willing to negotiate a discount for more than one performance in a day.  <b>Video:</b> Yes</p>	<p>In-person, Recorded Video, Zoom Meeting, Facebook LIVE</p> <p>Paul plays various styles of music on the marimba. He also tells interesting stories about the composers, the instrument, as well as his musical journey. Furthermore, Paul has one program that is strictly dedicated to Christmas music, which is a favorite at all venues.</p>
<p><b>Fresh Food is Fun</b>  Hether Frayer  hether@freshfoodisfun.com  269-598-6857  <a href="http://www.freshfoodisfun.com">http://www.freshfoodisfun.com</a></p> <p>Ages best suited for program: Families with kids ages 4-11 for Fresh Food is Fun and Space Food; Bike Blender Smoothies and Hands on Cooking Programs are great for</p>	<p>In-person, Recorded Video, Zoom Meeting, Facebook LIVE</p> <p>We currently have a recorded video called The Pizza Invasion, and are working on recorded versions of Fresh Food is Fun and Space Food: What astronauts eat. Our most popular in-person program is Bike Blender Smoothies, where participants get to ride a bike powered blender and taste smoothies and slushies made with local</p>

all ages.

**Audience requirements:** 1-unlimited

**Fees:** In-person: \$300+ mileage | Virtual: \$175

**Additional info:** If we schedule in-person programs at more than one (relatively close to each other) location in the same day, both libraries will receive a \$25 discount and they can share the mileage costs. For virtual programs, a library can invest in a program and can use it for all of the branches/locations for a full year.

**Video:** Yes

ingredients. Bike Blender Smoothies combines well with Fresh Food is Fun and Space Food. We also offer hands on cooking programs where participants can make things like fresh salsa or refrigerator pickles to take home.