

Make Waves @ Your Library

2010 WPLC Summer Reading Program Performers List

To: Member Library Directors

Attached you will find the list of available performers for this year's summer reading program. This list includes selections specifically for Tweens and Young Adults. Many of the Teen programs could also be used as Adult programs or Parent / Child programs.

2010 WPLC Summer Reading Program Ages 4th – 8th Grade Selections

Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum

Hands-On Science

It's *Science on Wheels!* We roll up, roll in, and set up – taking the mystery out of science and presenting fun, inquire-based programs directly to the students at *your* library. Our programs provide exciting learning opportunities that engage students in using their minds to explore their world.

1. The Water Cycle: Look beyond the four stages of the water cycle and get a firsthand look at the many paths of a water molecule. Give your visitors a chance to impress their teachers with this curriculum-based exploration.
2. Summer Science Festival: Water-themed activities. Participants can come and go at their leisure. Wide age-range! This works great if you're trying to appeal to a circulating crowd.

Limited to students in grades 4th -10th only! Limited to 30 participants

Mark Crilley

Graphic Artist

1. Author / Illustrator Workshop: Join author of the popular *Akiko* and *Miki Falls* series, Mark Crilley as he performs live drawing demonstrations and reads from his books, all the while giving advice to aspiring authors about coming up with story ideas, giving characters distinctive voices, building conflict, and jumping into the all-important rewrite. Mark's high-energy presentation will send audience members young and old running for their pencils to create stories of their own.
2. Cartooning Workshop: Learn to draw Cartoons and Manga with Mark Crilley. Ever wanted to learn how to draw cartoons and manga from a real, published comics professional? Now's your chance! Follow along with pencil and paper as Mark Crilley, the creator of *Akiko* and *Miki Falls*, teaches you how to draw a manga character, how to render different cartoon facial expressions, and even how to begin telling comic book stories of your own, panel by panel.
(website: www.markcrilley.com)

Paul Roose

Naturalist Program

Join naturalist interpreter Paul Roose as he portrays French Voyageur "Jean Paul le Franc". Make waves as you traverse the waterways from Montreal, Canada to the Grand Portage in Minnesota. Discover the voyageur way of life from the foods they ate, their unusual clothing, and their different duties on the canoe. Be ready to row as audience members become part of the crew in this high energy program. (website: lansingarts.org/artistProfile.php?x=48)

Jolene Fowler

Jewelry Artist

1. *Hemp It Out!* Jolene will lead a ninety minute exploration of macramé during which she will discuss the roots of macramé and help participants create a bracelet or necklace using the basic flat and spiral stitch. Each participant will get the chance to choose their centerpieces from an array that will include lake stones to light houses and every lake theme in between. *Library needs to supply extra scissors for participants to use. Limited to 25-30 participants per program.*
2. *Wrap It Up!* Students will learn how to do a simple wire wrap which they will put on a cord and take with them at the end of the workshop. Each participant will choose a stone from stones found in the great lakes of Michigan. Jolene will show everyone how to wrap the stones in copper wire as she takes them on an adventure around the state to places each stone can be found. **Limited to 25-30 participants per program.**

Ming Louie

Origami Artist

Join Ming as he helps participants learn the ancient art of Japanese paper folding. Learn to fold several objects, including a three-dimensional origami fish whose mouth opens and closes. All supplies provided. Participants each will need table space to complete their projects.

Joey Haderer

Silk Scarf Painting

Did you ever consider yourself a water-color artist? Using silk fabric stretched in a wooden embroidery-type hoop, participants learn how to paint on silk with fabric dyes. Watch as teens and adults alike create their own unique water color painting! *Available Wednesdays & Thursdays only. All supplies provided by presenter.*

Mary Rochelle Burnham

Caricatures

Mary learned to draw and paint primarily by teaching herself from 'How to' art books she borrowed from the library and purchased from the local art store as a child in Flint, MI. In her program, **Get Onboard With Caricature!** Caricature is not taking a person's worst feature and making it more pronounced! Mary teaches how to use simple shapes to see what makes a face unique, plays up those features and arranges them most effectively to convey the look and personality of the model. Participants will follow along as Mary Rochelle guides them through the demonstrations.

Requirements for participants: standard #2 pencil and 8.5" x 11" copy paper. (website: www.caricaturesbymary.com)

Tom Woodruff

Illustrator, Artist

Sail the High Seas! Sail the Great Lakes! Tom's workshops engage both teens and adults in challenging and highly successful, hands-on drawing projects. Simple lines join to become amazingly complex and realistic portals to distant times and places. Art and storytelling unite with science, history, environment and library resources. A bright overhead projector is required for all presentations. Participants will need a sharp pencil and one sheet of paper.

Kevin Collins

African Drum & Dance

Kevin's energy, enthusiasm, and sense of community are what drive him to share and teach his expertise to all that are interested. Teens will have an opportunity to witness an African Drum & Dance performance, and then given a hands-on lesson on drum and dance techniques. Learn dance steps, the history behind the drums and dance, and finally showcase all they have learned in their own performance.*Arts & Humanities Touring Program participant

Anshu Varma

Henna Tattoo Workshop

This interactive henna program is especially fun for teens and young adults who enjoy temporary tattoos. The traditional art of meh'ndi is taught in an informal setting allowing participants maximum flexibility in creativity. Using hand-made applicators, natural henna paste and traditional / modern designs, participants will learn how to create dramatic temporary tattoos ----- and have an opportunity to learn about the culture of India, Teens will also enjoy an opportunity to learn about Indian culture, including actually dressing in a saree, the traditional Indian clothing.

Rick Kelley

Musical Program

Rick's energy is contagious. His songs are memorable. "*Fearless Leaders Ride the Wave of Success*" is also extremely interactive and motivates young people to overcome their fears, try new things, lead by example and follow their dreams.

Jeff Wawrzaszek

Magician

How do you squeeze *countless hours of research* and *40 years of professional experience* into a fun-filled one-hour magic class?...Where do you find all of those *special props and materials* that make up the neat and complete "*Magic Packs*" your readers will take home with them?...Who's going to produce the *clearly illustrated, well-written instructions* that will allow each student to review what they learned long after the class is over?...The solution is simple...*Just relax and enjoy the credit for bringing the A2 Magic Workshop to your library.* It's an ideal program that will allow your teens and

“tweens” crowd to “express themselves” through the art of magic. Students will learn several easy-to-master tricks commonly used by many professional magicians. **Limited to a class size of 30 students ages 10-18 years.** (website: www.a2magic.com)

Jania Taylor

Magician

This magic workshop is an hour long for tweens & teens. Students will learn magic with common items such as rubber bands, paper clips, money, coins, and paper napkins. No fancy props are required, Jania will bring everything with her to teach the magic and the students will get to keep everything. At the end of the workshop students will be able to perform five magic tricks to fool their friends and family. (website: www.magicbyjaniam.com)

Scheer Genius

Mind-Bending Puzzles

Sometimes things aren't exactly the way they appear. *The Puzzle-Palooza Seminar* promises to get your teens thinking creatively while trying to solve 'challenge-like' puzzles. Using common household items, teens will learn to create complex puzzles, mind-bending stunts and perform brain twisting "gotcha's". This is a round-table seminar that will have your teens expressing themselves in a new way. (website: www.BestLibraryShows.com)

Acting Up Theatre

Theater

Students in grades 6-9 gain an understanding of the theatre in this fun, fast-paced Acting class. Using imagination, improvisational activities, and teamwork, participants will learn what it takes to be an actor or an actress. This exciting, interactive program puts students in control of their own hands-on theatrical experiences and underscores the importance of commitment. All that is needed is an open space and imagination. (website: www.actingup.biz)

Miz Rosie

Storyteller

Tween & Teens will make waves through poetry. The poetry workshops will give the keys to performing the spoken word in front of a live audience. The teens can bring in their own poetry or memorize someone else's poetry. Performance and memorization skills will be enhanced as participants make waves this summer.

*Arts & Humanities Touring Program participant (Website: http://web.mac.com/mizrosie/Rosie_Chapman/Welcome.html)

Jenifer Strauss

Story Artist

If you enjoy stories of mystery and intrigue....if you like stories that send a shiver up your spine...if you have always been intrigued with unexplained events...then you will enjoy the telling of these tales of strange occurrences, sightings, and unsolved events from our own Great Lake State of Michigan. This is not a program for the weak of heart, so bring a friend you can cling to, and come ready to hear..... *Tales from the Haunted Shores*.

*Arts & Humanities Touring Program participant (website: www.storybetold.com)

Yvonne Healy

Storyteller

1. Sound Waves: Laughing too hard to feel shy, teens and young adults play games with and without the microphone provided. This highly interactive workshop develops confidence, a dynamic speaking voice and physical presence.

2. Rogue Waves: Everyone's got something to say. Whether it's a story, a joke or a poem, teen and young adult participants earn silly prizes. Spoken narrative artist, Yvonne Healy, primes the pump with humorous stories. As emcee, she gets everyone on their feet and on track. Be prepared! You may need to turn off the electricity to get them to leave.

3. Keepsakes: Oral History & Storytelling: Want to remember Grandma with more than a snapshot? Do you think "write" is a 4-letter word? Learn how to uncover and turn family memories into stories with this interactive, easy-to-use approach. (website: <http://yhealy.com>)

Joel Tacey

Video/Gaming Program

1. "Gamefest: Video Game Party @ the Library" –Michigan's most popular teen program hosted by Joel or one of

his Associates! This program has been a huge hit with teens, ‘tweens and librarians alike! Joel brings 4 complete video – game stations with video monitors and all the accessories ... libraries provide 2-4 tables and optional refreshment area.

2. *“Joel’s Juggling Workshop”* Laugh & Learn to Juggle with Joel! To grab everyone’s attention, Joel begins the program with a 10-minute mini-juggling demonstration using a variety of exciting props. Then, while sharing juggling trivia and anecdotes, Joel teaches attendees how to juggle using his easy-to-learn 3 ½ step juggling method. Everyone will learn to juggle and have a great time. Joel provides practice sets for all attendees.

Zeemo

Science

Make Waves with Electricity & Magnetism! Dr. Zeemo’s program focuses on the relationship between electricity and magnetism. The development of new super power magnets in the future of energy generation is explored.

Please note: the Performer's Catalog does not include price information. If you are booking a performer through the Cooperative, we will negotiate the price for you. You will be informed of the price before any contract is signed. If you are booking on your own, you will be responsible for negotiating the price.