

**Mohawk Valley Library System and Upper Hudson Library System present
Summer Reading Program Planning Workshop 2013
Schenectady County Public Library – March 7, 2013
Performer's Showcase**

- 11:20 am - 11:28 am Janie Schwab, Dudley Observatory
Performance Name: StarLab Portable Planetarium
Type of Program : Astronomy, Science, Story-telling
Brief Description: Dudley Observatory's outreach astronomers bring the Starlab portable planetarium to libraries, schools, and other venues to offer a variety of programs on topics about the night sky: constellations, the solar system, moon phases, seasons, Greek mythology and Native American constellations.
Special Notes: Price range: \$150 - \$450 – negotiable.

<http://www.dudleyobservatory.org/>
Dudley Observatory
107 Nott Terrace, Suite 201
Schenectady, NY 12308
518-382-7583
jschwab@dudleyobservatory.org
- 11:30 am - 11:38 am Ira Marcks
Performance Name: Adventures in Comics & Visual Storytelling
Type of Program: Visual Storytelling: exploring the art of comics and cartooning.
Brief Description: This is a workshop about exploring creativity using the medium of comics. The topics include brainstorming, storytelling, character design, learning to develop style and direct action. Students work together developing plots, sharing options and having fun while expressing themselves. Get ready for jam comics, character mash-ups, retro collages, story maps, and more unpredictable things! A great experience for students with an interest in comics, art, illustration, design, gaming, movies and other methods of storytelling.
Special Notes: Price range: Jam Comic Workshop - \$150 (3 hour workshop) plus materials, mileage, etc. Cartooning Camp and other multi session formats: \$35+/hr plus materials, mileage, etc.

<http://www.iramarcks.com>
28 Eagle Street
Troy, NY 12180
207-952-2473
iramarcks@gmail.com
- 11:40 am - 11:48 am Tim Van Egmond
Performance Name: The Wonder Underground
Type of Program: Folksinging and storytelling for children and families.
Brief Description: Have your summer readers “dig into” an exciting adventure with a lively participatory program of multicultural folk tales and songs about digging, gardening and going underground! Stories include: *How Br'er Rabbit Outsmarted the Frogs* (by getting them to dig a deep grave for a seemingly dead Br'er Raccoon),

Talk (coming very unexpectedly from some yams in a West African garden), and *Todo O Nada – All Or Nothing* (a spooky story about a hidden treasure cave). Songs include: *Ground Hog, I Was a Mole In the Ground*, and *The Garden Song*.

Special Notes: Price range: \$350 - \$400 plus .35 cents per mile, negotiable – especially with block-bookings.

118 East Chestnut Hill Road
Montague, MA 01351
413-367-9304 Home
413-221-5156 Cell
tim@timvanegmond.com

- 11:50 am - 11:58 am Jody Scalise
Performance Name: Words Alive
Type of Program: Performance
Brief Description: This is a Bagatelle of mime sketches from books, poetry, prose and improvisation.
Special Notes: Price range: \$275 - \$450

<http://www.jodyscalisee.com>
32 Charlemont Road
Charlemont, MA 01339
413-625-2403
jodyscalise@gmail.com

- 2:45 pm - 2:53 pm Anita Sanchez
Performance Name: Digging Into History
Type of Program: Participatory exploration of history: What it was like to be a kid 200 years ago.
Brief Description: Kids will use and handle real objects – tools and toys of the past – to find out what it was like to play, work, and go to school two centuries ago.
Special Notes: For any age, especially suitable for grades 2-4. Price range: \$100 per session.

418 Merry Road
Amsterdam, NY 12010
518-842-9305
anitasanchez123@gmail.com

- 2:55 pm - 3:03 pm Rich Kuperberg
Performance Name: Clown Red and The How To Book
Type of Program: Physical character mime/music/clowning.
Brief Description: Through mime, clowning, music and theater Rich proves that being able to read can open the door to many special skills, such as juggling, playing guitar, banjo, mime, dance, puppetry and more.
Special Notes: Price range: \$300 - \$350 for one hour show.

<http://notjustmime.com>
7 View Ave.
West Sand Lake, NY 12196
518-674-8715
Komotion@notjustmime.com

- 3:05 pm - 3:13 pm Jackie Reynolds

Performance Name: Jackie the Magician's Underground Magic, Puppets and Balloons

Type of Program: Interactive magic show with puppets, ventriloquism and balloon sculptures.

Brief Description: Families of all kinds, shapes and sizes travel underground and around town to discover the hidden magic of books. Jackie the Magician's comedy magic show brings educational laughs to library and school audiences with a combination of puppets, ventriloquism and amazing balloon creations. She is a multi-award winning family entertainer with 21 years of experience bringing the magic of reading to families. Also available as Bee Bee the Clown. Price range: \$200 - \$350 Negotiable.

Special Notes: Also available: Hands-on Performance Skills Workshop: Elementary and middle schoolers learn balloon twisting, juggling basics, ventriloquism and magic in a 90 minute workshop.

<http://www.beebeetheclown.com>
11 Rowe Road
Red Hook, NY 12571
845-758-1938
beebeetheclown@frontiernet.net

- 3:13 pm - 3:23 pm Sandra Bauchiero

Performance Name: Aunt Helen's Closet

Type of Program: Performing Arts – Storyteller / Museum Approach to Education / Multi cultural

Brief Description: Aunt Helen's Closet is a performance based on a real woman from 1909. Helen Fitzgerald embarked on adventures, collected artifacts, and changed history from the 1930's to the 1990's. In the performance, audience members are actively engaged by donning Aunt Helen's authentic clothing and jewelry. The chronicle of her incredible journey is Aunt Helen's Closet, A Museum Approach To Education.

Price: \$350 a performance

Special Notes: Mileage negotiable for outside of the Capital District.

<http://www.aunthelenscloset.com>
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