

***Mohawk Valley Library System and Upper Hudson Library System present***

***Summer Reading Program Planning Workshop 2011***

***Schenectady County Public Library – March 3, 2011***

***Performer's Showcase***

- 10:20 am – 10:28 am Mark Shepard  
**Performance Name:** Drum Song Story  
**Type of Program:** Multi-Cultural Storytelling and Original Songs support a number of themes and subjects  
**Brief Description:** DrumSongStory family concerts combine traditional folktales and original stories; drums around the world; original songs; Central Asian Overtone singing; African yodeling and throat whistling. Programs are appropriate for all ages and can be tailored to serve a wide range of themes and topics.  
**Special Notes:** I also have a program for parents called: "Bully Proof Your Child"  
  
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203-804-1208  
www.MarkShepard.com
  
- 10:30 am – 10:38 am Brian Kaiser and Jaqui Hauser  
**Performance Name:** The Studio for Art and Craft  
**Type of Program:** craft  
**Brief Description:** The Studio offers a choice of programs to fit different age groups and budgets. Suggested media for projects aligned with One World Many Stories and You Are Here include crafting jewelry, sculpting with clay, fused glass window hangers, pottery painting and mosaics.  
  
[http://www.thestudioforartandcraft.com/  
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- 10:40 am - 10:48 am Bernadette Hoffman  
**Performance Name:** Wildlife Education by Bernie  
**Type of Program:** Live Animals & Artifacts Presentation- Nature/Science  
**Brief Description:** Connecting kids to wildlife by touching and learning. Present three species of exotic animals and/or native wildlife, educational game followed by real animal artifacts. The program ends with questions and touch time. this summer the program: "Animal Stories- Myths, Legends, Fact or Fiction" will feature amazing stories about various animals around the world.  
  
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- 10:50 am - 10:58 am Thomas Jones  
**Performance Name:** Crime Scene Investigation (CSI for Kids) or Intro to Forensic Science (teens)

**Type of Program:** Introductory Science

**Brief Description:** These programs introduce the fascinating world of crime scene investigation in an age-appropriate manner. We use only real “CSI” equipment and supplies. The programs incorporate several hands-on activities and a few demonstrations that pack a lot of “wow” moments. I can tailor the program (types of evidence covered, program length, age range) to the library’s needs .

**Special Notes:** The younger kids programs are always popular, but it is the reaction of teens that has surprised a lot of librarians in the past. While teens can be a difficult crowd (I have my own teen son), they are almost universally engaged in these programs because they are appropriately challenging, while being cool. I believe that these programs fit into this summer’s reading program because they foster a desire to learn more. A lot of kids have left my programs wanting to find books on crime scene investigation or mysteries, and many have said that they love to write mystery stories and that what they have learned will help them with that.

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Northville, NY 12134

518-863-3251 or 815-501-1460 (cell, and yes, it is supposed to be 815)

- 2:30 pm - 2:38 pm        Jeff Boyer

**Performance Name:** A Scientist's Trip Around the World

**Type of Program:** Science & History

**Brief Description:** This is a spectacular exploration covering the stories of scientists around the world including their discoveries and inventions. Jeff Boyer takes audiences on a trip full of fun science facts and demonstrations. Volunteers are needed for this journey so bring a sense of adventure and be ready to lend a hand.

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Palenville, NY 12463

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- 2:40 pm - 2:48 pm        Andes Manta

**Performance Name:** Andes Manta

**Type of Program:** Music and Culture of The Andes

**Brief Description:** Renowned for their energy and captivating stage presence, Andes Manta is also widely recognized for the brilliance of their musicianship. The members of Andes Manta play over 35 different instruments ranging from six foot long panpipes and Andean flutes to goat toenail rattles and Spanish guitars. Throughout their dynamic performances, they weave the story of their culture and music in a captivating dialog, including student participation on stage.

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- 2:50 pm - 2:58 pm        Sylvie Wickstrom Kantorovitz

**Performance Name:** Books, Potatoes and Funny Faces

**Type of Program:** author/illustrator

**Brief Description:** I will read from my book GO TO BED, MONSTER, show how to turn potato shapes into funny faces, draw a scene suggested by audience and, if time allows, read a bit more. Questions, comments, conversations always welcome.

**Special Notes:** This is a very interactive session. It is suitable for all ages but especially good for the very young ones and their parents. Also good for older kids interested in illustration. I would happily consider a session for older kids with emphasis on drawing and sharing some illustrators' simple techniques.

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- 3:00 pm – 3:08 pm The Storycrafters

**Performance Name:** The Storycrafters

**Type of Program:** musical storytelling

**Brief Description:** Award-winning, internationally renowned musical storytelling duo presents a lively, participatory program of folktales from around the world. Stories chosen from a 20+ hour repertoire specifically for the age make-up of the audience on any given day, giving you a custom performance every time.

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