

**Mohawk Valley Library System and Upper Hudson Library System present  
Summer Reading Program Planning Workshop 2015  
Schenectady County Public Library – February 12, 2015  
Performer's Showcase**

- 2:50 pm - 2:58 pm **Jester Jim Show**

**Performance Name:** The Jester Jim Show

**Type of Program:** Comedy juggling and beatbox show

**Brief Description:** 3 times in a row the Jester Jim Show has won the award for best family entertainment. His nonstop fast past juggling show is filled with beatboxing, balancing, and tons of laugh out loud antics. With over 500 library appearances across the east coast Jim knows exactly how to get your library excited about reading.

**Special Notes:** Price range: \$500-\$600; Negotiable

As the husband of a Children's librarian I know every library has a different budget they are working with. I never want that to be the reason someone doesn't use me. I work hard to fit into every library budget.

**Website:** [www.jesterjim.com](http://www.jesterjim.com)

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- 3:00 pm- 3:08 pm **miSci Museum**

**Performance Name:** miSci @ My Library

**Type of Program:** Hands-on STEM programs and Starlab programs

**Brief Description:** Let miSci, a leader in STEM education, bring a variety of hands-on programs and planetarium shows to you.

**Special Notes:** Price range: \$400 per program plus travel expenses

**Website:** <http://www.misci.org>

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- 3:10 pm- 3:18 pm **Henry the Juggler/A Passion for Birds**

**Performance Name:** Henry the Juggler/A Passion for Birds

**Type of Program:** Comedy juggling show and educational bird show

**Brief Description:** *Henry the Juggler* (AKA Henry Lappen) is wanted! He is wanted by audiences everywhere for his zany attempts to defy the laws of gravity. He juggles any number of balls, clubs, rings, members of the audience . . . He balances strange items on the tip of his nose. Everything is accomplished wordlessly as Henry uses body language (and road signs!) to express himself.

*"A Passion for Birds"* is a unique, interpretive program which helps people to understand and connect with birds and other wildlife. Using masks, comedy, and lots of audience participation, artist Henry Lappen explores how and why birds have

adapted to their environment. He explains the science while demonstrating how the birds move and act.

**Special Notes:** Price range: \$425. \$100 Block booking discount available, Travel cost approximately \$50.

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- 3:20 pm- 3:28 pm **RiverJackZ**

**Performance Name:** RiverJack Z

**Type of Program:** Songwriting workshop or performance

**Brief Description:** Create a song with RiverJack Z of The Zucchini Brothers. During a 75-minute session, we'll explore the craft of songwriting by writing and recording a song that is uniquely our own, based on a theme. We'll work cooperatively to form a musical composition by: brainstorming ideas, writing lyrics, composing a melody, and gaining personal experience with the creative process. The song is then rehearsed and recorded, and the library receives a CD recording containing our song (as well as an online downloadable Mp3 version to share with family and friends!). Also available for Zucchini Brothers concert!

**Special Notes:** Price range: \$225 - \$525. RiverJack Z is perfect for kids 6-7 years old (1st graders) to 115! As long as you can read, sing and have a good time... :-)  
Parents are most certainly invited and encouraged to be a part of it...definitely can be a family event for kids of all ages.

**Website:** [www.riverjackz.com](http://www.riverjackz.com)

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