

KIDS, BOOKS AND THE ARTS ROSTER 2019
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Arts Discipline: **Music**

Program Descriptions: Three Programs available

Steve Blunt (solo): “Rock-It at the Library—with Steve Blunt!”

Blast off on a musical journey that’s out of this world! Award-winning children’s musician, Steve Blunt, delivers a little rock ‘n’ roll & lots of fun for the whole family. For summer reading 2019, Steve performs a mix of original tunes & familiar standards—with at least a bit of space-themed material. “There’s a Universe of Stories—at the Library!” is a sci-fi song with a new wave beat that will have earthlings of all ages singing and dancing along. This highly interactive presentation fosters musical participation in a variety of modes: singing, listening, clapping, fingerplay, large motor movement, etc.—because kids who make music make stellar readers!

Steve Blunt & Marty Kelley (duo) “Let’s Rock ‘n’ Roll & Read!”

Sing-along, read-aloud, laugh-a-lot fun—with original songs & stories for the whole family! For summer reading 2019, Steve & Marty perform “There’s a Universe of Stories—at the Library!” and a mix of folk-rockin’ tunes on a variety of musical instruments—including guitar, harmonica, congas, spoons & more. Marty reads several of his crowd-pleasing books, such as *Summer Stinks* and *Almost Everybody Farts*--with projected illustrations. Together, this award-winning children’s musician and best-selling author/illustrator keep earthlings of all ages singing, reading & laughing along--with imagination, humor & plenty of audience participation.

Steve Blunt & Friends (band) “Rockin’ Kids’ Music for the Whole Family!”

Dance to the music--and be a rockin’ reader! Award-winning children’s musician, Steve Blunt, brings the band to perform songs from his repertoire of original tunes--including “There’s a Universe of Stories—at the Library!” This spaced-out crew of musical friends features author/illustrator, Marty Kelley, on drums & harmonica; Berklee grad, Joe Pierog, on bass; and Noelle Boc, the Singing Librarian, on tambourine & ukulele--with shaker eggs & jingle bells for all to play. With catchy tunes & lively rhythms for singing & dancing, Steve Blunt & Friends rock the library with a high-energy show that’s sure to keep the crowd movin’ & groovin’ along!

Length of program: 45-60 minutes

Program suited for: Ages 0-10

Program can be performed: Indoors or outdoors (For shows with Marty Kelley, an indoor space is needed to project his illustrations. Outdoor shows are all music—no readings.)

Fee: \$300 solo, \$450 duo, \$600 band

Mileage charge: \$0.25 per mile

Block booking rates available

Performance space requirements: Electrical outlet & performance space; for duo performance with Marty Kelley, a small cart or table and screen are requested.

Link to online video: <https://youtu.be/ueFmPnXqsig>

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CACTUSHEAD PUPPETS

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Program Description:

The Bremen Town Musicians

What are a donkey, a dog, a cat and a rooster to do when they have to leave the farm? Try and become world famous musicians, of course! Join CactusHead Puppets for the hilarious tale of four farm animals who set out on the road to Bremen to pursue their dreams of fame and fortune, and come together to create beautiful music and a new home.

After the performance, puppeteers John and Megan Regan lead a puppetry demonstration and audience Q & A.

Length of Program: 45 minutes

Program Suited for: Ages 4 to 12

Program can be performed: Indoors

Fee: \$400

Mileage Charge: Federal rate

Block booking rates available

Performance Space Requirements: A smooth, flat floor space 11 ft. wide by 8 ft. deep with at least 8 ft. high ceilings and access to an electric outlet.

Workshop Description:

Shadow Puppet Workshop: This workshop begins with a demonstration of different types of puppets, focusing on shadow puppets. We then provide instruction and materials for all the participants to create their own shadow puppet. Once the puppets are complete, we offer training in basic puppet performance, and each participant gets a chance to demonstrate their puppet for the group as part of a short puppet parade.

Length of Workshop: One hour

Workshop Suited for: Ages 5 and up

Number of Participants: Maximum of 25

Fee for One Performance and One Workshop: \$500

Workshop Space Requirements: Table space for each participant

Link to online video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PsQtgAfoop4>

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Arts Discipline: **Juggling, Comedy & Variety**

Program Description:

Dubbed as “The Human Variety Show,” Steve Corning has become renowned across the Northeast for his off-beat comedy and unique juggling and escape stunts, that you won’t see performed anywhere else in this universe! These include juggling totally random objects from the audience, re-creating a 100-year-old Houdini escape, juggling 2 machetes and 1 balloon sword at the same time, fitting his entire body through a tennis racket, and balancing a ladder (and other dangerous items) on his face. Since age 17 Steve has performed his crazy, show-stopping stunts all across the United States, and even internationally on Disney Cruise Line. If you are looking for non-stop excitement and laughs for the whole family, this one-of-a-kind show has it all!

Length of Program: 45 minutes

Program Suited for: All ages

Program can be performed: Indoors or Outdoors

Fee: \$400

Mileage Charge: 50 cents a mile

Block booking rates available

Performance Space Requirements: A performance space and electricity. Small indoor stage or open indoor space with high ceilings is preferred, Steve’s show is pretty adaptable and he can work with just about any situation indoors or outdoors.

Workshop Description:

Have you ever wanted to learn to juggle? Now is your chance! Professional juggler and touring performer Steve Corning will provide a fun, high-energy juggling demo, followed by hands-on instruction and lessons for all ages and skill types. Juggling is not only a great skill to show your friends, but it also can become an exhilarating hobby, and it’s a healthy exercise for both the body and mind. Don’t miss out on this opportunity to learn an awesome new skill!

Length of Workshop: One hour
anyone is welcome

Workshop Suited for: Ages 8 and older is ideal, but

Number of Participants: maximum 25 in most situations

Fee for One Performance (30 min) and One Workshop (30 min): \$450 plus travel

Workshop Space Requirements: Almost any space will work - 8 ft+ ceilings and adequate space for attendees to spread out is preferred.

Link to online video:

<http://stevecorning.com/index.html>

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Program Description:

Hampstead Stage's interactive educational tours run year-round and are performed by two professional actors, each playing multiple roles. Our scripts are original adaptations, based directly on literary classics, and include children and adults from the audience. We travel to your space and bring our own realistic sets and costumes, designed using extensive historical research, which are flexible enough to fit into any assembly/performance space.

Programs for Summer 2019 - You may book one performance or both!

The Jungle Book – Rudyard Kipling's novel, *The Jungle Book*, comes to life as Mowgli, an abandoned "man cub" raised by wolves, embarks on an adventure in the jungle. He meets Baloo the bear and Bagheera the black panther, who guide him on his journey. Mowgli must escape from Kaa, the python, and defeat Shere Khan, the tiger. Join us on a daring quest of discovering the importance of family and a heroic battle of good versus evil. Ages 5+

Stories in the Stars – Soar through the stars in this compilation of Greek Myths! Travel the night sky and explore various constellations and legends about why there are in the sky. Audiences will delight in learning stories of the wind, seasons, sun, and moon. This new play is designed specifically for the Summer Reading theme "A Universe of Stories". Ages 5+

Length of Program: 45 to 55 minutes followed by a brief Q & A session

Program suited for: ages 5 and up

Program can be performed: Indoors Only. We have beautiful, brand new sets that cannot accommodate wind or outside elements. We could consider a covered outdoor stage but must be approved by our office. Contact our office to discuss your specific needs.

Fee: \$375

Mileage Charge: none

Performance Space Requirements: We need a minimum space of 12' x 12' and 7' tall. Community rooms, meeting rooms, town halls, etc. are ideal. Our set is very adjustable and can be made to fit into most spaces.

Workshop Description: We have several workshops to choose from including the following: *Building a Performance, Animal Physicality, Creating a Character, Improvisation, and Stage Combat*. For detailed descriptions, please go to our website and click on Workshops!

Length of Workshop: 45 minutes

Workshop suited for: See website for information about age suitability each specific workshop. We can accommodate ages 5-adult.

Number of participants: maximum of 35 students

Fee for one performance and one workshop: \$475

Workshop Space Requirements: An open space that will accommodate the number of anticipated students. We recommend a minimum space of 12'x12'. Workshops can be led outdoors.

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Arts Discipline: **Music**

Program Description:

Mr. Aaron Solo: Intergalactic Music Spectacular!

Join New Hampshire Magazine's "Best Children's Performer of 2018", Mr. Aaron, on a thrilling musical journey through a universe of music! Mr. Aaron is all set to blast off in his music-powered space ship, but he needs your help! With a count-down and a big drum roll from the audience, we'll blast off into a universe of music with interstellar songs, and a wide variety of instruments: the guitar, harmonica, saxophone, djembe, and more. The music begins on earth, but once we get into outer space we will let our imaginations run wild and see where the journey takes us. This highly interactive program encourages audience participation. As we travel through a universe of music, we'll sing together, dance together, learn about the earth and space exploration, and we'll work together to create our own space-themed song to sing that brings us back home to earth at the end, based on audience ideas. Kids of ALL ages will be singing and dancing along.

Mr. Aaron Duo: (Mr. Aaron and Blake Wayman or Eric Bilodeau)

Hosting a Mr. Aaron Duo opens up a whole other world of sonic possibility and musical fun! Featuring Mr. Aaron and either Blake Wayman on percussion, or Eric Bilodeau on guitar, a Mr. Aaron Duo expands on the "Intergalactic Music Spectacular" program, with more instruments and opportunities for the audience to play and get creative. Blake Wayman brings many kinds of drums, and a special "drum-guitar", and also affords an opportunity for audience members to participate and drum along. Eric Bilodeau adds guitar and mandolin to the mix, giving Mr. Aaron the ability to break out his djembe, cajon, and other drums, to allow audience participation.

The Mr. Aaron Band

Want to really go interstellar? Bring in the Mr. Aaron Band! It's the core "Intergalactic Music Spectacular" program, but with a full band to allow even more fun. The band is great for larger events or parties, but also works well for a regular summer reading program. Kids get a chance to check out the instruments of the band, and have a great time in Mr. Aaron's universe of music.

Length of Program: 45 minutes to one hour

Program Suited for: Ages 0-10

Program can be performed: Indoors or Outdoors

Fee: Solo \$300 Duo \$400 Full Band \$500

Mileage Charge: \$.25 per mile

Block booking rates available

Performance Space Requirements: Space for kids to sit, dance and move, and a table for Aaron's supplies.

Workshop Description:

Songwriting and Instrument Building with Mr. Aaron!

Bring recycled materials like cardboard boxes, jugs, sticks, and cans, and create your own musical instrument! We'll talk about how music works, learn about some of Mr. Aaron's instruments, and then see what we can build to make a band out of our recycled materials. We'll also learn about songwriting—how songs are structured, elements of song—and write our own song together, as a group, using our recycled instruments.

Length of Workshop: 45-60 minutes

Workshop Suited for: Ages 2-10 and their grown-ups (to help the young ones)

Number of Participants: up to 15 children (more possible with adult helpers)

Fee for One Performance and One Workshop: \$550

Workshop Space Requirements: Tables and chairs for kids to sit and build their instruments

Link to online video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xexjul MCSs>

<https://www.youtube.com/c/MrAaron>

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Program Description:

Everyone from elementary school kids to senior citizens enjoy Bryson Lang's interactive, family-friendly Comedy-Juggling show. Bryson uses ball-spinning, flying sombreros, giant bouncing rings, object manipulation, original comedy and audience participation for a unique and visual entertainment experience. He combines performance to music and comedy to create an exciting, interactive show. You will definitely see things you've never seen before and you'll be laughing along the way. The *Reno Gazette Journal* said, "A talented juggler who wins the audience with his charm." *Tahoe Spotlight Magazine* called him, "Outstanding and a fast-paced mix of world-class juggling and comedy!" He's technical, he's fun, he's silly and he's entertaining. Come see why Bryson Lang is "The Cure for the Common Show!"

Length of Program: 45 to 50 minutes

Program Suited for: All ages

Program can be performed: Indoors or Outdoors

Fee: \$425

Mileage Charge: No

Block booking rates available

Performance Space Requirements: One electrical outlet and ideally a 15' x 15' space to perform. The higher the ceiling the better for a more dynamic show, but if it isn't available, Bryson can adapt to a low ceiling without a problem.

Workshop Description:

Bryson will teach the fundamentals of the basic juggling pattern step by step, as well as a few basic tricks and moves. Bryson begins with the whole group and then focuses on those individuals who need extra assistance.

Length of Workshop: 45 minutes

Workshop Suited for: All ages

Number of Participants: Maximum of 100

Fee for One Performance and One Workshop: \$500

Workshop Space Requirements: Library needs to provide three plastic grocery bags for each workshop participant.

Link to online video:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/brysonlang/videos>

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Program Description:

Get ready to blast off with a program that's completely out of this world!! Not since the Big Bang have audiences had this much fun. This fast-paced show harmoniously combines George's playful persona with jaw-dropping magic, lighthearted humor, captivating storytelling and plenty of audience participation. Your audience will be taken on a voyage at warp speed, to infinity and beyond, as they watch LIVE BIRDS appear, a cartoon extraterrestrial become animated and a member of the audience defy gravity by floating in midair!

Patrons, young and old, will be inspired to learn more about magic and how to utilize the universe of library resources on their quest to reach for the stars.

Having appeared on the "CBS Early Show", at Universal Studios' City Walk and Sesame Street's "Fun to be One" celebration, George has performed in over 32 countries across six continents entertaining audiences with his unique style of magic.

Length of Program: 45 to 50 minutes

Program Suited for: Ages 5 to 105

Program can be performed: Indoors or Outdoors

Fee: \$425

Mileage Charge: No

Block booking rates available

Performance Space Requirements: Access to an electrical outlet. Performance space approximately 12 ft. by 8 ft. or larger is preferred.

Workshop Description:

Build Your Own Magic Show! In this workshop, children will construct their own magic tricks using everyday household objects and be encouraged to read and learn more about magic and the history of famous magicians from the past. Participants will build the confidence to perform for their family and friends and also discover that sharing their magic will create continuing opportunities to form friendships.

Length of Workshop: one hour

Workshop Suited for: Ages 8 and up

Number of Participants: Maximum of 20

Fee for One Performance and One Workshop: \$675

Workshop Space Requirements: Table space and adequate seating for all participants.

Link to online video:

www.vimeo.com/magicbygeorge/chilis

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Program Description:

For 2019's "A Universe of Stories" Space Theme Judy has updated her beloved "Take Me to Your Reader" musical program. Take Me to Your Reader is the story – told in narrative and song- of an alien who wants to come to earth to learn to read. The program begins with the title song, featuring the lyrics

"And he said, "Take me to your reader, 'cause I'm in search of a leader,
Somebody's all that I need, oh who can teach me to read
And I would sure like to meet her, or him.

Oh he said, "Take me to your reader, it could be Mary or Peter (names change throughout the live performance as Judy names children from the audience),

And I don't care how he looks as long as she can read books!"

He said, "Take me to your reader, Oh yeah!"

The story progresses as Judy shares various books with the alien...everything from nursery rhyme books (Song: Yucky) to chapter books like "Where the Wild Things Are" (Song: Wild One) and comic books (Song: Superman Can.) The program also includes a couple of brand new songs by Judy, including "Girl on the Moon" in honor of the 50th anniversary of the moon landing. Songs in a wide range of styles point children to books in a wide range of categories. In all, this concert program is 45-60 minutes of musical fun, interaction, dancing and learning, and it's all centered on books. If you have room at your library, or if this is an outdoor performance, Judy may be accompanied by her fabulous teen dancers, the Judy Crew. Look for them in the video. Perfect for your library's journey into the universe next summer!

Length of program: 45-60 minutes

Program suited for: Ages 5-9 (younger and older ages also welcome)

Program can be performed: Indoors or outdoors

Fee: \$350

Mileage charge: none

Block booking rates available

Performance space requirements: Electricity and 8' x 6' area to set up piano and sound system.

Workshop Description:

Next summer Judy and her collaborator Jocelyn Duford (Fairy Tale Players) are offering a summer long theatrical experience at your library, culminating in a performance of Judy's brand new original musical play, GIRL ON THE MOON. Judy and Jocelyn will visit your library once a week for six weeks to work with children on learning the play, making the sets and costumes, and, finally, staging the show as a culminating event for your summer reading program.

GIRL ON THE MOON is the story of Marty, a girl (between the ages of 11-15) who wants to be an astronaut when she grows up. It is set on July 20, 1969, and Marty has invited her best friends over for a sleep-over to watch the moon landing. Of course, at that time there were no female astronauts, and, as Marty and her friends discuss that evening, opportunities for girls are limited. But they still have their dreams, and with the landing of Neil Armstrong on the moon, they are inspired to go forward and make their dreams come true.

The play has main roles for five girls and three boys, plus a chorus of as many children as would like to be involved. The show will be cast on the first week, and the cast rehearsal schedule will be determined by the children's summer schedules.

If you are interested in this summer-long program, Judy and Jocelyn will provide you will a complete outline of how it can be accomplished at your library.

Length of Each Workshop: two hours (with a 10-15 minute snack break)

Workshop Suited for: Ages 7-17

Number of Participants: Maximum of 20

Fee for Six Week Program: \$1500

Workshop Space Requirements: A meeting room for rehearsals.

Link to online video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mKQVvE1V5cM>

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MODERN TIMES THEATER

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Theatre

Program Description: The Perils of Mr. Punch: Episode 211, “The Astronut”

“The Perils of Mr. Punch” follows the troubles and travails of puppetry’s favorite loudmouths, Punch and Judy. In the latest episode, Mr. Punch attempts to be the first puppet to go to space. Of course nothing ever goes right—his wife Judy is more than happy to see him go, his rocket ship is made of cardboard, and crocodiles appear around every corner. The skillfully operated hand puppets are chock full of surprises and tricks, as is the elaborate stage. The show is rounded out with live music played on a variety of instruments, from the ukulele to the bicycle pump. It’s a low-tech old-time spectacle, entertaining to people of all ages: from one to one hundred.

Modern Times Theater has been adapting and updating Punch and Judy shows for over a decade. Co-founders Rose Friedman and Justin Lander are a husband and wife duo, producers of the award winning Vermont Vaudeville and alumni of the Bread and Puppet Theater. Parents themselves, they strive to present quality entertainment that the whole family can enjoy. Librarians say Modern Times Theater "engages all ages with their superb talent, wit and enthusiasm", and "you must, must see them in person"!

Length of program: 45 minutes

Program suited for: Ages 3 and up

Program can be performed: Indoors or outdoors

Fee: \$400

Mileage charge: \$.50 per mile

Block booking rates available

Performance space requirements: Access to an electrical outlet and a performing area measuring 6 x 8 feet minimum, with an 8-foot ceiling.

Workshop Description: Junk Music and Sound Experimentation

Music is everywhere, if you know how to listen for it: right outside the window, coming out of our clothing, and available in the objects of everyday life. In this workshop, participants are guided through a series of listening exercises, rhythm games, and sound improvisations to develop the ear, as well as to gain experience in being part of an ensemble. Participants will then learn to make a variety of functioning musical instruments and noisemakers from common household items and garbage. For both the accomplished musician as well as the novice, these explorations of the uses of non-traditional sound are accessible and fun. Justin Lander, a life-long Junk Musician and author of *How to Make Junk Instruments*, has been leading junk music workshops for over ten years. He is a co-founder of Modern Times Theatre and Vermont Vaudeville. He also plays the bicycle pump.

Length of workshop: 1 hour

Workshop suited for: Ages 7 and up

Number of participants: 5-25

Fee for workshop: \$200 plus mileage

Workshop space requirements: An open room and a table.

Link to online video: <http://hctv.us/2017/09/modern-times-theater-presents-punches-predicament/>

