

# CENTRAL TEXAS PERFORMERS AND SPEAKERS

**Does your library, school, church, youth group, club or corporation need an educational, entertaining performer, author or speaker?** This list includes over 200 special program presenters for audiences from children to adults, to teachers, clubs and organizations. While inclusion on the list is not an endorsement, we strive for quality talent. To add or correct this list, contact Suzan.Nyfeler@ctls.net or call 512-583-0704 x17. The list is available online at [www.CTLS.net](http://www.CTLS.net). *Updated February 10, 2010.*

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NAME	TALENT or TOPIC	CONTACT INFO	EMAIL	FEES	AUDIENCE	DESCRIPTION
<b>2 tone</b>		See Cindy Horstman				
<b>9-1-1 Safety Education</b>	Safety Education	<a href="http://www.911.state.tx.us/">http://www.911.state.tx.us/</a>		Free	Children	9-1-1 for Kids Children's Educational Program. Ask about educational print materials, videos in English and Spanish and a walkaround costume of Red E. Fox, the 9-1-1 mascot. Regional offices serve different counties. Check website for details.
<b>Abdou, Bob</b>	Puppetry	See Mr. Puppet				
<b>Allen, Tricia</b>	Writing	2423 S. Vernon St., Dallas 75224; 214/467-8201; <a href="http://www.longhorncreekpress.com">www.longhorncreekpress.com</a>	<a href="mailto:tallen99@prodigy.net">tallen99@prodigy.net</a>	Call	Children Teens Adults	I have several speeches: 1. How to Write a Book with No Time and No Plan, but a Few Simple Rules: How Stories Write Themselves. For adults, high school and middle school students interested in writing. 2. Writing Historical Fiction. For adults and high school students interested in writing. 3. Storytime. For young listeners, I tell the story from my book, "The Children Under the Playhouse". 4. Building Suspense. Using examples from popular fiction, I show methods authors use to leave the reader on the edge of their seat.
<b>Amazing Aaron</b>	Juggling	Aaron DaMommio; 512-762-4326	<a href="mailto:aaron@damommio.com">aaron@damommio.com</a>	Around \$150 per show	Ages 4 to 15	Balls, clubs, rings fly through the air when the Amazing Aaron takes the stage, and each new prop has a toryt to go with it.
<b>Amazing Attractions</b>	Music Drama Storytelling Juggling	PO Box 543031, Dallas 75354-3031; 214/720-2262; <a href="http://www.amazingattractions.com">www.amazingattractions.com</a>	<a href="mailto:entertainers@amazingattractions.com">entertainers@amazingattractions.com</a>	\$125 per show	Children Teens Adults	Amazing Attractions is a co-op of entertainers based in Dallas and features magicians, illusionists, clowns, jugglers, caricature artists, and mimes. Please see individual entries for a description of the presentations offered by each performer.
<b>American Cancer Society</b>	Health Education	Austin Area office, 512-919-1800; Bryan Area office, 979-776-1463; Waco Area office, 254-753-0806; <a href="http://www.cancer.org">www.cancer.org</a>		Free	Children Teens Adults	Patient/Family Education Programs: I Can Cope, Coping with Breast Cancer, Man to Man, Look Good...Feel Better.
<b>American Chamber Brass</b>	Music	James Sims; 3208 Lipscomb St., Fort Worth 76110; 817/922-9109; <a href="mailto:jalasims@swbell.net">jalasims@swbell.net</a> ; <a href="http://www.americanchamberbrass.com">www.americanchamberbrass.com</a>	<a href="mailto:jalasims@swbell.net">jalasims@swbell.net</a>	Call	Children Teens Adults	This brass quartet has a wide repertoire, from light classical to pop, patriotic, or Big Band. Also does educational shows for all school ages.

<b>American Red Cross</b>	Health Education	Central Texas Red Cross, 2218 Pershing Drive, Austin TX 78723; 512-929-1294; mail@centex.redcross.org; http://www.centex.redcross.org; Heart of Texas Area Red Cross, 4224 Cobbs Dr., Waco TX 76710, 254-776-8362, www.redcross.org	<a href="mailto:mail@centex.redcross.org">mail@centex.redcross.org</a>	Free	Children Teens Adults	
<b>Anderson, Carl</b>	Storytelling, literacy promotion	3701 Highland View, Austin, TX 78731; 512-374-1485; carl@thistlemouse.com; www.thistlemouse.com	<a href="mailto:carl@thistlemouse.com">carl@thistlemouse.com</a>	\$80-200	Children Adults	Animated audience participatory storytelling on given themes such as literacy promotion, imagination, etc.
<b>Arjet, Jessica</b>		See Penelope Foolish				
<b>Artell, Mike</b>	Cartoons, Author	P.O. Box 3997, Covington, LA 70434; 877-407-9730; mike@mikeartell.com; www.mikeartell.com	<a href="mailto:mike@mikeartell.com">mike@mikeartell.com</a>		Children Teens Adults	Mike travels to Texas to visit family. He comes highly recommended from area libraries.
<b>Austin Arachnological Services</b>	Spiders and Arachnids	Dave Moellendorf; PO Box 684305; Austin TX 78768; 512-385-1149; porchgrey@aol.com	<a href="mailto:porchgrey@aol.com">porchgrey@aol.com</a>	\$75 for up to 20 kids; \$100 flat fee after that in Greater Austin. Travel may increase fee (\$25 for 45 miles or more)	Children Teens Adults	Presentations involving living spiders and other arachnids, fossil relatives and natural history, importance in various cultures, conservation and identification of harmless and harmful species. Close up, interactive and hands on. Presentations usually take about an hour or so.
<b>Austin Reptile Service Tim Cole</b>	Reptiles and Amphibians	4500 Williams Drive, Suite 212-113, Georgetown TX 78628; 512-83-SNAKE or 512-837-6253; atrox13@verizon.net; www.austinreptileservice.net	<a href="mailto:atrox13@verizon.net">atrox13@verizon.net</a>	\$125 per program within 30 miles of Georgetown. Additional travel fees are \$25 (30-60 miles) and \$50 (60-100 miles)	Children Teens Adults	An interactive educational reptile and amphibian program with live specimens. We educate and entertain at the same time, focusing on snake identification and safety. A variety of indigenous (venomous and non-venomous) and exotics (good pets) are available depending on your needs. We can place emphasis on local snake identification, reptiles and amphibians that make good pets, or a combination. Audience: 5 years to adult. Program length: Usually 1 hour
<b>Austin SCWBI</b>		See SCWBI				
<b>Authors</b>	Authors Speakers			Varies	Children Teens Adults	<a href="http://www.TexasAuthorsSpeak.com">www.TexasAuthorsSpeak.com</a> ; <a href="http://www.TexasAuthors.org">www.TexasAuthors.org</a> ; <a href="http://www.TexasAuthorsGroup.com">www.TexasAuthorsGroup.com</a> ; <a href="http://www.TexasMysteryAuthors.net">www.TexasMysteryAuthors.net</a> ; <a href="http://www.cynthialeitichsmith.com/lit_resources/authors/texasauthor-ill.html">http://www.cynthialeitichsmith.com/lit_resources/authors/texasauthor-ill.html</a> ; see SCWBI;
<b>Bennett, Mary Frances Chupick</b>	Author Speaker	303 Riverhill Blvd., Kerville TX 78028; www.invitationtocatspring.com	<a href="mailto:ibbmfc@kctc.com">ibbmfc@kctc.com</a>	Varies	Children Teens Adults	Author of <a href="#">Invitation to Cat Spring</a> , a tale of the Moravian/Czech Texans, suitable for grades 7+
<b>Berman, Linda</b>		See The Incredible Bubble Show				

<b>Bethel, Hayward</b>	Storytelling	Bethel Hayward; 7202 Boniface Lane, Austin TX; 512-258-3511; www.haywardshumor.com; http://www.logsbaptistchurch.org/haywardhumor.html	<a href="mailto:haywardbethel@sbcglobal.net">haywardbethel@sbcglobal.net</a>	\$200 + mileage @ 40 cents per mile	All ages	Shows are performed either on a simple stage set, or in a normal setting and are comprised of multicultural tales, inspirational /humorous storytelling and song. Each character has a unique personality and voice. Audience participation is appreciated and encouraged, especially with younger children. Content of shows is directed toward kids but can be equally appealing to adults.
<b>Blanton, Steve</b>		See Turtle Discovery				
<b>Blasing, George</b>		See Dinosaur George				
<b>Blue, MaryAnn</b>	Storyteller	4118 Chiselhurst, San Antonio TX 78247; 210-375-6702;	<a href="mailto:maryannblue@satx.rr.com">maryannblue@satx.rr.com</a>		Children Teens Adults	MaryAnn is a bilingual Texas storyteller and educator. For over 20 years she has used storytelling as a teaching tool. She has told stories at Texas Storytelling Festival, the National Storytelling Conference, and the George West Storyfest. She also offers workshops for teachers and librarians on using stories to teach oral language skills, teaching across the curriculum with stories, and using rhythm, rhyme, and repetition in language learning. MaryAnn has recorded two bilingual story CD's as well as stories in print.
<b>Bond, Trixie</b>	Magic	1108 Nicholson, Houston, Texas 77008; 281-242-3020; 713-249-3500; www.trixiebond.com	<a href="mailto:trixie@trixiebond.com">trixie@trixiebond.com</a>	\$325. Additional show, same day, same location, \$100), plus travel outside of Houston area. Discounts for library systems and multiple performances.	Children Teens Adults	Trixie Bond is a "magical" family entertainer. For the past 25 years she has performed her special magic show full-time, primarily for schools, libraries and family events. Each year she presents a specially designed reading show with magic, comedy, and audience participation. The main focus of her library show is to motivate children to check out books, to develop positive attitudes towards reading, and to attract new users to the library. The program, suitable for ages 3-12, is self-contained with all props, tables, a sound system, and always includes live doves and rabbits!
<b>Bonzo Crunch, Fool at Large</b>	Clown, Juggling, Music, Games, Balloons, Face Painting, Trick Roping	Rik Gern; 512-912-0067; www.bonzocrunch.com	<a href="mailto:bonzocrunch@sbcglobal.net">bonzocrunch@sbcglobal.net</a>		Children	Bonzo Crunch has been tickling funnybones since 1978. A veteran of the Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus, Bonzo has performed at the Old Settlers Bluegrass Festival, the Pecan Street Festival, the Governor's Mansion, Schlitterbahn & more. Bonzo currently divides his time between Austin and working as an advance clown for the Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus.
<b>Brave Combo</b>	World Dance Music	Lori Young, Brave Combo Booking & Band Assistant, lori@brave.com or hosadynagmail.com; www.brave.com/bo; 847-494-1091; PO Box 233, Denton TX		Call for pricing. TCA grants available.	Adults	If Brave Combo has a credo it is "Do Something Different." From the band's inception more than 25 years ago, they have dared to go musically where few musicians would - or could. From polka-tinged rock, pop, salsa and beyond, the two-time Grammy-winning Brave Combo has created a dizzying repertoire that thrills long-time fans and captivates curious newcomers.

<b>Brazos Valley SCBWI</b>		See SCBWI				
<b>Buddy and Tina Wright Group</b>	Music	Pat Wright; PO Box 3041, Lubbock TX; buddyandtina@earthlink.net; www.buddyandtina.com; 214-280-8419	<a href="mailto:buddyandtina@earthlink.net">buddyandtina@earthlink.net</a>	\$400 per school plus expenses. Discount for multiple programs. TCA grants available.	Children Adults	Our program takes students back in time of American music history. Since the early 1500's, people came to this country bringing with them instruments and ballads from their native homeland. We discuss the different styles of music and song as well as the instruments that were used throughout the period of 1500 to 1900 and how it has made an impact on American music to date.
<b>Burger, Tom</b>	Storytelling	7415 Navidad Rd., Houston 77083-3811; 281-568-2422; tom@tomtells.com; www.tomtells.com	<a href="mailto:tom@tomtells.com">tom@tomtells.com</a>	\$300 per performance + travel costs. Discounts for multiple bookings.	Children Teens Adults	"World Folk Tales" is an introduction to the kinds of stories young patrons can find in your 398.2 section. Selections illustrate principles of personal character and judgment. Programs range from 30 to 60 minutes, depending on age of the audience. The selection of stories varies with age group, and I can tailor my shows to what is most appropriate for your community.
<b>Burns, Brian</b>	Music Texas History, Folklore, Culture	Brian Burns, 2124 Churchill Downs, Arlington TX 76017; brianburnsmusic.com; bburns@sbcglobal.net; 214-354-1861;	<a href="mailto:bburns@sbcglobal.net">bburns@sbcglobal.net</a>	Varies	Children	Nothing ignites a student's historical interest more effectively (and infectiously) than songs and stories that bring the past stirringly back to life. Multiple award-winning Texas song stylist and balladeer Brian Burns presents <b><i>Once Upon A Time In Texas</i></b> , a live musical presentation for students of Texas History.
<b>Byrd, Jack</b>		See Performance With a Twist!				
<b>Camp Cookie Productions</b>	Music, Storytelling	PO Box 40184, Austin 78704; 512/267-7591; krwood@texannarecords.com; www.texasnnarecords.com	<a href="mailto:krwood@texannarecords.com">krwood@texannarecords.com</a>	\$500 Solo; \$1,200 Chuck wagon, 3 piece Cowboy Band	Children Adults	The history of the Texas Revolution in word and song covering all of the heroes from Davy Crockett to the Tejano and African American heroes of the fight for Texas freedom from Mexico. We also do a cowboy heritage program called "Camp Cookie" with 1880s chuck wagon camp that tells the stories of the Texas cattle drive era in song and tales.
<b>Carpenter, Devo</b>		See Devo the Clown and Trouble Puppet Theatre				
<b>Chicken Dog</b>	animals, clowning, drama, juggling, magic, music, puppetry, science, storytelling	Darren Peterson; 311 W. Mary St, Austin, TX 78704; 512-771-8836; info@chickendog.net; www.chickendog.net	<a href="mailto:info@chickendog.net">info@chickendog.net</a>	\$175 plus 30 cents per mile from Austin	Children Teens Adults	Dog acts, Singing Scarlet Macaw, Juggling, Unicycling, Yo Yo Tricks, Accordion Music, Storytelling, Giant Bubbles and lots more. Past performances: Letterman, Donny & Marie, many libraries, a weekly member of Esther's Follies a wildly successful comedy troupe in Austin.
<b>Clauder, Margaret</b>	Mother Goose	<a href="http://www.mcpsshows.com">www.mcpsshows.com</a> , (817) 980-1760, <a href="mailto:mcpsite_2006@yahoo.com">mcpsite_2006@yahoo.com</a>	<a href="mailto:mcpsite_2006@yahoo.com">mcpsite_2006@yahoo.com</a>		Children	Has a mother Goose Show and other literature-based programs.

<b>Clover-Brown, Robert</b>	Shakespeare	See Shakespeare Man				
<b>Clowns</b>						See the "TALENT or TOPIC" column.
<b>Cole, Tim</b>	Reptiles and Amphibians	See Austin Reptile Service				
<b>Colgrove, Dale</b>		See Greychurch Music Services				
<b>Collins, Brad</b>	Cowboy Storyteller	310 Adventure Trail, Marble Falls TX 78654; 830-693-2287			Children Teens Adults	
<b>Commission on State Emergency Communications (The "911" office)</b>	Educational Speakers	See website for regional office closest to you; Robert Gonzalez, Public Education Office, 512-305-6918 or your local regional office; <a href="http://www.911.state.tx.us/browse.php/rpc">www.911.state.tx.us/browse.php/rpc</a> ; Kid's Activities: <a href="http://www.911.state.tx.us/kidshome.html">www.911.state.tx.us/kidshome.html</a>			Children Teens Adults	The 24 regional "911" offices provide educational services to citizens in Texas. While services may differ slightly, each one can provide print materials and sometimes speakers for library programs—from children to adults. Contact your local regional office for more info.
<b>Connie Coyote</b>	Storytelling, Juggling, Comedy	/Connie Leaverton, Walkabout Productions, PO Box 685094, Austin, TX 78768, 512-469-7669; <a href="mailto:connie@walkaboutproductions.com">connie@walkaboutproductions.com</a> ; <a href="http://www.walkaboutproductions.com">www.walkaboutproductions.com</a>	<a href="mailto:connie@walkaboutproductions.com">connie@walkaboutproductions.com</a>	\$200 per 30 minute show	Children Adults	The Cowgirl Comedy Show related stories of Connie Coyote, a long lanky cowgirl, and her one-wheeled sidekick and unicycle horse, Calamity Jo. She shares stories of wild mustangs, riding horses, Anne Oakley, trick riding in Buffalo Bill's Wild West show and so much more. The show integrates comedy, juggling, acrobatics and volunteer participation. It's quite entertaining for the kids and they learn a bit about the history of the cowboy culture as well as their origins from Morocco, Spain and Mexico.
<b>Cookie the Clown</b>	Clown, Puppetry	Candy Landers; 806 Timberdale, Grand Prairie 75052; 972/262-1878; <a href="mailto:clclownaround@yahoo.com">clclownaround@yahoo.com</a>	<a href="mailto:clclownaround@yahoo.com">clclownaround@yahoo.com</a>	\$65 per hour; mileage negotiable	Children	Cookie the Clown has 17 years' experience in entertaining audiences of all ages. Library presentations include a comedy magic show with lots of audience participation. Puppets and twists on familiar stories add to the fun!
<b>CORE Performance Company</b>	Dance	Molly Perez; P.O. Box 66008, Houston, TX 77266; 713.-862-.5530; <a href="mailto:touring@coreperformance.org">touring@coreperformance.org</a> ; <a href="http://www.severaldancerscore.org">www.severaldancerscore.org</a>	<a href="mailto:touring@coreperformance.org">touring@coreperformance.org</a>	\$150-650 depending on services.	Children Teens Adults	Weaving the World into Flower: Stories from Chiapas, Mexico. For Children Grades: K-5. This dance is a portal that transports students into the rich mixture of Mayan culture. Contemporary movement invites students to study the rich mixture of Chiapas' history, art, values, landscape, clothing, traditions, and people. Weaving the World into Flower promotes an awareness of the Chiapas culture through their stories and our stories. It is both an artistic exchange and one about preservation.
<b>Cornish, Decee</b>	MLK & Black History	<a href="mailto:cornishdecee@aol.com">cornishdecee@aol.com</a>	<a href="http://deceecornish.com">http://deceecornish.com</a>			

<b>County Extension Service</b>	Horticulture, Home Ec	<a href="http://texasextension.tamu.edu/">http://texasextension.tamu.edu/</a>		Low to no fee	Children Teens Adults	Horticultural and home economics programs.
<b>Covington, Liz (Elizabeth)</b>	Storytelling	2845 London Lane, Flower Mound 75028; 972/724-0157; <a href="mailto:liztales@hotmail.com">liztales@hotmail.com</a>	<a href="mailto:liztales@hotmail.com">liztales@hotmail.com</a>	\$350 full day + expenses outside DFW area; 1/2 days available	Children Teens Adults	Available anywhere in Texas. Stories of living history in costume and first person. Texas & Oregon Trail; Legends, Myths, Folktales, & Fables; Around the World in Hats: Stories from different countries using hats. Member of The Tarrant Area Guild of Storytellers, Tejas Storytelling and the National Storytelling Network.
<b>Cowboy Bob, The Fun Roper</b>	Rope Tricks, Cowboy Poetry, Storytelling, Music, Juggling, Magic	Robert Duke; <a href="http://www.CowboyTrickroper.com">www.CowboyTrickroper.com</a> , 281-467-4239		\$200 plus .30/mile	Children Teens Adults	Cowboy culture with fun. Comical cowboy doing rope tricks. Very interactive with crowd participation. Kids of all ages make the show! Has performed on <i>Good Morning America</i> and <i>America's Got Talent</i> . World Champion whip cracker!
<b>Cowboy Sunset Serenade</b>	Storytelling	Linda Kirkpatrick; PO Box 128, Leakey 78873; 830/232-5308; <a href="mailto:lbrice@hctcnet">lbrice@hctcnet</a>	<a href="mailto:lbrice@hctc.net">lbrice@hctc.net</a>	\$300 + mileage and lodging; pricing negotiable	Children Teens Adults	History of Texas, cowboys, and the West through songs, stories, and cowboy poetry.
<b>David Cox</b>	Drummer, Interactive Drumming, Music	713 Meadow Dr, Burkburnett, TX 76354; 940.867.0646; <a href="http://www.RhythmPath.com">www.RhythmPath.com</a>	<a href="mailto:dcoxdrum@gmail.com">dcoxdrum@gmail.com</a>	\$500 for Day of Drumming Program (all day) at schools; \$250 for two 45min sessions + traveling expenses	Children, Teens, Adults, Families	Rhythm Path brings the musical culture of West Africa through hands on drumming. Every participant receives a djembe drum to play and is taught various traditional rhythms, songs, and stories. Children and adults alike have a smile on their face while beating a drum!
<b>Creature Teacher - Robin Wheeler</b>	Animals	<a href="mailto:creeturet@aol.com">creeturet@aol.com</a> ; <a href="http://www.thecreatureteacher.net">www.thecreatureteacher.net</a> ; 903-451-1904 or 972-345-8544		\$125 for 30 min. show; \$145 for 45 min.; \$165 for 60 min., plus mileage	Children Teens	The Creature Teacher specializes in fun, educational and interactive programs. We have 7 programs and over 20 live, exotic animals to choose from. We are fully insured and USDA permitted. Audience: Ages 3 and up. Program length: 30, 45 and 60 minutes.
<b>Critterman</b>	Animals	7151 Cedar Lake Rd., Aubrey, Texas 76227; 940-365-9741; <a href="mailto:critterman@animaled.com">critterman@animaled.com</a> ; <a href="http://www.critterman.com">www.critterman.com</a>	<a href="mailto:critterman@animaled.com">critterman@animaled.com</a>	For Austin & San Antonio area - \$285 (Includes all travel fees)	Children Teens Adults	Sail Away with our Around the World in 60 Minutes program!
<b>Cruciger, Mike</b>	Music	4438 S. FM 1655, Bridgeport 7642; 940/644-2239; 214/629-7524; <a href="mailto:banjoman53@msn.com">banjoman53@msn.com</a> ; <a href="http://www.thecrucigers.com">www.thecrucigers.com</a>	<a href="mailto:banjoman53@msn.com">banjoman53@msn.com</a>	\$150 per show + .30 per mile outside 50 mile radius (children)	Children	Hey!! What About Music? Sing-along programs personalized with humorous & thought-provoking commentary on social values, changing times & sharing the world. Hey!! What About Music for Grown-Ups? Includes Mike's signature commentary PLUS many well-known & hardly known folk songs & their histories.

<b>Culmer, Kathy Hood</b>	Storytelling	P.O. Box 5124, Houston, Texas 77325; 281-360-5950; khculmer@aol.com; www.kathyculmer.com	<a href="mailto:khculmer@aol.com">khculmer@aol.com</a>	1 session = \$200; 2 sessions = \$300; 3 sessions = \$400; 4 sessions = \$500 plus mileage and	Children Teens Adults	I offer a variety of storytelling programs for a variety of ages and occasions, using stories that entertain, inspire, teach, and touch; stories that make you laugh, make you cry, make you think, and make you feel. On occasion, you are invited to join in with a song, or refrain, or in some other way to help you more fully experience the story. My desire is to leave you with a memorable story experience. These programs are customized especially to suit your occasion.
<b>Cummins, Kent</b>	Magic, Storytelling, Puppetry	7306 Scenic Brook Dr., Austin, TX 78736; (512) 288-1596; kent@MagicCamp.com; www.MagicHotline.com	<a href="mailto:kent@magiccamp.com">kent@magiccamp.com</a>	\$375 for "The Magic of Books" Show; \$500 for Wizard's Workshop (includes magic supplies for up to 100 children, plus Resource Guide for librarian)	Children Teens Adults	"The Magic of Books" is an exciting, fast-paced magic show appropriate for children and families, in which Kent shares his lifelong love of books in a magical way. Kent also performs an illusion that he learned from a library book while still in school, as well as tying in storytelling, Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings, and The Wizard of Oz. He also tells the kids a motivational story about his famous uncle, Jack Kent, author of more than 70 children's books. The "Wizard's Workshop" starts with the magic show, and then continues by teaching MAGIC to the children attending. Every class is age and developmentally appropriate, and includes magical supplies that the students can take home to entertain their family and friends. For the Wizard's Workshop, the librarian gets a free copy of Kent's Resource Guide to Magic. While teaching, Kent explains how he learned magic from library books when he was growing up, and encourages children to use the many resources available at the library.
<b>Daffron, Logan</b>		See Amazing Attractions				
<b>DaMommio, Aaron</b>		See Amazing Aaron				
<b>Davila, Lee</b>		See Mr. Leebot				
<b>Davis, David - see also Jan Peck</b>	Author, Texas, Cartoonist, Storyteller, Drama	5803 Calloway Dr. South, Fort Worth 76114; 817-735-9307; ddrdavis@gmail.com; www.davidrdavis.com	<a href="mailto:ddrdavis@gmail.com">ddrdavis@gmail.com</a>	Please call or look at my website. Click on the "Two for One" link for details.	Children Adults	Award winning authors and storytellers. You get two authors for the price of one! Programs for all ages. David Davis and Jan Peck give a highly interactive program with a dramatic play of "Jazz Cats," "Rock 'N' Roll Dogs," "Texas Zeke and the Longhorn" and "Texas Mother Goose." Please see Jan Peck's listing for further info.
<b>Day, Debbie</b>	Plays, Costumed Characters, Animals, Storytelling, Puppet, Magic	Debbie Day, Xtreme Kidz Ntertainment, debbie-day@sbcglobal.net,, www.xkn.8k.com	<a href="mailto:debbie-day@sbcglobal.net">debbie-day@sbcglobal.net</a>	2 hours from DFW: \$200; 1 1/2 hours: \$235; 3 hours: \$285; 3+hours:\$325	Children Teens Adults	Xtreme KidzNtertainment: Plays, costumed characters, princesses, magic with live animals, dances, stories, puppets, possibly all in the same show! Summer reading or year round. Energetic & interactive "play formatted performances. Every show is approximately 45 minutes and includes puppets, stories, magic, music and dancing. Tons of shows to choose from. Everyone participates and has an awesome, incredible time. Ages 2 to 100.

<b>Deaville, Darcie</b>	Music, Musical Theatre	512-447-7679; www.darciedeaville.com; www.tallerdoog.com		~\$350. TCA Grants available.	Children Teens Adults	Primarily known for her fiery fiddling, Austin, TX's Darcie Deaville is an accomplished musician, writer, and performer.
<b>Department of Public Safety</b>	Safety Education	Offices around the state; www.txdps.state.tx.us/		Call	Children Teens Adults	Teaches all aspects of safety to children and adults.
<b>Devo the Clown or The Library Fairy</b>	Storytelling, Magic, Ballooning, Face Painting, Clown	Devo Carpenter; dcarpenter22@austin.rr.com	<a href="mailto:dcarpenter22@austin.rr.com">dcarpenter22@austin.rr.com</a>	Austin area preferred. Shows run \$175 plus travel.	Children	30-minute storytelling magic show with literacy message and reading club themed in the summer. Hour shows include face painting and balloons.
<b>Dinosaur George</b>	Comedian	George Blasing; Dinosaur George, PO Box 790440, San Antonio, TX. 78279; (210) 403-3499; george@dinosaurgeorge.com; dinosaurgeorge.com	<a href="mailto:george@dinosaurgeorge.com">george@dinosaurgeorge.com</a>		Children	Brings artifacts and talks about dinosaurs. He's very funny, and a stand up comedian.
<b>Don Harms Marionettes</b>	Puppetry	1605-A Coronada Hills Dr., Austin, TX 78752; (512) 452-8803; ; homepage.mac.com/donharms		\$250-500. TCA grants available.	Children Teens Adults	Magnificent marionette theatre with stage, scenery, lighting, hand-carved marionettes.
<b>Douma, Eldrena</b>	Storytelling	bluecorn_teller@hotmail.com; 1420 4th Avenue, Suite 20; Canyon, Texas 79015; 806-679-9322	<a href="mailto:bluecorn_teller@hotmail.com">bluecorn_teller@hotmail.com</a>	Varies with location. TCA grant available.	Children Adults	Eldrena specializes in American Indian stories and storytelling. Also offers workshops on storytelling and creative writing (for children); for adults - how to take a favorite story and turn it into oral storytelling. Using storytelling in library or school/curriculum setting. Eldrena comes from the Laguna, Tewa and Hopi tribes.
<b>Downing, Pam</b>	Adult Programs Bi-Folkal Kits	Kingsland Library, 125 West Polk, Kingsland, Texas 78639, 325-388-3170; www.llano-library-system.net, pam@llano-library-system.net			Adults	
<b>Draper, Lynn</b>		See Storybook Theatre				
<b>Duke, Robert</b>		See Cowboy Bob				
<b>Duffin, Cheryl</b>	Storytelling	2207 Willowby, Houston, TX 77008; 713-426-1745; cherduffin@sbcglobal.net; www.geocities.com/cherduffin@sbcglobal.net/cherylduffin	<a href="mailto:cherduffin@sbcglobal.net">cherduffin@sbcglobal.net</a>	\$250 - 299 for Central Texas Areas	Children	Captain Black Heart - The amusing tale of a Pirate Captain who's 'no good at being bad!' Follow this madcap Pirate and his crazy crew on a high seas adventure to find out why he feels so gloomy after every pillagin' and plunderin'. Can Capt. Black Heart change his naughty ways? Find out! Entertaining chants and songs make this pirate's tale fun for the whole family!

<b>Edmundson, Gerald</b>	Storytelling, Magic	PO Box 2657; Denton 76209; 940/387-9393; gerald@geraldedmundson.com; www.geraldedmundson.com	<a href="mailto:gerald@geraldedmundson.com">gerald@geraldedmundson.com</a>	\$175 per show + .35 per mile	Children	"Reading is Magic" I share my love of reading illustrated by classic slight of hand and magic.
<b>Edwards, Wayne</b>	Humorous Poet/Illustrator	Wayne Edwards; 7329 Sandy Ranch Rd., Somerville, TX 77879; www.familypoet.com; (979) 535 7582	<a href="mailto:wayne@familypoet.com">wayne@familypoet.com</a>	Free in the Brazos Vally or at the Library, Travel expenses are required based on milage and meals when traveling outside the area	Children, teen, adult and family	My program consists of reading poetry and discussing how to write in rhyme. Each program is tailored to fit the audience's age group. Each poem is accompanied by an illustration drawn by me. (examples my be seen on the Family Poet web site). A CD of one of my programs at the Library for either grade school or adult will be sent on request. For free reservations e-mail Bush.Education@nara.gov, or call Education Department (979) 691 4006 - Dr. Shirley Hammond.
<b>E-Flat Porch Band</b>	Music	Ada Leah Wolf; 200 S. Bass, McKinney 75069; 972/548-7186;www.eflatporchband.com		discounts available for multiple bookings	Children Teens Adults	The kind of music you would expect to hear on the front porch—traditional and original blues and folk songs. Programs can be geared toward adult or young audiences. We give an entertaining and educational introduction to the blues, with an emphasis on Texas musical traditions and influences. Reading lists to augment the music provided.
<b>Elliott, Susan</b>		See Non-Toxic Band				
<b>Ellis, Elizabeth</b>	Storytelling, Music	PO Box 720411, Dallas 75372; 214/381-4676; elizabethellis.com		Call. TCA grants available	Children Teens Adults	Storytelling concerts for children and adults. Storytelling workshops for children and adults. One of Texas' best-known storytellers.
<b>Enzo's Super Freaky Wildlife</b>	Animals	Contact Pete Monfre at 512-868-8460;enzoology.com	<a href="mailto:pete@enzoology.com">pete@enzoology.com</a>		Children Families	Join America's youngest naturalist as he shares his enthusaism and knowledge about the strangest, freakiest animals in the world. Nine-year-old Enzo Monfre has developed a large following, made national television appearances and garnered awards for his work connecting kids with nature. He is now bringing his show directly to kids in central Texas. Featuring exciting multi-media and live animals, Enzo's Super Freaky Wildlife is unforgettable, educational entertainment. Learn more about Enzo at
<b>Espinosa, Christopher</b>	Writer, Illustrator	866/498-4300; robert@rocketvilletexas.com; www.rocketvilletexas.com	<a href="mailto:robert@rocketvilletexas.com">robert@rocketvilletexas.com</a>	\$175 per performance	Children Teens	Author and illustrator is expanding the regular "Story Window" program to make it a comedic adventure, and a captivating, educational summer experience for children of all ages.
<b>Fire Department</b>	Fire Safety			Free	Children Teens	Fire safety. Contact your local fire department for more information.

<b>Fisher, Cody S., Master Magician</b>	Magic	Cody S. Fisher; 10203 Aspen Street, Austin, TX 78758; 512-832-0283; Magic@CodyFisher.com; www.CodyFisher.com; www.MotivationalSchoolShows.com	<a href="mailto:magic@codyfisher.com">magic@codyfisher.com</a>	\$250 - \$1,000	Children Teens Adults	Cody Fisher is an international award winning magician. His educationally themed magic shows are GUARANTEED to get kids excited about reading! The "I Love To Read" Magic Show explores the wonderful world of reading, the media center, and the magic found in books. This high energy, fun-filled, 40 minute magic show is designed to teach children the joys of reading and the adventures that await them in the pages of a book. The show combines magic, storytelling, and LOTS of audience participation with important educational themes that create memorable messages that have a lasting and positive impact on children. Cody's library programs teach the following lessons: The Benefits Of Reading! Proper Library Behavior. The Many Uses Of The Library! Proper Care Of Books! Why Readers Are Leaders! Using The Library Media Center! Why It's IMPORTANT To Be a GOOD Reader! The POWER Of Reading!
<b>Fletcher, Peter</b>	Music	718-383-0798; pfletcher@mindspring.com; www.peterfletcher.com	<a href="mailto:pfletcher@mindspring.com">pfletcher@mindspring.com</a>		Adults	Classical guitarist.
<b>Franklin, Julian</b>	Magic, Storytelling, Puppetry	9818 Sagemark Dr, Houston, TX 77089-5024; toll free 1-888-648-1121; 281-481-5439; julian@julianfranklin.com; www.julianfranklin.com, http://math-a-magic.com	<a href="mailto:julian@julianfranklin.com">julian@julianfranklin.com</a>	Initial or first program is \$250. Discounts for additional shows.	Children	Check out his website for information. He has ten programs to choose from, including educationally significant school assembly programs.
<b>Fraze, Deanna</b>		See Twisted Details				
<b>Freeman, Laura</b>		See Hey Lolly Productions				
<b>Fuller-Ramsden, Alana</b>		See Storybook Storytelling by Mrs. R				
<b>Gates, Purly</b>		See Purly Gates				
<b>Gern, Rick</b>		See Bonzo Crunch				

<b>Gibson, Dan</b>	Storytelling; Music (sing alongs with banjo, dulcimer, guitar and more)	2023 Whitedove Drive, Dallas, Texas 25224; 214-331-4559; www.dangibson.net; dan.gibson@juno.com	<a href="mailto:dan.gibson@juno.com">dan.gibson@juno.com</a>	One 45/60-minute program - \$165 plus reasonable travel. Discount for multiple, same-day programs at one or more libraries.	Children through Senior Citizens	Entertaining, highly interactive music & storytelling for children through senior citizens. Sing alongs with banjo, mountain dulcimer and/or guitar. I encourage audience participation in stories and songs - I'm too lazy to do it all myself. Stories are generally adapted folktales from around the world, original tall tales and original "cowboy poetry." I don't talk down to children. I want all audiences to stretch and think and often discuss the stories. Themed programs include: "Family Friendly Fun"; "World of Stories & Music"; "Texas History Tales 'n' Tunes"; "Civil War Music & Tales"; "A likely Story -- Tall Tales from the two-time winner of the Houston Liars Contest". Storytelling workshops also available. Numerous references available at www.dangibson.net.
<b>Gish, David</b>	Magic, Juggling, Ventriloquism and Balloon Art	13756 CR 468, Tyler Texas 75704; www.davidwonders.com		\$200 + mileage over 100 miles from Tyler TX	Children Teens Adults	Colorful magic, juggling, ventriloquism, science and reading programs, and balloon art. Also available are workshop programs to teach magic, balloon art, juggling, clowning and puppetry. Themed school and library programs are designed with an emphasis on a motivational message. Audience: Elementary school and older. Program length: 30-45 minutes. Special program called "Magical Reading Express"
<b>Gómez, Mónica</b>	Music Creative Writing Tai Chi/Chi Gung	908 De Leon, El Paso TX 79912-4949; 915-584-9298; monica@monicagomez.com; www.monicagomez.com	<a href="mailto:monica@monicagomez.com">monica@monicagomez.com</a>	Call or visit website. TCA grant funds available.	Children Teens Adults	Mónica Gómez is a solo singer/songwriter, guitarist, poet, humorist, storyteller, motivational speaker, martial arts student and teaching artist. Her musical repertoire includes superbly crafted original songs and a rich mix of old familiar tunes, all delivered with exceptional vocal and instrumental talent. Her workshops (English and/or Spanish) for ages 10 through adult promote literacy using quick poetry prompts and "creative writing" exercises - literally using writing to create your reality. Weaving in elements of science and philosophy, she draws on the ancient internal arts of <i>Tai Chi</i> and <i>Chi Gung</i> to teach unique and practical self-awareness techniques for mood and stress management. Mónica works extensively throughout Texas and surrounding states with special populations in juvenile detention facilities, gifted and talented programs, teacher in-service trainings, professional development sessions and senior programs.
<b>Gould, Miriam</b>	Storytelling	1001tales.org, miriamgould@gmail.com	<a href="mailto:miriamgould@gmail.com">miriamgould@gmail.com</a>	Variable	Children Teens Adults	Miriam offers three main storytelling programs: <i>Folktales from the Arab World</i> , which can be performed as a concert of stories or as a mix of storytelling and discussion about the contemporary Arab World; <i>Folktales from Around the World</i> , a concert of folktales from around the world that both entertains and increases cultural awareness; and <i>Women to Talk About</i> , a concert of folktales with strong female protagonists. Show will also custom design a program.

<b>Graziani, Maria</b>	Writer, Illustrator	mtgraziani@austin.rr.com; www.austinscbwi.com/mt/members /archives/2006/02/graziani_maria.h tml	<a href="mailto:mtgraziani@austin.rr.com">mtgraziani@austin.rr.com</a>		Children Teens Adults	Maria has written and illustrated more than 20 books geared toward the Hispanic market. She has done author visits in Public Libraries, schools, book stores and toy stores all over Texas. Her presentations promote cultural diversity and literacy. Her stories focus on the outdoors and life in the countryside and abroad. With her writing and creative workshops, children learn how a book is crafted and can visualize all the elements of a story.
<b>Greychurch Music Services</b>	Music	300 South Lane St., Decatur 76234; 940/627-5961; www.angelfire.com/biz/greychurch		\$175 per session + .35 per mile	Children	Educational and entertaining, this performance starts with demonstrations of a variety of conventional and unconventional instruments from around the world. With favorite songs like When the Saints Go Marching In and traditional blues tunes, Dale demonstrates principles of basic music theory (including pitch and notation) and the physics of sound production. Students will learn how simple instruments can be made from objects like straws, funnels, and hoses and experiment with tubes of different lengths to produce high and low pitches. Connects to Science and Music.
<b>Hall, Terry Allen</b>	Music, Storytelling	163 Ridge Trail, Rhome 76078; 940/627-3636; www.terryallanhall.com		\$125 + .20 per mile over 25 miles	Children Adults	Family fun oriented presentations dealing with ecology, American history through folk songs, brotherhood of mankind, etc. Incorporates sing-a-longs, acting out songs/stories and other forms of audience participation.
<b>Hand-to-Mouth Puppet Theatre</b>	Puppetry	(512) 928-0782; puppetry@sbcglobal.net	<a href="mailto:puppetry@sbcglobal.net">puppetry@sbcglobal.net</a>	\$250 a show, plus mileage	Children	Five professional shows to choose from and one "Puppets of the World" demo. We've been performing in the Central Texas area for 20 years
<b>Hannah, Martha</b>	Storytelling Author	512-380-2242 or 512-913-6263; marthahanna@cicadasun.com; www.marthahannah.com	<a href="mailto:marthahanna@cicadasun.com">marthahanna@cicadasun.com</a>	TCA grants available	Children Teens Adults	As "Maid Martha," she makes history come alive through her medieval comedy and history routines. Includes medieval jokes, songs, history, ghost stories, multimedia and audience participation.
<b>Harms, Don</b>		See Don Harms Marionettes				
<b>Hat Lady</b>	Storytelling	PO Box 400, Archer City 76351; 940/574-4933; bdnog@aol.com; becky.nogle@esc9.net	<a href="mailto:bdnog@aol.com">bdnog@aol.com</a>	\$100 and up depending on the distance and number of sessions	Children	Story performance with hats and voices for the different characters. Stories usually have a moral or life lesson. Fees are negotiable for librarians.
<b>Helm, Glenn</b>		See Rattlesnake Glenn				
<b>Helmick-Richardson, Gene &amp; Peggy</b>		See Twice Upon a Time Storytellers				
<b>Hey Lolly Productions</b>	Music, Puppets	912 Cherico Street, Austin, Texas 78702; 512-419-9098; laura@laurafreemanmusic.com; www.laurafreemanmusic.com	<a href="mailto:laura@laurafreemanmusic.com">laura@laurafreemanmusic.com</a>	\$200 - \$1,000. TCA grants available.	Children	The Hey Lollies are a high energy three piece band. We sing about science and nature. Hey Lolly Productions performs quality puppet shows. Our shows are "Iris Saves the Land of Black and White", "Armadillo Alice" and our show about the Edward's Aquifer "Salamander's Tail of the Springs".

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<b>Hickman, Sara</b>	Music, Storytelling	3005 S. Lamar D-109 #412, Austin, TX 78704; 512-443-2147; www.superpaluniverse.com; booksara@sarahickman.com	<a href="mailto:booksara@sarahickman.com">booksara@sarahickman.com</a>	\$750 for a 45 minute show for children, plus travel expenses. TCA grants	Children Teens Adults	Sara Hickman is a warm, engaging, funny and interactive musician and storyteller who embraces the whole family with euphoric, loving and intelligent performances.
<b>Horstman, Cindy</b>	Music	Cindy Horstman, 3316 Canyon Valley Trail, Plano, TX 75023; 800-381-1075; cindy@cindyhorstman.com, www.cindyhorstman.com	<a href="mailto:cindy@cindyhorstman.com">cindy@cindyhorstman.com</a>	\$500 - \$1000 for a school performance.	Children Teens Adults	Cindy plays jazz harp and Michael Media plays bass. They blend traditional styles, drawing from jazz, pop and Latin. They tour nationwide and have released 8 CDs.
<b>Humane Society</b>	Animal Welfare Education	<a href="http://www.hsus.org/">http://www.hsus.org/</a>		Free	Children Teens Adults	Animal welfare
<b>Incredible Bubble Show</b>	Science Learning is Fun	Linda Berman, Owner Dazzling Events; linda@dazzling-events.com; 940-321-8881; Dazzling Events, 2201 Long Prairie #107-293, Flower Mound, TX 75022	<a href="mailto:linda@dazzling-events.com">linda@dazzling-events.com</a>	Rates are available for library, school or public programs plus expenses. Discounts offered for nearby programs on the same day. Call for more details.	School Age Children Families	Dazzling Events has transformed children's fascination with soap bubbles into a unique, interactive learning experience. Participants easily remember key learning points when they are presented in a fun-filled environment. This high energy, visual show is curriculum based and includes a focus on reading, science, math, colors and shapes, critical thinking skills, thinking "outside the bubble," and good clean fun. Librarians in North Texas and throughout Southern California describe the show as a great experience for school age children and their parents. Participants can't wait to get home to start making their own incredible bubbles. You can choose the performer for your presentation including Heart Throb The Clown, Luau Linda or Round Up Rita the 1880's cowgirl.
<b>Inflatables</b>		See JiggleBug Express				
<b>Ingham, Donna</b>		See Texas Tale Teller				
<b>Jammer, Joseph</b>		See Jammertime Express				
<b>Jammertime Express</b>	Storytelling, Music	Joseph Jammer, 972-274-6768 and 214-934-5219 cell, www.jammertime.net, jammer_time@sbcglobal.net	<a href="mailto:jammer_time@sbcglobal.net">jammer_time@sbcglobal.net</a>	\$200 plus travel fees, depending on location	Children	The Lyndale the Literary Lion program is an early literacy program for school age, emerging and reluctant readers. Lyndale uses Storytelling, story-reading and songs to motivate and encourage communication skills, demonstrating that reading and writing are fun and exciting. Lyndale also encourages the use of imagination. Please visit Lyndale on the web at www.jammertime.net for coloring pages and games to spark literacy skills. The website also includes a lesson plan available for area teachers with TEKS and TAKS objectives outlined.
<b>JiggleBug Express</b>	Trains	Steve and Linda Sands, 512-557-4004; steve@jigglebug.com; www.jigglebug.com	<a href="mailto:steve@jigglebug.com">steve@jigglebug.com</a>		Children	JiggleBug Express has a trackless train that you can rent for library events.

<b>Jungle Jim</b>	Animals	Jim Klinger; 3005 S. Lamar Blvd. Ste., D109 PMB 399, Austin, TX 78704; 512-914-2999; junglejimsbugs@yahoo.com; junglejimsbugs.com	<a href="mailto:junglejimsbugs@yahoo.com">junglejimsbugs@yahoo.com</a>	\$225 (flat fee)	Children	Many of the Largest Species of Arthropods alive and preserved. Many live Amphibians / Frogs, Toads, Salamanders, and Newts. Many live Reptiles / Lizards, Snakes, and Turtles. Also included are fossils, amber, and displays. Very large exhibit, but can also be tailored to the size of the library.
<b>Kahura, Elizabeth</b>	Storyteller	5011 Daymon Court, Hutto TX 78634; (512) 826-0756; (512) 642-3100; ekahura@hotmail.com	<a href="mailto:ekahura@hotmail.com">ekahura@hotmail.com</a>	\$250 for 45-60 minute performance	Children	Elizabeth Kahura was born in Kenya. She is a teacher by profession and also loves to entertain. Elizabeth's hope is that her audience will not only learn about Africa but also about themselves. The presentations teach concepts such as character, development, community strength, self-empowerment----- giving the audience skills for life
<b>Kearby, Mike</b>	Author, Speaker, Storyteller	<a href="http://www.mikekearby.us/">http://www.mikekearby.us/</a>			Older children Teens Adults	Noted historian, novelist and talented storyteller Mike Kearby receives rave reviews from audiences for his colorful presentations of important moments in the history of the old West. Whether sharing the stories of early black cowboys or detailing the life of children captured by the Indians, Mike captures the attention of even the most restless audience with presentations that are both engaging and informative. His presentations range from school assemblies to full-day sessions for individual or combined classes and draw from the material in his three novels and his ongoing historical research.
<b>Kirkpatrick, Linda</b>	Storytelling, Cowboy music, cowboy poetry	PO Box 128, Leakey 78873; 830/232-5308; lbrice@hctc.net	<a href="mailto:lbrice@hctc.net">lbrice@hctc.net</a>	\$300 + mileage and lodging; pricing negotiable	Children Teens Adults	Stories and poems about Texas, the West, women of the West, and the Texas Rangers.
<b>Klinger, Jim</b>		See Jungle Jim				
<b>Kouyate, Abubakr</b>	Drummer	713-521-7240			Children Teens Adults	A taste of Africa - drumming with Abubakr Kouyate. Houston-based Abubakr has over 40 years of drumming experience and is widely recognized among other African drummers as a master drummer. He has played with the national ballet company of Guinea, at the United Nations, jazz festivals in Texas, Louisiana, New York and Boston. Baba Abubakr has a kind but firm presence that is excellent with children. He has taught in many school, library and after-school programs, from high school to preschool. He often performs at the Houston Children's Museum.
<b>Lacy, Lee</b>	Computer classes, computer games	leeannlacy@gmail.com, <a href="http://www.auntlee.com/the_computer_lady.htm">http://www.auntlee.com/the_computer_lady.htm</a>	<a href="mailto:leeannlacy@gmail.com">leeannlacy@gmail.com</a>		Children Teens	Lee teaches computer classes for the Austin Children's Museum, the Central Texas Library System and the Austin Public Library. She specializes in downloadable free software and creative ways to use them with kids. Software includes Photoshop, Gamemaker, animation with clay, paper or pixels, , paper animation, pixel animation and others. She also does teacher or librarian training on how to use various programs.
<b>Landers, Candy</b>		See Cookie the Clown				

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<b>Leaverton, Connie</b>	Storytelling, Juggling, Comedy	Walkabout Productions, PO Box 685094, Austin, TX 78768, 512-469-7669; connie@walkaboutproductions.com; www.walkaboutproductions.com	<a href="mailto:connie@walkaboutproductions.com">connie@walkaboutproductions.com</a>	\$200 per 30 minute show	Children Teens Adults	Connie Coyote integrates history, comedy and the world. The kids gain an understanding that the cowboy culture was brought over from Spain and Mexico in the 1800's and is still part of everyday life in America and the Latin American cultures. Visuals, fun, comedy, history and volunteer participation.
<b>LeBoeuf, David</b>	Magic	1400 Levee Drive, Houma LA 70360; 985-851-3933;		Call for pricing.	Children Teens	A professional entertainer for over 16 years. David uses audience participation and positive thinking in his shows. His talents include storytelling, science demonstrations, juggling, puppetry, magic and comedy. David is not only a magician but a pediatric nurse as well. His magic skills come in handy in his medical career. With a librarian wife, David knows the value of reading; his shows are designed to increase library use and encourage reading.
<b>Lehman, Kim</b>	Storytelling, Music, Bees, Science	PO Box 2743, Austin TX 78768; www.Beeladyprograms.com; 512-627-0113; kim.lehman@sbcglobal.net	<a href="mailto:kim.lehman@sbcglobal.net">kim.lehman@sbcglobal.net</a>	\$200 +. TCA grants available	Children Adults	Age appropriate programs combine music, stories, props and a stray puppet or two. Bee programs can include hands-on activities such as honey tasting, bee a beekeeper, beeswax candles, microscopes and more. Programs and workshops are available for infants to adults. Kim is a professional storyteller, musician and puppeteer.
<b>Lehr, Chuck</b>		See Little Bit of Magic				
<b>Libby, Joe</b>	Magic Ventriloquism Graphology	Joe Libby, P.O. Box 12181, San Antonio, TX 78212; (210) 733-9330; 24/7 Toll Free Voice: (877) 810-1018; joe@joelibby.net; www.joelibby.net	<a href="mailto:joe@joelibby.net">joe@joelibby.net</a>		Children	Uses magic, puppetry and lots of audience participation to create a fun show that's fun for the entire family.
<b>Lightfoot, Deborah</b>	Storytelling	PO Box 682, Crowley 76036-0682; 817/297-1533; djlsbooks@earthlink.net; www.djlightfoot.com	<a href="mailto:djlsbooks@earthlink.net">djlsbooks@earthlink.net</a>	\$200 + mileage outside Fort Worth area	Children Teens Adults	Programs entertain children with the real-life adventures of a 19th-century Texas cowboy; visuals include authentic photos.
<b>Little Bit Of Magic</b>	Magic	Chuck Lehr; 4324 Woodbluff Dr., Mesquite 75150; 972/226-1313		Call	Children Teens Adults	Funny 40 minute magic show themed to reading. The show is funny for kids, but I will knock the adults socks off with the magic-colorful costume. Four major awards for magic skills by peers.
<b>Little, Glenn Ray</b>		See Storytime Theater				
<b>Logan the Juggler</b>		See Amazing Attractions				
<b>Lynn, Kathy</b>		See Water Beetle Cherokee Programs				
<b>Mad Science</b>	Science	Austin - Jan & Robert Fiebig; 512-892-1143; msaustin@flash.net; www.madscience.org/austin; San Antonio (210) 651-1143; Houston (713) 663-7623; others at www.madscience.org	<a href="mailto:msaustin@flash.net">msaustin@flash.net</a>	Call	Children	Ever wondered how to make rainbows? How magnets stick to the refrigerator? Ever wonder what it looks like inside your body? Children will do 8 fun experiments on Sea, Sand and Surf, Lights On, Mad Mixtures, Space Frontiers, Worms, Human Body, Magnetic Attraction and Dry Ice. Children will explore science at its finest!

<b>Magic &amp; More Entertainment</b>	Magic, balloons, clowning, cartoon characters and a pirate!	sal@magicandmoreonline.com; magicandmoreonline.com; 830-606-3987; 512-799-3176; New Braunfels	<a href="mailto:sal@magicandmoreonline.com">sal@magicandmoreonline.com</a>	Depends on the services needed	Children Teens Adults	With more than 30 years of experience entertaining audiences of all ages, Sal Manfredo has been engaged at events throughout the United States, Europe, and South America. Whether its magic, comedy, or the awe of watching a balloon become a work of art, you and your group will be entertained beyond belief. Sal's vast knowledge of the art of entertaining with performances of magic, combined with the ability to do over 100 different styles of balloon sculptures, makes him a well rounded artist apart from the rest. And, his special brand of entertainment can bring your events coverage to be seen on TV and in newspapers. Each show is designed for the individual library. Bilingual and interactive.
<b>Mallette, Colleen</b>	Music	PO Box 33433, Fort Worth TX 76162; 817-891-1674; HighCDiva@aol.com; www.highcdiva.com	<a href="mailto:highcdiva@aol.com">highcdiva@aol.com</a>	Library programs \$200 plus mileage for DFW metroplex; two programs back-to-back discounted	Children Teens Adults	Children of all ages! Program #1 - Join zany soprano Colleen Mallette as she brings opera alive with her stories + music + opera! Interactive and children assist with the barnyard opera. Program #2 - From Opry to the Grand Ole Opry - Yes, believe it or not, this diva loves Hank Williams, Jambalaya and Brenda Lee. Do you know the words to the Battle of New Orleans?! Fun Trivial Pursuit with prizes! You have to hear it to believe it. We will write our own folk song! CTLS Showcase 2009
<b>Malone, Esther - Creative Writing</b>	Creative Writing	esthermalone@yahoo.com	<a href="mailto:esthermalone@yahoo.com">esthermalone@yahoo.com</a>	\$175 plus mileage	Children	Fun, energetic program which allows everyone to express themselves through written and spoken words. Audience: Children ages 3-10 and their families. Program length: 45 to 60 minutes.
<b>Malone, Esther - Storytelling</b>	Storytelling	esthermalone@yahoo.com		\$175 plus mileage	Children Teens Adults	Stories That Move You: Fun audience participation stories with music, movement and call & response. Character building, bullying prevention tales and workshops. Black history, Texas history and multicultural celebrations. Audience: Ages 9 to adult. Program length: 1 hour
<b>Malone, Esther - Yoga</b>	Yoga	esthermalone@yahoo.com		\$175 plus mileage	Children	Yoga for Youth: Introduces youth to the ease and fun of yoga with terms they understand and poses they can practice at home. Yoga for You (adult classes): Add a wonderful yoga session to your staff development workshops...relax, energize, enjoy. Audience: Children ages 3 to 10 and their families. Program length: 1 hour and 15 minutes.
<b>Manfredo, Sal</b>		See Magic & More Entertainment				
<b>Maverick, John</b>	Magician	512-236-8180 or <a href="http://www.John-Maverick.com">http://www.John-Maverick.com</a>		\$249.00 - \$500.00, servicing the entire state of Texas.	Children Teens Adults	John Maverick, Austin's Second Best Magician, has several magic shows that would appeal to many different audiences. John's shows range from traditional yet far from standard magic shows to themed programs dealing with learning differences and environmental issues. To find out more about John Maverick and view video clips of his shows please visit <a href="http://www.John-Maverick.com">http://www.John-Maverick.com</a>
<b>McDermott, Joe</b>	Music	PO Box 270081, Austin, TX 78727; (512) 339-9528; louise@joemcdermottmusic.com; www.joemcdermottmusic.com	<a href="mailto:louise@joemcdermottmusic.com">louise@joemcdermottmusic.com</a>	\$250 and up. TCA grants available	Children	Joe sings his original Parent's Choice and NAPPA Gold Award-winning music for kids. The set is approximately 45 minutes in length and is very interactive with the audience.

<b>McGuire, Valerie</b>	Mother Goose	325-622-4201; 325-622-4245	<a href="mailto:valeriejo@centex.net">valeriejo@centex.net</a>			
<b>McKinney, Todd</b>	Magic	866-829-2286; Hewitt, Texas	<a href="mailto:todd@toddmckinneypro.com">todd@toddmckinneypro.com</a>			ALL NEW SHOWS FOR 2009 FEATURING OVER 100 LAUGHS-GUARANTEED! Todd McKinney is a "full time" professional children's Comedy Magician, Storyteller, Motivational Speaker and Author who provides fun and unique programs in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. Todd offers fun magic shows for children ages 5 - 12 at schools, churches, libraries, birthday party celebrations, summer camps and just for fun events.
<b>McLean, Don</b>		See S&D Puppetry				
<b>McLean, Sandra</b>		See S&D Puppetry				
<b>McLennan Community College Speakers Bureau</b>	Education Speakers Entertainment	<a href="http://www.mclennan.edu/community/speakers/">http://www.mclennan.edu/community/speakers/</a> ; 254-299-7819		Varies	Adults	McLennan Community College is well known for high-quality instruction and progressive programs. The same individuals who make a myriad of topics come alive in the classroom are available to speak to organizations in the community. MCC's faculty and administrators are a diversified and talented group with interests ranging from the history of bands, to the culture of Africa, to the basics of fund raising. The MCC Speakers Bureau also offers musical entertainment. You may choose vocalists, instrumentalists, ensembles, or stage productions in a variety of musical styles. To make arrangements or for more information, call the Performing Arts office at 254-299-8283.
<b>Mexico 2000 Ballet Folklorico</b>	Dance, folk, traditional & educational	2807 Bissell Way, Wylie, TX 75098; (972)429-1082; <a href="mailto:info@mexico2000.net">info@mexico2000.net</a> ; <a href="http://www.mexico2000.net">www.mexico2000.net</a>	<a href="mailto:info@mexico2000.net">info@mexico2000.net</a>	\$500.00 to \$4,800. TCA grants available	Children Teens Adults	Mexico 2000 Ballet Folklorico showcases regional traditional Mexican dance. Presentations are fast-paced; non stop with 1 to 6 different dance regions, From the hot and humid climate in the southeast, the traditional northern dances with their Czechoslovak, Poland, French influence and the Pre-Columbian dances still preserve in these days. Dance presentations range from 15 minutes to 2 hours. During this interactive show, students will learn important history facts about this holiday and enjoy of beautiful Mexican traditional dances, costumes and music while connecting to school curriculum in the Language Arts, Social Studies, Visual Arts and Music areas.
<b>Middleton, Kevin</b>	Caricature Artist	Kevin Middleton and Friends; 512-335-4224; <a href="http://www.FunGraphix.com">www.FunGraphix.com</a> ; <a href="mailto:Kevin@Kevinmiddleton.com">Kevin@Kevinmiddleton.com</a>	<a href="mailto:kevin@kevinmiddleton.com">kevin@kevinmiddleton.com</a>	\$85 + sales tax per hour per artist + travel if outside Austin city limits	Children Teens Adults	Caricatures (cartoon portraits) at an average speed of 15 faces per hour per artist

<b>Miller, Lucas</b>	Music Author	6306 Nasco Drive, Austin, Texas 78757; 800-755-4415; lucas@lucasmiller.net; lucasmiller.net	<a href="mailto:lucas@lucasmiller.net">lucas@lucasmiller.net</a>	See website	Children	Lucas, aka "The Singing Zoologist," writes stories and songs about zoology. He wrote the 2005 and 2007 Texas Reading Club theme songs.
<b>Mobile Dairy Classroom (Southwest Dairy Farmers)</b>		PO Box 936, Sulpher Springs, TX 75482; 903-439-MILK; FAX 903-439-1125			Children	The Mobile Dairy Classroom brings a real live cow and demonstrates milking. Includes instruction on milk products, safety and nutrition.
<b>Monestier, Beverly</b>	Creativity, Poetry, Art	302 Olney, San Antonio TX 78209; 210-824-5379; beverlymonestier@hotmail.com	<a href="mailto:beverlymonestier@hotmail.com">beverlymonestier@hotmail.com</a>	TCA grants available	Adults	Creativity workshops for adults, including teachers and other professionals. Relevant poetry performances, writing workshops and dramatic poetry performance workshops for all ages, including gifted and special needs. Therapeutic arts activities. Multicultural emphasis. Highly interactive.
<b>Morris, Rooster</b>	Author, Storyteller, Musician	Jody Logsdon, Laid-Back West, Inc., PO Box 269, Rockdale, Texas 76567; 512-446-0644; FAX: 512-446-2686; jody@laid-back.com; jodyblogsdon@sbcglobal.net; www.laid-back.com; www.roostermorris.com	<a href="mailto:jody@laid-back.com">jody@laid-back.com</a>	\$500 to \$1500	Children	Make Reading Fun with Children's Author Rooster Morris. Kids walk away from this dynamic performance inspired and motivated to read! Rooster demonstrates how much fun reading can be while instilling the belief that <i>everyone</i> can be creative. Rooster will read from his Axle Galench series using character voices, perform songs, and involve the kids in the performance, too!
<b>Mr. Johnny &amp; Friends</b>	Music	www.mrjohnny.com; 512-494-1411; info@mrjohnny.com	<a href="mailto:info@mrjohnny.com">info@mrjohnny.com</a>		Children	
<b>Mr. Leebot</b>	Music	Lee Davila, 102 Comet, Lakeway, TX 78734 (512) 964-1258 www.mrleebot.com	<a href="mailto:contact@mrleebot.com">contact@mrleebot.com</a>	\$150 (+ \$.50/mile round trip)	Children	Mr. Leebot powers up for an energetic and interactive set of kid-centric lyrics set to zany, cross-genre original music. Fun for the whole family!
<b>Mr. Puppet</b>	Ventriloquism, Marionettes	Bob Abdou; P.O.Box 9822, Austin Texas 78766; 512-415-8178; mr.puppet@mindspring.com; www.mrpuppet.com	<a href="mailto:mr.puppet@mindspring.com">mr.puppet@mindspring.com</a>	\$200 - \$275 per show, depending on travel, no price increase for repeat library bookings from previous year	Children Teens Adults	Austin's only full time ventriloquist & marionette performer, a library favorite since 1996. Shows are age appropriate, educational and very funny.
<b>Ms. Poppy</b>	Clown	512-281-4307; Poppy3213@aol.com; http://hometown.aol.com/panda3213	<a href="mailto:poppy3213@aol.com">poppy3213@aol.com</a>	Call	Children	Ms. Poppy is a member of the Texas Clown Association, and the World Clown Association. She has participated and won awards at the TCA convention held yearly and attended by 100's of clowns from across the state. Ms. Poppy also offers herself as Jingles the Elf and Reada Rabbit. She also entrains with balloon twisting, face painting, temporary tattoos, puppets, ventriloquism, magic, sing-alongs, storytelling, general silliness and more.
<b>Monfre, Enzo</b>		See Enzo's Super Freaky Wildlife				

<b>Murray, Gary</b>		See Round Rock Fencing				
<b>The Muses</b>	Celtic music	www.themusesmusic.com; PO Box 23, Jamestown CO 80455; 877-384-3936; They do tours of Texas.	<a href="mailto:tatiana42@earthlink.net">tatiana42@earthlink.net</a>	sliding scale between \$300-\$600	Family	Various programs ranging from "Instrument Education," "Songs of the Sea" and "The Ballad as History" to "Standard Program" (which means whatever we feel like playing that night. Please see our program list at <a href="http://www.themusesmusic.com/programs.htm">www.themusesmusic.com/programs.htm</a> ).
<b>Music, Souella</b>		See Turtle Discovery				
<b>Nason, Bernadette</b>	Storytelling	7933 Vinewood Lane, Austin TX 78757; 512-454-4925; <a href="mailto:bnason@austin.rr.com">bnason@austin.rr.com</a> ; <a href="http://www.bernadettenason.com">www.bernadettenason.com</a>	<a href="mailto:bnason@austin.rr.com">bnason@austin.rr.com</a>	\$200 + mileage @ 40 cents per mile		Performed on a simple stage set, shows are comprised of multicultural tales unified by a storytelling framework and the unique use of simple props. Each character has a distinct personality and voice. Audience participation is encouraged, especially with younger children. The joy of reading is stressed! All ages love the
<b>National Speakers Association-Heart of Texas</b>	Speakers Trainers	<a href="http://www.nsahot.org/index.htm">http://www.nsahot.org/index.htm</a>		Varies	Adults	NSA-Heart of Texas is a regional chapter of the National Speakers Association and serves professional speakers by generating education, community, and professional integrity that advance the art, skill and business of speaking. The Heart of Texas is a diverse and exciting region, and we have exceptional and accomplished speakers, consultants, and trainers in the area.
<b>Noble, Becky</b>		See Hat Lady				
<b>Non-Toxic Band - Susan Elliott</b>	Music, Science	P.O. Box 104, Bellaire, TX 77402-0104; (713) 660-0356; <a href="http://www.moodindigojazz.com/nontoxic_band.htm">www.moodindigojazz.com/nontoxic_band.htm</a> ; <a href="mailto:susan@moodindigojazz.com">susan@moodindigojazz.com</a>	<a href="mailto:susan@moodindigojazz.com">susan@moodindigojazz.com</a>	\$500-\$1500. TCA grants available.	Children	Formed in 1993 by Sesame Street songwriter, Joe Romano, and his partner, Susan Elliott, the Non-toxic Band presents lively, original, musical concerts for young audiences. The music is upbeat, engaging and educational, is presented in a variety of styles, incorporates multicultural and environmental themes and addresses questions about who we are, how we feel, where we live and how things work. Though the content of the music is directed toward kids, the shows are equally appealing to adults.
<b>Oliver, Valerie</b>		See Whirled on a String				
<b>Outback Ben's Wild Reading Review</b>		See Brett Roberts Productions				
<b>Outreach Health Services</b>	Educational Speakers	Offices around the state; <a href="http://www.outreachhealth.com">www.outreachhealth.com</a>		Free	Children Teens Adults	Health related programs.
<b>Peck, Jan</b>	Author, Storyteller, Drama	6217 Loydhill Lane, Ft. Worth 76135; Phone & Fax: 817-237-5317; <a href="mailto:janpeck@mindspring.com">janpeck@mindspring.com</a> ; <a href="http://www.janpeck.com">www.janpeck.com</a>	<a href="mailto:janpeck@mindspring.com">janpeck@mindspring.com</a>	Call or look at website for more information	Children	Award-winning authors and storytellers: Jan Peck and David Davis give you two authors for the price of one! Programs for all ages. A highly interactive presentation, starring your children with a dramatic play of <i>The Giant Carrot</i> , an adventure <i>Way Down Deep in the Deep Blue Sea</i> and a <i>Pirate Treasure Hunt!</i> me hearties, plus more. Please see David Davis's entry for further information.

<b>Penelope Foolish</b>	Clown, storytelling, magic, juggling, balloons, face painting	Jessica Arjet, 512-971-3311, <a href="mailto:jessica@arjet.net">jessica@arjet.net</a> , <a href="http://www.penelopefoolish.com">www.penelopefoolish.com</a>	<a href="mailto:jessica@arjet.net">jessica@arjet.net</a>	\$180 half hour show; balloons and face painting extra; plus mileage outside Austin area	Children	Penelope Foolish has six different half hour shows to delight young audiences, including themes on Spring, Halloween, Wild Animals, Texas, Holidays and the hilarious Chicken Show. They all include magic, storytelling, juggling, physical comedy and lots of audience participation. Penelope Foolish is a gentle clown with light make-up, making her very approachable to even the smallest children. Voted "Austin Chronicle's Best Birthday Party Entertainer 2006."
<b>Perez, Molly</b>		See CORE Performance Company				
<b>Performance With a Twist!</b>	Juggling, Balloons	512-292-7859; 209 Shant Street, Austin TX 78748; <a href="http://balloonhq.com/dbindex/complete.php?id=511">http://balloonhq.com/dbindex/complete.php?id=511</a> ; <a href="mailto:byrdj@balloonhq.com">byrdj@balloonhq.com</a>		Call for info.	Children Teens Adults	I have performed professionally as a juggler and balloon artist for over 28 years. Birthday parties for children are my specialty, but I also entertain at restaurants, corporate events, churches, libraries, fairs and festivals, weddings, schools and daycares, grand openings, etc. I write books of spiritual fiction and adventure in my spare time.
<b>Peterson, Darren</b>		See Circus Chicken Dog				
<b>Phillips, Lorenza, Sr.</b>	Games	512-296-5988, Austin, <a href="mailto:phillinsync@earthlink.net">phillinsync@earthlink.net</a>	<a href="mailto:phillinsync@earthlink.net">phillinsync@earthlink.net</a>		Children Teens Adults	Lorenza is the co-originator and program manager for the Austin Independent School District's Frost ROPES program which has provided experiential learning workshops and activities for over 62,000 participants. Lorenza is also the founder of In Sync, an experiential based company whose primary objective is to facilitate the growth of community, harmony and cooperation within and between individuals. Lorenza assisted in developing an ongoing parenting program for Austin ISD and the Bastrop Federal Correctional Facility. Lorenza has also teamed with the Riverbend Church Children's Ministry to provide cooperative recreational and spiritual based games and activities for the children of Riverbend for the past 10 years. He speaks several languages.
<b>Phillips, Sheila Starks</b>	Storytelling	855 Harbour Place, Sugarland, TX 77478; 281-491-4723; <a href="mailto:zoolady@airmail.net">zoolady@airmail.net</a> ; <a href="http://www.sheilaphillips.com">www.sheilaphillips.com</a>	<a href="mailto:zoolady@airmail.net">zoolady@airmail.net</a>	half day/\$300; full day/\$600. TCA grants available.	Children Teens Adults	Telling professionally since 19990, Sheila Starks Phillips has a large repertoire of stories ranging from folk tales, myths and ghost stories to tall tales and personal stories. She has entertained and enchanted audiences from preschool through adults. She also presents workshops to children and adults.
<b>Plexus the Clown</b>	Magic, Balloon Sculpting, Music, Santa Claus, Character Actor	W. Rex Voland; 900 Broken Feather Tr., Lot 140, Pflugerville, TX 78660; 512-632-7770; <a href="http://www.plexus.balloonhq.com">www.plexus.balloonhq.com</a>		Magic/Balloon Sculpting \$125.00 up to 1 hr. Extreme magic show (sword swallowing, sword through neck, arm chopper, plus regular show - balloon art included -	Children	An alternative to "Traditional" Clowns, Plexus does not wear make-up (which tends to intimidate some children and adults). He resembles Santa Claus dressed in Tye-Dye. His shows entertain both children and adults, incorporating the audience into the show. He is both humorous and amazing. He is considered an "Entertainer Extraordinaire"! Santa Claus - \$150.00 up to 1 hr. (addl. charge on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day)

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<b>Police Department</b>	Safety Education				Children Teens Adults	Crime prevention, bicycle safety, stranger safety, domestic abuse, drug abuse, etc. Call your local office for specific programs.
<b>Powers, Jiaan</b>	Storytelling	www.jiaanpowers.com; JiaanPowers@JiaanPowers.com; 214-357-7073; 4060 Creekdale Dr., Dallas TX 75229	<a href="mailto:jiaanpowers@jiaanpowers.com">jiaanpowers@jiaanpowers.com</a>	\$175 to \$250; \$550 for full day; \$450 for half-day, plus travel. Flexible fee opportunities for combined	Children Teens Adults	Jiaan Powers - A Teller and a Teacher of Story. I provide performances and workshops for children and adults. I tell traditional tales, literary tales, ghost tales and snippets from down home. I don't want to miss you! When looking for my website or sending an email, please take care with the spelling of my name ~ www.jiaanpowers.com and jiaanpowers@jiaanpowers.com, thanks. And I pronounce Jiaan ~ "Jan".
<b>Prolux, Dana</b>		See Amazing Attractions				
<b>Purly Gates</b>	Music, Storytelling, Workshops	Purly Gates; 598 Lame Hoss Lane, Driftwood TX 78619; 877-431-7921; info@purlygates.com; www.purlygates.com	<a href="mailto:info@purlygates.com">info@purlygates.com</a>	\$250 and up	Children	Multi-instrumentalist/singer-songwriter Purly Gates wrote the theme song for the Texas State Library's 2004 Summer Reading Club. She is known for her engaging songs and participatory shows. Purly specializes in programs celebrating the joys of reading as well as bilingual programs, and is a "keynote singer" for conferences and Young Author days. PreK - 5th grade; 45 min/show.
<b>Rabe, Bernice</b>	Writer	724 Smokerise Circle, Denton 76205; 940/484-2182; berniece@berneicerabe.com; www.berneicerabe.com	<a href="mailto:berniece@berneicerabe.com">berniece@berneicerabe.com</a>	Call	Children Teens Adults	Presenter for all ages. K-12, Adults, Family, College List Classes. How to write a story. Also, gifted and disabled. Told with humor.
<b>Rabouin, Rochelle</b>	Drama, Music, Storytelling	350 Continental Drive-Ste #9103, Lewisville, TX 75067; 940-783-1103; rochelle_rabouin@yahoo.net; www.rabouinmusic.com	<a href="mailto:rochelle_rabouin@yahoo.com">rochelle_rabouin@yahoo.com</a>	varies with program	Children Teens Adults	Arts in Education programs for PK - Seniors, Adults/Senior citizens.
<b>Rattlesnake Glenn</b>	Drama, Storytelling	Glenn Helm; 1219 Berkeley Dr., Richardson 75081-0352; 972/231-9832; ghelm@sbcglobal.net; www.geocities.com/glenn_helm/rattlesnakeglenn.html	<a href="mailto:ghelm@sbcglobal.net">ghelm@sbcglobal.net</a>	\$300 + .34 per mile + accommodation if needed	Children Teens Adults	Lectures and demonstrations on the history and facts of what the Texas Cowboy wore, his equipment, what he ate, and how he lived on the Texas Cattle Trail. Hands-on demonstrations on how to set up a cowboy camp, how he made his fire, different methods of camp cooking, proper costuming for the trail, tools of the trade, and the history of where cowboys came from, music of the era, and what comprised routine daily life on the trail. Member of the Old West Living History Foundation and American Federation of Old West Re-Enactors.
<b>Raynor, Dan</b>		See Stevens Puppets				
<b>Rhythmweb</b>	Music, Percussion	Eric and his wife passed away in the summer of 2008. He brought joy and music to many families in central Texas through his library programs. We will miss him.				

<b>Roberts, Brett</b>	Magic, Puppetry, Storytelling	5216 Sabelle Lane, Haltom City 76117; 817-919-1066; learningwhilelaughing.com; KidsComedian@hotmail.com	<a href="mailto:kidscomedian@hotmail.com">kidscomedian@hotmail.com</a>	Brett offers discounts for multiple bookings. Prices change in January, so book before then and take advantage of better prices.	Children	Brett spends two years writing new shows that fit each year's theme. The first year is spent on research. And the second year is spent testing the material to make sure it is entertaining. All of the shows combine magic, puppetry and storytelling to create a production that is fast paced and fun. Check out the 2008 shows at LearningWhileLaughing.com.
<b>Roberts, Frank</b>		See Cowboy Sunset Serenade				
<b>Ross, Gayle</b>	Storyteller	PO Box 761, Fredericksburg TX 78624; 830-995-4110; gayleross81@hotmail.com	<a href="mailto:gayleross81@hotmail.com">gayleross81@hotmail.com</a>		Children Teens Adults	Gayle Ross is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation and a direct descendant of John Ross, Principal Chief of the Cherokee during the infamous "Trail of Tears." She has appeared at almost every major storytelling and folk festival in the US and Canada. She is in great demand as a lecture artist on college campuses and a keynote speaker at educational conferences. Most importantly, she continues to mesmerize children at countless schools and libraries across the country. From the kindergarten classroom to the college campus to the Kennedy Center, Gayle's stories have enthralled audiences of all ages.
<b>Round Rock Fencing</b>	Fencing	Gary Murray; PO Box 1563, Round Rock, TX 78680; 512-388-4194; 512-819-4097			Children Teens Adults	Fencing demonstration.
<b>S&amp;D Puppetry</b>	Puppetry	1918 Signal Ridge Pl., Rockwall 75032; 972/771-5876; beaucrow@worldnet.att.net; www.SandDPuppetry.com	<a href="mailto:beaucrow@worldnet.att.net">beaucrow@worldnet.att.net</a>	Call	Children Teens Adults	A portable puppet stage builder extraordinaire. Almost all shows are performed in the stage that Don has designed. Their theatre measures 7'L x 4'W x7'H and is perfect for gatherings of 10-80 people. All they need is a small room and an electrical outlet. The Walkabout Theatre is Don's adaptation and his Tabletop Stage is used for Workshops. Available October through May; see website for available programs.
<b>SCBWI - Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators</b>		See individual chapters listed below				
<b>SCBWI - Austin Chapter</b>	Authors Speakers	<a href="http://www.austinscbwi.com/">http://www.austinscbwi.com/</a> ; Tim Crow	<a href="mailto:timcrow4@msn.com">timcrow4@msn.com</a>			A regional chapter of the international organization for writers and illustrators of children's books. They maintain a list of author/speakers.
<b>SCBWI - Brazos Valley Chapter</b>	Authors Speakers	Liz Mertz, 1400 Skrivaneck Court, College Station, TX 77840; ; <a href="http://www.scvwi-brazosvalley.org/">http://www.scvwi-brazosvalley.org/</a>	<a href="mailto:lizbmertz@gmail.com">lizbmertz@gmail.com</a>		Children Teens Adults	Brazos Valley Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators is an affiliate of international SCBWI, a professional organization for writers and illustrators of children's literature. They maintain a list of author/speakers.

<b>SCBWI - Houston Chapter</b>	Authors Speakers	<a href="http://www.scbwi-houston.org">www.scbwi-houston.org</a> ; <a href="mailto:VickiSansum">Vicki Sansum</a>	vsansum@earthlink.net			A regional chapter of the international organization for writers and illustrators of children's books. They maintain a list of author/speakers.
<b>SCBWI - North Central/North East Chapter</b>	Authors Speakers	<a href="mailto:LindaPowley">Linda Powley</a> ; <a href="http://www.northtexasscbwi.org/">http://www.northtexasscbwi.org/</a>	lpowleytx@aol.com			A regional chapter of the international organization for writers and illustrators of children's books. They maintain a list of author/speakers.
<b>SBCWI - Southwest Chapter</b>	Authors Speakers	<a href="mailto:HeatherPowers">Heather Powers</a> ; <a href="http://www.scbwi-swtx.org/">www.scbwi-swtx.org/</a>	hpowers@satx.rr.com			A regional chapter of the international organization for writers and illustrators of children's books. They maintain a list of author/speakers.
<b>Salassi, Richard R</b>	Author, Storytelling	3515 Grant Street, Wichita Falls, TX 76308; 940-691-4273; <a href="mailto:marktwainvisits@yahoo.com">marktwainvisits@yahoo.com</a> ; <a href="http://twainvisits.com">twainvisits.com</a>		\$300-\$500. TCA grants available.	Teens Adults	One-man show in which Mark Twain visits with the audience.
<b>Samarripa, Consuelo</b>	Storyteller, Bilingual	521 E. Veterans Memorial Blvd #202, Harker Heights TX 76548-1305; 254-680-5577; <a href="mailto:asconsuelo@aol.com">asconsuelo@aol.com</a> ; <a href="http://members.aol.com/asconsuelo/bilingual/storyteller.html">http://members.aol.com/asconsuelo/bilingual/storyteller.html</a> .	<a href="mailto:asconsuelo@aol.com">asconsuelo@aol.com</a>	Negotiable; discounts for multiple in same area/multiple days. TCA grants available.	Children Teens Adults	Consuelo Samarripa, Bilingual Storyteller, shares History, folk tales, folk lore, ghost stories, poetry, shared heritage (multicultural) legends and myths from her Mexican Heritage in any venue. She emcees, presents educational workshops, seminars, keynotes and theatrical storytelling concerts. Available for customize, PTA, summer reading and in-service programs.
<b>Sanders, Cinde</b>		See Amazing Attractions				
<b>Sanders, Dal</b>		See Amazing Attractions				
<b>Sanders, Ray</b>	Music	Ray Sangers; 979-355-8162; <a href="http://www.turkeybaster.net">www.turkeybaster.net</a>	<a href="mailto:bandmanray@yahoo.com">bandmanray@yahoo.com</a>	Call	All ages	I play musical comedy show for libraries, banquets, meetings, etc. My show features playing music of various genres and I give educational information about the music, composers, history of playing the instrument, showing a museum of the variety of instruments, discuss how I started playing and the value of learning and making your life better by reading. Yes, my instrument is a turkey baster. I perform songs like The William Tell Overture, Flight of the Bumble Bee, Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, Stars and Stripes Forever and a big variety of many well-known songs.
<b>Sandy Shrout &amp; Friends</b>	Storytelling, Puppetry	2920 Peninsula Way, Carrollton 75007-5091; 972/242-7257; <a href="mailto:sandy.shrout@verizon.net">sandy.shrout@verizon.net</a>	<a href="mailto:sandy.shrout@verizon.net">sandy.shrout@verizon.net</a>	\$125-\$175 + mileage past 25 miles	Children Adults	Storytelling with Puppets –literature-based stories available either as traditional telling or fractured & contemporary OR Puppet Shows - literature-based but fractured & contemporary stories. Make a Sock (or Glove) Puppet workshop (some supplies provided; limit: 50 children). Using puppets to tell stories; making & using puppets workshops. Using puppets in the classroom & in therapy workshop.

<b>Sarr, Alassane</b>	Drumming	214-650-9698; www.rhythmweb.com/alassane; based in Dallas		Call	Children Teens Adults	Alassane Sarr comes from a griot family in Dakar, Senegal, West Africa. The griot tradition of Senegal combines storytelling and musical performance to communicate the history of Senegalese people. Alassane teaches: West African Dance and Drumming, Senegalese history, Drum-Making, leather jewelry making, and costume designing. His energizing drumming includes; Sabar, Sorubam, Tama, Djembe, Djun Djun, congas, and Bougaroubou. Alassane would like to inspire all types of people to learn about Senegalese culture and art.
<b>Savage, Jeff</b>	Author, non-fiction sports books	Savage Books, 2740 Aberdeen Lane, El Dorado hills, CA 95762; www.JeffSavage.com	<a href="mailto:jeff@jeffsavage.com">jeff@jeffsavage.com</a>	Call	Children	Jeff Savage is among the nation's leading authors of non-fiction sports books. He has an award-winning list of more than 150 books in print. Jeff Savage comes to your school with a dynamic day that is sure to be a hit! Your students will marvel at the exciting world of being an author as Jeff takes them on a thrilling ride through the stadium and onto the field to meet the stars. What makes a good role model? Jeff uses sports to show how winners make good choices!
<b>Schave &amp; Reilly</b>	Vaudeville-style clowns, jugglers	PO Box 10423, Austin TX 78766, www.schaveandreilly.com, 512-587-9139; Check us out on Youtube and Facebook!	<a href="mailto:schaveandreilly@gmail.com">schaveandreilly@gmail.com</a>	Call. TCA Grants Available.	Children Teens Adults	Schave & Reilly have been performing original Vaudeville-style clowning in Austin, Texas and festivals across the country since 2000. They have performed on cruise ships, fairs, and cabarets. In 2007, they won Frontera Fringe Festival's Wild Card Best of the Fest Award for their newest show, "Department of Angels", and received the Best Neo-Vaudeville and Miscellany Award at the Texas Burlesque Festival. They have been called "slapstick geniuses", a "sweet retro surprise" (St. Paul Pioneer Press), and their work has been compared to Laurel & Hardy and Charlie Chaplin.
<b>Science of Sound, The</b>		See Greychurch Music Services				
<b>Scott, Beverly</b>	Storyteller	Stories by Bev	<a href="mailto:storyiesbybev@aol.com">storyiesbybev@aol.com</a>			
<b>Scott, Ellen</b>		See Hand to Mouth Puppet Theatre				
<b>Seides, Jan</b>	Storytelling, Music	512-627-2115; http://www.janseides.com	<a href="mailto:pandaproductions@yahoo.com">pandaproductions@yahoo.com</a>	\$300 plus travel	Children, Teens, Adults, Seniors	Storyteller and musician Jan Seides presents two different shows: Yiddish Songs and Stories ("Songs and Stories My Bubbe Taught Me), and Broadway Songs and Stories ("The Golden Age of Broadway"). The Yiddish presentation, which can be tailored to listeners ages 4 - 99, is comprised of stories and songs told to her by her grandmother and other family members and friends as she grew up. The Broadway presentation is designed more for adults, and is aimed particularly to the retired community.

<b>Shakespeare Man</b>	Entertaining and educational performance and speaking	Robert Clover-Brown, www.shakespeareman.com, (214) 587-1470 cell		1 session (45-60 mins) \$200/250; discounts for 2+ sessions nearby on same day, or at same location. Plus reasonable travel expenses outside DFW area.	Older Children Teens Adults	Shakespeare, and his life and times in Elizabethan England, comes to vivid, informative and entertaining life in these IN-COSTUME, INTERACTIVE PERFORMANCES, suitable for GRADE 5 to SENIOR ADULT. They are created and performed by a British-born actor/historian ( a Cambridge University graduate ) now resident in Texas, who retains his deep English roots and his accent, though he became a US citizen in 2006! Performances are carefully designed for the age-mix and interests of the target audience. Core performances are aimed at MULTI-GENERATIONAL audiences, but can be made AGE and/or CURRICULUM SPECIFIC. Great for home schoolers and adult groups. For grades 3-5, a special, very participative presentation is available. The performer shares some of the secrets of an actor's craft and students see him becoming his favourite character, Shakespeare, before discussing and creating a character themselves and then speaking a line, in costume and a "spotlight". Young students gain confidence, have fun and absorb educational information, all at the same time.
<b>Shelby's Stories</b>	Storytelling	8627 San Benito Way, Dallas 75218; 214/212-1771; shelby@tipitellers.org; www.shelbystories.com; tipi@tipitellers.org	<a href="mailto:shelby@tipitellers.org">shelby@tipitellers.org</a>	\$125 hour + mileage outside of Dallas	Children	Shelby's stories are delightful and thought-provoking 45 minute programs. She offers her specially designed series called "Science Stories Naturally" as well as multicultural programs. All programs include audience participation, captivating even children as young as 3 years.
<b>Shelton, Mark</b>	Music	P.O. Box 293621, Lewisville, TX 75029; 800-272-2249; www.marksheltonmusic.com; markshelton@tinrooftango.com	<a href="mailto:markshelton@tinrooftango.com">markshelton@tinrooftango.com</a>	TCA grants available	Children Teens Adults	In his one-man show, Mark draws upon a background that includes classical, folk, pop, jazz, gospel, ethnic and new music to create an engaging collage with wide audience appeal. Mark entertains (and educates) with a hip, fast-paced style, as he romps and stomps his way through an arsenal of percussion paraphernalia including marimba, doumbec, bones, bodhran, cajon, hammered dulcimer, Hang, and even some "body music,"
<b>Simmons, Toni</b>	Storytelling	astoryteller@msn.com; tonisismmons.com	<a href="mailto:astoryteller@msn.com">astoryteller@msn.com</a>	Call	Children Teens Adults	With a background as a children's librarian and drama teacher, Toni is a storyteller and author. Book: The Cheese Chase; video: "Stories Alive," winner of Parents Choice and Parent Council Awards.
<b>Sims, James</b>		See American Chamber Brass				
<b>Sky Rocket Press</b>		See Christopher Espinosa				
<b>Slick, David</b>	Juggling, Magic, Unicycling	David Slick; slickjugglers.com	<a href="mailto:slickjuggling@gmail.com">slickjuggling@gmail.com</a>	Call	All ages	I've performed hundreds of times at Texas libraries. Most of my performances have been because one library recommended my show to another library. I also do stilt-walking, fire breathing, card throwing and balance stunts. I hold two Guinness world records in juggling!
<b>Smith, Shelby</b>		See Shelby's Stories				

<b>Snake Encounters</b>	Animals	Dary Sprout; PO Box 660, Lancaster 75146-0660; 970/709-8796; drd@airmail.net; www.snakeshow.com	<a href="mailto:drd@airmail.net">drd@airmail.net</a>	Call	Children Teens Adults	Provides the funniest, most educational, hands-on program available. Shows include about 15 non-venomous snakes from around the world. Phobics are always welcome. All that crawls is not creepy.
<b>Southwest Dairy Farmers</b>		See Mobile Dairy Farmers				
<b>Speakers</b>	Speaker	See entries for <i>Toastmasters</i> , <i>National Speakers Association - Heart of Texas</i> , <i>Texas State Historical Association</i> , the <i>University of Texas at Austin Speakers Bureau</i> , <i>Texas Farm Bureau Speakers Team</i> , <i>Writers' League of Texas</i> and the <i>McClennan Community College Speakers Bureau</i>		Varies	Adults	You can find speakers in many ways. Google "speakers bureau Texas" and you'll find many ideas. Most clubs, industries, associations, state agencies, utility or public safety agencies, colleges and universities have speakers bureaus and these are usually absolutely free. For links to colleges and universities in Texas, go to <a href="http://u101.com/colleges/Texas/">http://u101.com/colleges/Texas/</a> .
<b>Sprout, Dary</b>		See Snake Encounters				
<b>Stevens Puppets</b>	Puppetry	Dan Raynor, Stevens Puppets; www.stevenspuppets.com; 877-326-3261	<a href="mailto:dzpuppets@aol.com">dzpuppets@aol.com</a>	Reasonable, and include all mileage and accommodations	All ages	ENCHANTING! OUTSTANDING! HILARIOUS! EXCEPTIONAL! FANTASTIC! These are but a few of the wonderful things teachers, librarians, and PTO chairpersons all over the country are using to describe the incomparable Stevens Puppets! Setting the bar for puppetry arts not only regionally but nationally, the critically acclaimed Stevens Puppets have truly become a NATIONAL TREASURE! Triumphantly celebrating their 76th year of producing unforgettable and one of a kind marionette productions for children of all ages. These marionettes were authentically created in the traditional old world style, specializing in classic children's literature, and classic fairy tales. Our productions support the goals of the Texas Taks, and are intended for children of all ages, including the real little ones! All of the stories are educational and have a moral or life skill woven cleverly and discretely throughout.
<b>Stone, Betty J.</b>	Storytelling	2816 Forest Avenue, Fort Worth 76112; 817/451-4648; bjstone13@sbcglobal.net; www.bjstoneauthor.com	<a href="mailto:bjstone13@sbcglobal.net">bjstone13@sbcglobal.net</a>	\$175 plus mileage if over 50 RT from DFW	Children	"Ideas Abound All Around" – all grade levels. K-2nd storybook interaction; 3rd-5th Read funny stories from <i>Ola's Wake</i> ; children may act out chapter from <i>Girl on the Bluff</i> , an early Fort Worth story. Discuss revision; bookmarks, similes/metaphors, TEKS activities.
<b>Story Window</b>		See Christopher Espinosa				
<b>Storybook Storytelling by Mrs. R</b>	Storytelling	Alayne Fuller-Ramsden; PO Box 816, Salado TX 76571; alaynefr@vvm.com; 254-947-8881		Call	Children	Alayne dresses up in costume and provides a great 30-minute storytime program following whatever theme you like. She was a long time employee at the Salado Public Library and will travel in the Salado area.

<b>Storybook Theatre - Lynn Draper</b>	Theatre Arts	10415 Teich Loop, New Braunfels TX 78132; 830-214-7136; toll free 866-522.9819; www.sbtheatre.com		\$400-\$1000. TCA grants available.	Children	We combine storytelling with theatre arts and bring stories to life by acting out the characters in the book. We follow up with a lesson, sign language example and include audience participation. Audience: Pre-school through 8th grade. Program length: 45 minutes
<b>Storyman</b>	Storyteller	Gary Whitaker; 6109 Estes Park Court, Fort Worth 76137; 817/281-2849; storymantales@hotmail.com; www.storymantales.com	<a href="mailto:storymantales@hotmail.com">storymantales@hotmail.com</a>	Call	Children Teens Adults	Historical characters in costumes: Texas Ranger, Civil War Veteran, Mountain Man, King Arthur. Also, Irish/Scottish folk tales, ghost stories, tall tales, and ancient and medieval literature. See him perform at <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aEW1SFpQEHA">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aEW1SFpQEHA</a> .
<b>Storytime Theater</b>	Storytelling	Glenn Ray Little; 713-473-9006; littleproductions@sbcglobal.net; littleproductions.org	<a href="mailto:littleproductions@sbcglobal.net">littleproductions@sbcglobal.net</a>		Children	Stories about Pecos Bill, the solar systems, volcanoes, and animals.
<b>Stotts, Stuart</b>	Author, Music, Storyteller	401 E. Holum St., DeForest, Wi. 53532; 608-513 0724; stuart@stotts.com; www.stuartstotts.com	<a href="mailto:stuart@stotts.com">stuart@stotts.com</a>	300+	Children Teens Adults	Stuart Stotts is a songwriter, storyteller and author. He's been performing for children and families full time since 1986. His trademarks are humor, movement, and participation. His recordings have won national awards, and his books include biographies and ghost story collections. Stuart has a special focus on promoting the joys of reading, and is frequent presenter at library and literacy conferences.
<b>String Man</b>	Storytelling with string	David Titus; PO Box 1406, Lawton, OK 73502-1406; 580-353-4710; okteller@juno.com; storyteller-wordsmith.com; www.stringfigurestore.com	<a href="mailto:okteller@juno.com">okteller@juno.com</a>		Children Teens Adults	Demonstrates string figures and string stories. Also sells books, videos and materials useful to learning string stories.
<b>Sugar Free Allstars</b>	Music	Chris Wiser; 405-514-5676; www.sugarfreeallstars.com	<a href="mailto:chris@sugarfreeallstars.com">chris@sugarfreeallstars.com</a>	Contact for pricing; fees include travel. Multiple show discounts and Mid-America Arts Alliance funding available	Children Teens Adults	The Sugar Free Allstars are a fun and funky organ/drum duo with lots of energy. Their music has appeared on PBS's "Roadtrip Nation" and their 4th CD and first for kids, "Dos Niños," made it Fids and Kamily's top 15 "Best Music of 2007 for Kids and Families" awards list and produced the XMKids(XM radio channel 116) number one hit, "Bathtub Boy." A Sugar Free Allstars show is full of groovy music that is fun for all ages. An eclectic mix of New Orleans funk, Memphis soul, Hammond organ-drenched gospel and straight up rock and roll combine with quirky and witty lyrics to create songs that audiences can't help fub clap, dance, laugh and sing along to. Programs can be tailored to the crowd demographic, <del>whether it's kids, families or adults</del> .
<b>Teatra de la Rosa</b>	Bilingual children's theater	Cathy Hernandez; 1440 N. Main St., Fort Worth, TX 76164; chernandez@rosemarinetheater.com; www.rosemarinetheater.com; 817-624-8333	<a href="mailto:chernandez@rosemarinetheater.com">chernandez@rosemarinetheater.com</a>	\$700 plus mileage (50% of this is reimbursable by the Texas Commission on the Arts)	Children Teens Adults	El Conejito Verde/The Green Rabbit is an old Mexican folktale, designed for K-4th grade, and is fully bilingual. The story is told using hand-crafted masks, live musical accompaniment, and lots of interaction. Teatra won the prestigious 2006 Coming Up Taller Award from First Lady Laura Bush for excellence in after-school arts and humanities programs for youths.

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<b>Teddy and Marge</b>	1920's-30's music with a modern twist	Grady Roper, 419 Burseson St., San Marcos, TX 78666; 512-392-4728; www.myspace.com/oldtimeygoodness	<a href="mailto:teddyandmarge@yahoo.com">teddyandmarge@yahoo.com</a>	\$100 plus mileage	Children, Teens, Family, Adults, but especially older timers	Teddy and Marge combine organ, cello, clarinet and accordion in an unique musical ensemble. Teddy (Grady Roper) and Marge (Marjorie Osborne) met in spring 2005. Finding common ground playing cumbersome, antique instruments, and having an affinity for the music of yesteryear, they decided to collaborate. Soon they found themselves performing 1920s and 30s standards for a modern day audience, proud to be revisiting an era of more sincere song writing. Inspired, they have also created original songs based on that epoch. They have repeatedly toured the U.S., performing a range of venues including art galleries, weddings, libraries, punk rock bars and retirement homes. Come see Teddy and Marge (Grady will even be sporting his granddad's hat!)...
<b>Telephone Company</b>	Music, Puppetry, Storytelling	The Telephone Company 700 W. 31st St.; Austin, TX 78705; 512-775-6581 Chef; 512-577-4520 Pat; chef@telephonecompanymusic.com; telephonecompanymusic.com	<a href="mailto:chef@telephonecompanymusic.com">chef@telephonecompanymusic.com</a>	\$200 (+\$.50/mile roundtrip)	Children	Absurdist for children. Chef and Pat write all original songs with ridiculous topics and present songs in an energetic show using puppets and other visual aids.
<b>Texanna Records</b>		See Camp Cookie Productions				
<b>Texas Farm Bureau Speakers Team</b>	Speaker Agriculture	<a href="http://www.txfb.org/speakers.asp">http://www.txfb.org/speakers.asp</a>		48.5 cents per mile travel	Adults	"Telling agriculture's story" is the mission, and the passion, of the Texas Farm Bureau Speakers Team. The team is a group of Texas farmers and ranchers who have taken on the task of spreading the word about Texas' second largest industry. The Speakers Team members are available to speak on a variety of agricultural topics.
<b>Texas Longhorns for Hire</b>	Animals	Diana Tatum; 37930 Bonnie Lake Drive South; Hempstead, Texas 77445; 979-826-9185; 832-492-2014; <a href="http://www.txlonghornforhire.com">http://www.txlonghornforhire.com</a>	<a href="mailto:txlonghornforhire@yahoo.com">txlonghornforhire@yahoo.com</a>	We travel from Hempstead so fees start at \$450	All ages	My company has appeared at daycare, schools, museums and libraries all over Texas. We have several programs to offer about these famous symbols of Texas. How cool would it be to have live Texas Longhorns at your library?
<b>Texas State Historical Association</b>	History Education	<a href="http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/speakersbureau/index.html">http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/speakersbureau/index.html</a>		Fees are negotiable, though a \$400 stipend plus travel is recommended. Grants available through <i>Humanities Texas</i> .	Adults	The <i>Texas State Historical Association's Distinguished Speakers Bureau</i> is designed to assist people with an interest in Texas history by finding quality speakers for their varied needs. The individuals found in this bureau have been selected by a panel of experts based on their known expertise. The views expressed by the individual speakers are their own and in no way reflect an official position by the Texas State Historical Association. Topics include business, economics, Civil War and Reconstruction, Texas history, ranching and petroleum industries, the western frontier and Texas arts and culture.
<b>Texas State Parks</b>	Nature Animals	<a href="http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us">www.tpwd.state.tx.us</a> ; <a href="http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/kids">www.tpwd.state.tx.us/kids</a>			Children Teens Adults	Check with the nearest State Park for possible speakers. Check out their educational materials, including the popular Educational Loaner Trunks, at <a href="http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/learning/resources/">http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/learning/resources/</a>

<b>Texas Tale Teller</b>	Storytelling, Music	Donna Ingham; 1025 Coventry Rd., Spicewood 78669-3121; 830/693- 1641; wordshop@tstar.net; www.donnaingham.com	<a href="mailto:wordshop@tstar.net">wordshop@tstar.net</a>	\$250 - \$500 expenses included. TCA grants available.	Children Teens Adults	Donna Ingham takes the ancient art of storytelling and gives it a Texas twist in programs for all ages. She tells traditional folk tales, myths, legends, tall tales, ghost stories, personal and family stories. She often incorporates music and appropriate artifacts in her telling.
<b>Tipi Tellers</b>	Storytelling	8627 San Benito Way, Dallas 75218; 817/212-1771; tipi@tipitellers.org; www.tipitellers.org	<a href="mailto:tipi@tipitellers.org">tipi@tipitellers.org</a>	Call. TCA grants available.	Children Teens Adults	Tipi Tellers weave captivating stories in and out of their 28 foot tall tipi. Stories of character development and Native American stewardship of the earth are told in the magic of a "canvas cocoon" Have tipi will travel.
<b>Titus, David , The "String Man"</b>		See the "String Man"				
<b>Toastmasters</b>	Speakers	<a href="http://tmd55.org/speak_bur.shtml">http://tmd55.org/speak_bur.shtml</a>		Free	Adults	The Central and South Texas Speakers Bureau offers motivational speakers, trainers, after-dinner speakers, keynote speakers and guest speakers for meetings and engagements throughout south-central Texas, including Austin, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, the Rio Grande Valley, the Coastal Plains and the Texas Hill Country. Does your organization need a speaker? Send us a Speakers Request form. Our three dozen experienced members can speak on a wide range of informative, entertaining, humorous or motivational topics. We are a public service of Toastmasters International District 55. There is no charge to use our Speakers Bureau and our speakers will not accept a gratuity. However, if you wish, you may present the speaker an honorarium payable to District 55 Toastmasters.
<b>Trains, Trackless</b>		See JiggleBug Express				
<b>Trouble Puppet Theater Company</b>	Puppetry	Connor Hopkins, connor@troublepuppet.com, www.troublepuppet.com	<a href="mailto:connor@troublepuppet.com">connor@troublepuppet.com</a>	Contact presenter for exact fees	Teens Adults	Trouble Puppet
<b>Turtle Discovery</b>	Animals	1079 W FM 3040 #300 PMB 106, Lewisville 75067; 469/766-7615 or 469/766-7614; turtlediscovery@hotmail.com; www.turtlediscovery.com	<a href="mailto:turtlediscovery@hotmail.com">turtlediscovery@hotmail.com</a>	\$150 per show within 100 miles; \$175 per show beyond 100 miles (flat fee)	Children	Turtle Discovery provides educational reptile and amphibian presentations. Our goal is to instill an appreciation for these unique animals sharing our world. We bring a variety of reptiles and amphibians found in Texas and from around the world to our shows.
<b>Twice Upon A Time Storytellers</b>	Storytelling	Peggy Helmick-Richardson; P.O. Box 271586, Dallas, TX 75227; 214-321-9791 (H); 469-955-0595 ©; twiceuponatime@sbcglobal.net/ww w.twicetellers.com	<a href="mailto:twiceuponatime@sbcglobal.net">twiceuponatime@sbcglobal.net</a>	TCA grants available.	Children Adults	Twice Upon a Time Storytellers draw on myriad folktales, fairy tales, fables and personal stories to entertain children and adults. Storytelling programs include "Prairie Tales," "Different Ways to Make a Story," "Tales From Many Lands," and "Why Can't We Just Get Along." Gene and Peggy's Strings and Things share the world of string tricks, folk toys and games of the Texas pioneers. Their "What's Bugging You?" is an age-based exploration of the fascinating world of insects and spiders, and may include a BYOB (Bring Your Own Bug). They also offer workshops on storytelling.

<b>Twisted Details by Any Occasion Balloon Décor</b>	Balloon sculpture	Deanna Frazee, 4108 Windwood Drive, Killeen TX 76542; efrabee@hot.rr.com; 254-291-9566	<a href="mailto:efraze@hot.rr.com">efraze@hot.rr.com</a>	\$85 + depending on distance from Killeen and audience.	Children Teens Adults	Balloon creations of 2-10 balloons, including wearable balloon creations. Currently doing line work at events and parties, but developing a performance of fairy tales with balloons. (NOTE: Deanna is also the library director of the Killeen Public Library. She says "Why didn't they mention the power of balloons in grad school? It's pure gold for promoting the library.")
<b>University of Texas at Austin Speakers Bureau</b>	Education Speakers	<a href="http://www.utexas.edu/opa/speakers_bureau/">http://www.utexas.edu/opa/speakers_bureau/</a>		Free	Adults	The University of Texas at Austin Speakers Bureau is a service is provided at no cost to the city of Austin and the surrounding community. University faculty members and administrators volunteer their time to assist local organizations.
<b>Varella, Ian</b>	Magic Ventriloquism	512-754-7016; ian@comedyvent.com; comedyvent.com	<a href="mailto:ian@comedyvent.com">ian@comedyvent.com</a>	Call	Children Teens Adults	Motivational and educational entertainment
<b>Voland, W. Rex</b>		See Plexus the Clown				
<b>Walkabout Productions</b>		See Connie Leaverton				
<b>Water Beetle Cherokee Programs</b>	Storyteller; Native American Lore	Kathy Lynn; <a href="http://www.anniesbook.com/">http://www.anniesbook.com/</a>	<a href="mailto:sunceria@hotmail.com">sunceria@hotmail.com</a>			"Di ni yo li" (Imagine!) 2010 Summer Library or State Park Program HAVE FUN & IMAGINE! This summer, be CREATIVE at your library or State Park! What could be more CREATIVE than encouraging the children to use their imaginations while listening to Native American stories? Enjoy tales where Animals speak the same language as YOU and ME! Learn ... How Skunk Got His Scent... How Fly Saved the River...Why Bat Hangs Upside Down... ... and MORE!!
<b>Wear, Connie</b>	Music - flute	<a href="mailto:candpwear@aol.com">candpwear@aol.com</a> ; 254-793-9438	<a href="mailto:candpwear@aol.com">candpwear@aol.com</a>		Adults Seniors	Connie plays flute for events, especially for those involving adults or seniors. She is the wife of CTLS supporter Patrick Wear.
<b>Welch, Wendy</b>	Music	9048 Mercer Place, Dallas 75228; 214/328-2223; misterwilly@msn.com; www.willywelch.com	<a href="mailto:misterwilly@msn.com">misterwilly@msn.com</a>	Call	Children Adults	"SWonderful, SWendy" – the music of the Gershwins Big Band Boogie Piano required, or for \$50 can provide a keyboard.
<b>Welch, Willy</b>	Music, Storytelling, Motivational and Inspirational Talk, Children's Author, Songwriter	9430 Springwater Dr., Dallas TX 75228; 214-328-2223; misterwilly@msn.com; www.misterwilly.com	<a href="mailto:misterwilly@msn.com">misterwilly@msn.com</a>	\$200 + mileage for one show; negotiable for more shows and more locations	Children Adults	Using his guitar as accompaniment, children's picture book author Willy Welch entertains with songs and stories, and his books to inspire a love of reading and writing. For adults, he offers a motivational session exploring tricks of the trade for freeing creativity and integrating right and left brain. A veteran performer of over thirty years' experience, Mr. Willy tailors his program to the age of his audience.
<b>Wells, Joe</b>		See Cowboy Sunset Serenade				

<b>Whirled on a String</b>	Yo Yo	Valerie Oliver; 12832 Peach Tree Way, Euless, TX 76040; 817/354-2209; valerieyo@spintastics.com; www.whirledonastring.com	<a href="mailto:valerieyo@spintastics.com">valerieyo@spintastics.com</a>	\$195 plus mileage over 50 miles. Reduction or shared mileage	Children Teens Adults	Yo-yo, Spin Top, and Diabolo demonstration plus hands-on yo-yo lessons. One hour in length. All ages 5 and up including teens! (2004 World Female Spin Top Champion, 2004 World Award for Excellence in Yo-Yoing, 1972 Minnesota State Yo-Yo Champion.
<b>Whitaker, Gary</b>		See Storyman				
<b>Whittemore, Gerry</b>		See Zippy is Silly				
<b>Wildlife on the Move, Inc.</b>	Animals	1226 Cedar Ridge, Duncanville 75116-2047; 817/846-3567; hiss@wildlifeonthemove.com; www.wildlifeonthemove.com	<a href="mailto:hiss@wildlifeonthemove.com">hiss@wildlifeonthemove.com</a>	Call	Children Teens Adults	Programs involve fun and interactive presentations for adults as well as children. Some fascinating critters are employed (tarantulas, alligators, lizards, snakes, tortoises, etc.) We make connections to reading, geography, and conservation, as well as discussing animals' unique traits. Fully permitted and insured.
<b>Wood, K.R.</b>	Storytelling, Music	PO Box 40184, Austin 78704; 512/267-7591; krwood@texannarecord.com; www.texannarecords.com	<a href="mailto:krwood@texannarecords.com">krwood@texannarecords.com</a>	\$500 Solo; \$1,200 Chuck wagon, 3 piece Cowboy Band	Adults	The history of the Texas Revolution in word and song covering all of the heroes from Davy Crockett to the Tejano and African American heroes of the fight for Texas freedom from Mexico. We also do a cowboy heritage program called "Camp Cookie" with 1880s chuck wagon camp that tells the stories of the Texas cattle drive era in song and tales.
<b>Wright, Buddy and Tina</b>		See Buddy and Tina Wright Group				
<b>Writers' League of Texas</b>	Speakers Writers	<a href="http://www.writersleague.org/programs/sb.html">http://www.writersleague.org/programs/sb.html</a> ; 512-499-8914; wlt@writersleague.org	<a href="mailto:wlt@writersleague.org">wlt@writersleague.org</a>	Varies	Adults	With approximately 1,500 members, the Writers' League of Texas is the nation's second-largest organization of writers. Beginners to award-winning authors of all genres benefit from the guidance, resources, and support the League offers. They maintain a list of participating authors by genre.
<b>Yid Vicious</b>	Music	<a href="http://www.yidvicious.com">www.yidvicious.com</a> , <a href="mailto:Melissa.Reiser@yidviciousklezmer.com">Melissa Reiser, yidviciousklezmer(at)yahoo.com, (608) 249-4356</a>			Children Teens Adults	Yid Vicious was formed in order to ameliorate the woeful dearth of klezmer in America's otherwise pleasant heartland. Klezmer is Yiddish folk music, music for dancing and celebrating. Our musical arsenal consists of clarinets, saxophones, fiddle, horn, vocals, guitar, bass, mandolin, prima, drums and sometimes theremin. Of note: Band member, Melissa Reiser, is Kendra Perkins' sister. Kendra is at the Ringer Library in College Station.
<b>Young, Sue</b>	Storytelling, Singer/ Songwriter	512-323-2414; sue@sueyoungmusic.com; www.sueyoungmusic.com	<a href="mailto:sue@sueyoungmusic.com">sue@sueyoungmusic.com</a>	TCA grants available	Children Teens Adults	Bilingual Storyteller and Singer/Songwriter Sue Young presents entertaining, educational and interactive performances of folk tales and songs of Latin America and award-winning original songs. Sue's show "Texican Tales and Tunes" includes cowboy songs, Mexican cantos, stories showcasing the diverse cultural heritage of Texas and her composition "Deep In The Heart" – the 2009 Texas Reading Club Theme Song. Other shows include "Cantos Y Cuentos – Tales and Tunes of Latin America", "¡Viva México! - Celebrate Mexico!" and "Celebrations of Light" – a multicultural Christmas/winter holiday show. Sue has performed around Texas and the US and has age-appropriate material for Pre-K and up.

<b>Zippy is Silly</b>	Clown	Gerry Whittemore; zippyissilly@yahoo.com; 512-476-9329	<a href="mailto:zippyissilly@yahoo.com">zippyissilly@yahoo.com</a>	\$75 - \$100 per hour per show	Children	Zippy is Silly is a silly clown who loves performing with beautifully sculpted balloons and mystifying magic. Unfortunately, Zippy can't find his magic, so he must seek the help of young library audience members. And thanks to the magic of these young folk, Zippy is Silly will entertain with 30-45 minutes worth of belly laughs and goofiness. Zippy is Silly is very proud of his 25+ years of clowning experience in and around Austin, including a history of performances in Austin, Round Rock and Lockhart library reading programs.
<b>Zooniversity - The Teaching Zoo That Comes to You</b>	Animals	Allison Blankenship; PO Box 781642, Dallas 75378; 972-979-9847; allison@zooniversity.net; www.zooniversity.org Fax: 214/350-1479	<a href="mailto:allison@zooniversity.net">allison@zooniversity.net</a>	\$225 weekdays; \$250 weekends, plus mileage fees	Children	Make 2008 a "Texas Reading Club ZOObilee!" Zooniversity offers fun, exotic animal education programs for groups of all sizes. Fun, fact-filled programs for preschool, school-age, teen and adult audiences. Choose from 18 courses and more than 50 species of tame, rescued exotic animals. USDA licensed and insured.