

Recommended Performers from NM Library Staff

Name of Performer, Group or Organization	Programs offered are:	Type of Program Offered	Performer Website	Performer Phone Number	Performer Contact Address	Any additional comments you would like to share about the specific program at your library, or the performer in general?
Advocates for Snake Preservation	Free	Live Animals	https://www.snakes.ngo/about/	575-956-5231	https://www.snakes.ngo/contact PO Box 2752 Silver City, New Mexico 88062 NOTE: Can only travel within 1.5 hours of Silver City	Brings in snakes and gives a little talk about what snakes do and eat and what to look for
Andy Mason	Fee-Based	Music Performance	https://andymasonmusic.org	contact form on website	andymasonmusic@hotmail.com	Andy did a children's concert that everyone really loved, then did a songwriting workshop that was amazing.
Ann Lincoln	Fee-Based	Foam	https://www.annlincoln.com/	303-388-2820		She does a great job with foam parties. Kids have a safe and fun way to play
Aspen Black	Fee-Based	Music Performance	http://www.aspenblackcowgirl.com/	contact form on website		Sorry couldn't remember her phone number but she responds quickly with email. Aspen does a performance with the kids and gets them up and moving. Great songs
Denise Gard	Fee-Based	Storytelling, Live Animals	https://www.storycreations.org/	719-229-5061	storycreations@yahoo.com	Denise created an original story and brought two trained border collies to help her dramatize it. She also included educational information about dog training and about being safe around dogs. Following the show, she offered audience members a chance to pet her dogs. We had a big crowd and Denise was able to engage everyone. Denise was a pleasure to work with: professional, on time, and responsive to emails. The dogs were extremely well-behaved in the library and caused no issues at all.
Exotics of the Rainforest	Fee-Based	Live Animals	https://www.exoticsoftherainforest.com/	505-896-3133	Albuquerque, NM	They were incredible! I've never seen such a high level of interaction with the crowd. The program was educational, but the crowd's attention was definitely more focused on the very loud, squawking macaws. Practically everyone in attendance was able to hold/touch a snake or have a macaw perch on them. Book them while you can - Carolyn and Sparky are getting older, and they're the only ones who offer this kind of program in the area!
					Contact form on website	The kids and the adults the all of the parrots and snakes, we had a huge crowd!
EXPLORA	Fee-Based	Science	https://www.explora.us/	505-600-6072		We do this one a lot. They come down and have different stations for the kids to play with. Kids spend hours here figuring things out and learning its awesome
						The educators from Explora had everything set up quickly, and we enjoyed a very well-attended science program. We offered the Family Science Event, which was a drop-in program with six different stations to visit. Attendees enjoyed trying all the activities in turn and were able to take home some items they made. The reservations manager, Edwina
Living Desert Zoo & Gardens	Free	Science	https://livingdesertnm.org/	575-887-5516	1504 Skyline Dr. Carlsbad, NM 88220	This program was literature-based. The educators brought their own books, crafts, and artifacts for the children to handle. There was no fee for the program. Note that later in the summer, the zoo runs its own summer science camp for children, so there may be limited availability for educators to travel.
Judy Pancoast	It depends.	Music Performance	www.judypancoast.com	603-716-3646	judy@judypancoast.com	Judy was awesome with the kids and they had a great time with her!
Melanie Milborn	Fee-Based	Music Performance, Storytelling, Movement/Dance	www.melaniemilborn.com	970-769-4751	3 Derby Drive Durango, CO 81303	She is a teacher and is very good with incorporating the children into her performance!
NM Game and Fish	Free	Science	https://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/	505-222-4740	7816 Alamo Rd NW Albuquerque, NM 87120	Storm brought out some great specimens and talked about the animals let the kids touch the specimens and ask lots of questions! Great Program!
Pint Size Polkas	Fee-Based	Music Performance	http://www.pintsizepolkas.com/	414-431-4683	mike@pintsizepolkas.com Mike Schneider P.O. Box 126 Clinton, WI 53525	Mike is incredibly nice and friendly and gave an amazing, interactive show
						Mike was so kind and he had the adults laughing, dancing, and interacting! I think we had more fun than the kids!
Rocky Mountains Puppets/ Meghan Casey	Fee-Based	Storytelling/Ventriloquist/Puppetry	www.rockymountainpuppets.com	303-469-8929	rockymountainpuppets@gmail.com	Meghan is very good - has several animals she uses in her performances. Meghan is a huge crowd-pleaser with kids and parents alike because of her cute puppet characters and voices. Patrons who have seen her before often express that they look forward to her next show. She writes a an original show every year to go with the summer reading theme from CSLP, so it's a good fit for library programs. She always has a positive, fun show everybody enjoys. She is very professional and a pleasure to work with.

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Science Spectrum of Lubbock, TX	Fee-Based	Live Animals, Science	https://www.sciencespectrum.org/	806-745-1216 Ext.224 (Tammi)	2579 S. Loop 289, Suite 250 Lubbock, TX 79423	<i>We did not know ahead of time exactly who the educator would be or what animals would be brought. The educator (Nicholas) was very well-informed and kept the program interesting and moving along at a good pace. Our audience was large, but this didn't prevent an excellent program, as Nicholas was comfortable with a big crowd. Nicholas also prepped the audience on how to gently touch 2 of the 3 animals (snake and tortoise). Great science program and a big draw to have special animal visitors in the library.</i>
Tall Paul Magic	Fee-Based	Magic	https://tallpaulmagic.com/	505-489-1670	Paul@TallPaulMagic.com	<i>Paul has been performing at children's parties, libraries, and elsewhere for a long time. He is very flexible and easy to work with. He gains good rapport with his audience and has very good audience participation. He can work in any size space, so even a small library can host a magic show with Paul. He offers juggling, sleight of hand, and all is delivered with humor.</i>