

August 21, 2009

Dear Artist:

Each summer, the Kids, Books and the Arts project is held in conjunction with the statewide summer reading program, sponsored by CHILIS (Children's Librarians of NH). This grant project has made arts programming available to public libraries at an affordable price. Kids, Books and the Arts is made possible through public grants as well as corporate/private sponsorships, and is administered by the New Hampshire State Library.

This fall a committee of NH children's librarians will select eight to ten presenters to appear on the 2010 Kids, Books and the Arts Roster. NH public libraries will have the opportunity to apply for grants to hire the Roster presenters for a program during the 2010 NH Summer Reading Program. We anticipate awarding 40 – 50 grants. While roster presenters usually receive at least two bookings each through the grant program, most receive additional bookings just from being on the roster.

In March of 2009, CHILIS members voted to join the Collaborative Summer Library Program, the national summer reading program adopted by 47 states. This means that NH will be using the "Make a Splash - READ" theme for its 2010 Summer Reading Program. While we look for presenters who will create material related to this theme, we also welcome applications from those whose material does not lend itself to thematic programs.

If you believe that you have or can create a program that is reasonably priced and has kid appeal, please read on! In completing the application form, please remember the following:

- Library programs attract audiences of all ages, **including very small children**. Be honest about your ability to work with different age groups.
- Libraries have limited space and resources. Be up front with your space and equipment requirements. If you can only perform indoors, please say so and if you will only perform outdoors, say so. Indicate all fees and other costs.
- Affordability is a must. The average performance cost is about \$375, with additional charges for mileage. Please note: mileage charges cannot be higher than the federal rate of reimbursement.
- You must be willing to travel anywhere within New Hampshire.
- Proposals for hands-on workshops as well as performances are encouraged.

One of our goals is to attract presenters from a variety of disciplines, not just those that fit into the "traditional" nature of library programming. In past years we've had dancers and visual artists as well as storytellers and musicians on our roster.

All roster presenters will be expected to participate in a showcase at the CHILIS Spring Conference on **Thursday, March 25, 2010** at Southern NH University in Manchester. If you know that you will be unable to come to the showcase on that date, please do not apply to be on the roster.

Please complete the enclosed application and send **ten collated** copies of the applications and attachments postmarked no later than **October 19, 2009**, to the above address, **attention: Ann Hoey**. You will be notified about the roster selections in late November. If you have any questions, please call me at 603-271-2865 or e-mail me at [Ann.Hoey@dcr.nh.gov](mailto:Ann.Hoey@dcr.nh.gov).

Sincerely,

Ann Hoey