



**DELAWARE DIVISION OF LIBRARIES HOLDS 7TH ANNUAL DELAWARE
PUBLIC LIBRARIES PERFORMERS SHOWCASE ON SEPTEMBER 15**

Division of Libraries Promotes Cultural Programming

While libraries schedule most of their own programs throughout the year, Delaware Division of Libraries, in partnership with Delaware Division of the Arts, sponsors the Summer Library Reading Program Performing Arts Series, in which selected performers perform at all Delaware public libraries during the summer.

“Our goal is to reach every Delawarean in making libraries essential to quality of life for Delaware citizens,” said Marie Cunningham, Senior Librarian at Delaware Division of Libraries. “Programming is very effective”. Robin Lank, Children’s Services Librarian at Milford Public Library states, “Programs bring in people who may not otherwise visit the library. Programs also have a very positive effect for regular library users who look forward to the programs, especially in the summer.”

On September 15, Delaware Division of Libraries will conduct its 7th Annual Performers Showcase. This yearly event is designed to bring performers and Delaware librarians together. To date, the emphasis has been on children and family programming, with the greater emphasis on children. The showcase will be held at the Delaware Division of Libraries, 43 South DuPont Highway.

The showcase allows performers or ensembles to present a thumbnail preview of what they have to offer. In this way, librarians are better able to plan their own program schedules and to have input in the selection of the Summer Library Reading Program Performing Arts Series performers.

Delaware public libraries strive to provide educational and entertaining programming that supports their mission to exist as cultural and lifelong learning centers for their communities. Each year several thousand Delaware citizens enjoy hundreds of programs at their local libraries.

Performers who are interested in participating in the Delaware Public Libraries 2008 Performers Showcase should call Marie Cunningham, Delaware Division of Libraries at (302) 739-4748 or (800) 282-8696 for an application. Space is limited.