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## Performing Arts Series at Your Local Library

### Libraries Bring Out Your Inner Artist

Delaware libraries and patrons are gearing up for Delaware's 2009 Summer Library Performing Arts Series. The Summer Library Performing Arts Series, made possible by collaboration among Delaware Division of the Arts, Delaware Division of Libraries, and Delaware Public Libraries, adds another dimension to the well respected and much loved Summer Library Reading Program.

This year's Summer Library Reading Program themes, **Be Creative @ Your Library** and **Express Yourself @ Your Library** set the stage for performers Megan Hicks and Michael Forestieri who are each scheduled to perform in libraries throughout Delaware this summer.

Megan Hicks is a regionally recognized and award winning storyteller. Megan will perform as *The Storytelling Empress::Origami Swami*. Megan's stories eloquently unfold as she simultaneously folds paper into the characters and other story elements using the ancient art of origami. Audience members will not only be dazzled by *The Storytelling Empress::Origami Swami*, but will actually learn to fold something of their own to take home as a memento.

Michael Forestieri is a musician, storyteller, and workshop leader. His programs, created around the basic themes of community, self-esteem, and personal character, are aimed at bringing out the storyteller in us all. Michael's repertoire includes original stories, classic tales, and culturally diverse folktales.

Michael Forestieri performances will vary from library to library. Michael will perform a storytelling concert that will be enjoyed by people of all ages at a number of libraries throughout

Delaware; while at other libraries, Michael will conduct one of his workshops for either pre-teens or teens.

Middletown resident Dee Naples, mother of two and owner of a children's day care is a long-time fan and supporter of the Summer Library Reading Program and Performing Arts Series. "We love the Summer Reading Program at Corbit-Calloway and look forward to it every year. This is our 12th year and it keeps getting better every year. My children have participated since they were toddlers and I also bring my day care children to programs whenever we can make it. Throughout the years we have seen puppet shows, plays, magic shows, storytellers, jugglers, musicians, and science programs. My kids also love the crafts, writing classes and art classes. My kids have grown up knowing that the library is a great place to be!"

Check with your local library or Marie Cunningham at 302-739-4748 x119 or [marie.cunningham@state.de.us](mailto:marie.cunningham@state.de.us) for dates and times of performances.

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