



MAIN LIBRARY • 60 S. HIGH STREET • AKRON, OHIO 44326
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JULY 17 & 18, 2009

Free!

PERFORMANCES

Saturday, 7-10 pm
Storytelling Concert
(12 years and older)
Auditorium

Bil Lepp – Warning Lights: Good Ideas Gone Bad: Tall-tales about high jinx and high adventure.

Think Jeff Foxworthy with the comedic patience of Bill Cosby. His outrageous, humorous tall-tales and witty stories have earned the appreciation of listeners of all ages and from all walks of life.

Kim Weitkamp – Freckles, Fibs and Family: Humorous stories on love and lessons learned from family.

Known for her skills in laying down a whopper of a tale, Kim combines humor, original childhood stories and just a touch of fertilizer to create stories that can compete with the best of them.

StoryCorps® Presentation – Listening Is an Act of Love

The national oral history project StoryCorps will be at Main Library July 17-31 to help Summit County residents record their stories. Hear an overview of *StoryCorps*' mission and services.

Saturday, 6:30 pm
Come early and enjoy the music of the Brick Road Ramblers.

Saturday, 10-10:30 pm
Meet the Storytellers in the Atrium.



BIL LEPP



KIM WEITKAMP



STORY CORPS

Friday, 11 am-Noon

Family Concert

Auditorium

Andy Offutt Irwin – Offutt's Environmental Epic Show!

Using mighty funny song-stories and his usual cache of sound effects, Andy helps children (and grown-ups) think of the environment simply as the place where we live. He is a master at making up stories on the fly with input from the audience – listen carefully for your chance to help shape the story!



ANDY OFFUTT IRWIN

ADULT WORKSHOPS

Friday, 1:30-3:30 pm

Workshop – Children's Library

Andy Offutt Irwin – Don't Be Afraid to be Amazing

In this workshop we'll explore ways of telling stories and singing songs to children. Andy will help you look at humor in storytelling and discuss tips on pacing, timing and movement.

Saturday, 9:30-11:30 am

Workshop – Auditorium

Kim Weitkamp – The Wrinkles Project is a national campaign to help families and senior care facilities gather the stories of their families and residents. Learn how to uncover the precious threads of memories and weave them into your stories.

Saturday, 11:30 am-1 pm

Meeting Room #2

Lunch & Story Swap – Come to tell or come to listen.

Saturday, 1-3 pm

Workshop – Auditorium

Bil Lepp – Preserving Personal History in Untrue Tales

Learn to preserve history by telling fictional accounts of real history. Bil will talk about how to use or camouflage real people in stories, how to keep real places intact, and how to discuss sensitive issues through the voice of endearing characters.

Saturday, 3:30-4:30 pm

Workshop – Auditorium

Getting Great Stories, the StoryCorps Way

Join staff from the national oral history project *StoryCorps* and learn how to use your listening skills to become a great interviewer.

New this year! Ride the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad to the Family Concert at the Akron Storytelling Festival. For information, visit <http://www.cvsr.com> or call 800-468-4070.

To register for the workshops, please contact **History & Humanities** at 330-643-9040 or e-mail hdiv@akronlibrary.org

For more information on *StoryCorps* or to schedule an interview, call the **Library's Special Collections Division** at 330-643-9030.

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All events are free and open to the public.

Books and recordings will be available for purchase. For more information, visit www.akronlibrary.org, call 330-643-9040 or e-mail hdiv@akronlibrary.org

