



# LITERACY THROUGH PUPPETRY

## A NORTH SHELBY LIBRARY PROJECT

### Overview .....

The art of puppetry has roots in storytelling around the world. Through puppetry, people of all ages can create characters, craft stories, and perform plays. For children in particular, puppets are pivotal tools that allow them to begin exploring their own narratives and creativity.

North Shelby Library is dedicated to fostering the connection between literacy and puppetry by launching the Literacy through Puppetry Project. This is a multi-faceted project during the summer that will include programs by professional puppeteers, a librarian-led junior puppeteer club and a claymation workshop that will allow kids to explore and create, and the launch of more circulation puppetry kits as well as individual puppets.

### Programs by Professional Puppeteers .....

#### **Tween Puppetry Workshop with Gene Cordova**

**Wednesday, June 22 at 2 pm**

**Ages 8-12. Registration required.**

**Venue: Northy Shelby Library**

Professional ventriloquist Gene Cordova teaches how tweens can make a puppet real and also how to give him/her a personality. He will also cover non-verbal puppetry.



#### **Lee Bryan, That Puppet Guy**

**Monday, June 27 at 11 am and 6 pm**

**All ages. No registration!**

**Venue: New Hope Church**

Enjoy the puppet show, **Circus Fanta-Sea**, performed by family favorite Lee Bryan, That Puppet Guy!

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## Junior Puppeteer Club

**Thursdays, June 16 and July 14 at 11 am**  
**For grades K-2nd. Registration required.**

Come and celebrate the art of puppetry! First, participants will listen to a story. Then, they will build their own puppets and have the opportunity to perform their puppets for their families.



## Tween Claymation Workshop

**1st session: Thursday, June 30 at 2 pm**

**2nd session: Friday, July 1 at 2 pm**

**Ages 8-12. Registration required.**  
**Attendance at both sessions is important.**

Learn about claymation puppetry and design your own short stop motion film!

During the first session, participants will create their clay figures and work on their story idea.

During the second session, the clay figures will take the stage and participants will make a short stop motion film.

After the workshop, the films will be sent to the participants and shared on the library's website with permission.

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## Puppetry Kits, Puppetry Books, and Puppets for Check Out!

The Children's Department has added more puppetry kits as well as individual puppets for check out!

Kits and puppets may be checked out for 2 weeks at a time.

We have expanded our puppetry book collection as well!

