

Celebrate Summer Reading 2020

Imagine That: A Song & Story Celebration



“Davis is thoughtful, creative, human, and a fantastic storyteller” – Pete & Toshi Seeger

Imagine That is an engaging program of songs and stories for families designed to support the 2020 Library Summer Reading theme **“Imagine Your Story.”**

It includes participatory songs and stories from around the world, from Native American fairy tales to a family story from Davis’ childhood. A starry lullaby sings a dancing wooden dog to sleep, a butterfly falls in love with the moon, and a coyote helps put the stars in the sky. And lots of sing-alongs.

Instruments played include spoons, limber-jack, and a number of ethnic percussion instruments.

Additional programs include **Halloween Harvest, Earth Rhythms, A Celtic Celebration, This Land is Your Land, Sea Songs & Stories, Winter Holidays** and duo performances with **Roger Tincknell**.

Davis’ programs for libraries are designed to celebrate reading, community & diversity, to get audiences of all ages singing along, and to inspire families to read together and to share their own stories and songs with each other and their friends. He is known for his humor and ability to engage, his repertoire of familiar and interestingly new songs and stories, and his professionalism. Programs include a lesson in how to play the spoons, and an appearance by a dancing wooden dog named Bingo.

Over the past 40 years, Davis has shared thousands of performances at libraries, schools, senior centers and community settings throughout the northeast. His recording, *Family Stories*, won a prestigious Parents Choice Magazine Gold Award, was named one of best audio recordings of 1996 by the American Library Association’s Booklist Magazine and is available for download for free on his website.

Please get in touch with him for information about how this program can meet the needs of your library, or about seasonal, inter-generational and adult programs. Local Cultural Grant support possible. References and sliding scale fee information available on request.

“Thanks for helping to celebrate our summer reading finale. We’ll have you back again!” – Hinsdale Public Library

“Children & adults raved about your songs & stories. They were great!” – Rockport Public Library



Contact information: Davis: (413) 625-0202 or davis@davisbates.com

Web site: www.davisbates.com