January - The Frog Prince

A fun musical production, featuring the fabulous Tichenor Marionettes, The Frog Prince tells the story of a lonely frog and a spoiled princess. With the help of a golden ball, the frog teaches the princess the true meaning of friendship.

February – Anansi the Spider

This colorful marionette and hand and rod puppet play is based on the African tales of a tricky spider who uses cleverness to achieve his wishes. The beautiful marionettes for this program were created especially for the library by Wood and Strings Puppet Company. The hand and rod puppets, as well as all other aspects of the show, were created by our own Wishing Chair Productions!

March – Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves

"Open Sesame!" Enter the magical Cave of Wonders and behold Wishing Chair Productions colorful adaptation from the Tales of the Arabian Nights. Classic storytelling with a cast of exotic marionettes, clever sets, and props, and exciting original music are sure to enchant the entire family.

April – *Premiere* <u>La La La: A Story of Hope</u> – New Production – Adapted by Bret Wilson Wishing Chair Productions presents this magical journey from the mind of Kate DiCamillo. This nearly wordless tale will transport you on a young girl's journey to find a true friend.

May – Momotaro: The Peach Boy

Take a mystical journey through the heart of Okayama as Wishing Chair Productions introduces one of the most famous characters in Japanese folklore. Performed with newly constructed Bunraku puppets, follow Momotaro and his companions on this tale of bravery, unity and triumph over adversity.

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August – Sky Bear

Adapted and set to music by Wishing Chair Productions, Sky Bear is a Native American folktale about how the Milky Way was formed. This lovely story is told with marionettes created by Wood and Strings Puppet Company and Wishing Chair Productions. A treat for the whole family.

September – <u>Tomas and the Library Lady</u>

A marionette show based on the true story of Tomas Rivera, the son of migrant workers who became a national education leader. His life changed when as a boy he was encouraged to read by a librarian in Iowa. Based on the book by Pat Mora. Produced with special permission from Random House.

October – <u>The Legend of Sleepy Hollow</u> (Limited Performances in October) Based on the story by Washington Irving, this version is shadow puppetry and storytelling at its best. Note: Not recommended for children under 8 years old.

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