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President's Message

It is with sad tidings that I once again announce the passing of one of our Ring Family members.

Just this January Jeff Marcus succumbed to Covid-19 and passed away in Ohio, far from our immediate magic community.



Jeff Marcus

Ring 76 2021 Calendar

Feb 15 - Close Up Contest* and Lecture

Mar 8 - Tricks I learned from IBM Linking Ring

*Opportunity for Members to Perform

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be having physical meetings until further notice. Where possible, we will have virtual meetings on-line. Read this Newsletter and watch your e-mail for further details!

With his passing, the line between "Front Line workers" and the "Home Front citizens" blurs a little more. A good number of us can now tell of a friend or family member who has either had "The Vid," or we know of a friend or loved one who died because of it. The number of us who "face it every day" gets larger and the distinction grows smaller.

There will be a number of tributes and articles for Jeff, who was in Ring 76 since 1975. I will not take up space here except to say that it was Jeff who introduced me to Ring 76, it was Jeff, as our IBM Territorial Vice President, who swore me in to my various positions on the Board for most, if not all, of this century, and that he was my oldest and dearest friend. No greater honor can be bestowed on a man than the wealth of his friends and with that, Jeff knew no want.

There will be a Broken Wand ceremony for Jeff at the next meeting on February 8th. We can best celebrate a Magician's life with magic so, of course,

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the meeting will be filled with a mini-lecture and our Annual Close-up Competition. I hope to see you all there.

— *Richard Ustick*

From the Editor

As editor, I usually stay in the background and let MagiCurrents be a forum for others. But in this one instance, I'd like to use this platform to express my own feelings of loss for Jeff Marcus. Jeff was one of the first people to welcome me when I attended my first Ring 76 meeting. And over the years, I have always found that whenever I saw him, he always had something to share: a story to tell, a joke, a new trick he was working on, a bit of constructive criticism and so on. Even when he was not a Board member, he attended Ring 76 Board meetings whenever he could and his opinions on many matters were often sought by the Board. With his passing, many members of Ring 76 have told me about how Jeff has affected their magic and their lives. Clearly, he will be missed by all of us. Rest in peace, my friend.

— *James Thayer*

Coming Up !

February

Our next meeting on February 8 will include these activities:

- ♣ We'll show some tribute videos of long-time Ring 76 member, IBM territorial vice-president and dear friend to so many of us, Jeff Marcus.
- ♣ Our president, Richard Ustick, will conduct a broken wand ceremony for Jeff.
- ♣ President Richard will squeeze in a short business meeting.
- ♣ The featured event will be our annual closeup contest. There are currently five entrants and there is still room for you! You may perform live OR with a recorded video, which will be played as your contest entry. First, second and

third place finishers, as voted on by members, will receive \$50, \$25 and \$15, respectively. If you haven't yet notified Greg that you'd like to compete, contact him as soon as possible at gw83@ring76.com.

- ♣ There will be a 45-60 minute lecture by comedy magician Matt Fore, who will be speaking on how to add comedy to your act. He is well-qualified to teach on this subject; you can read more about him elsewhere in this newsletter.

March

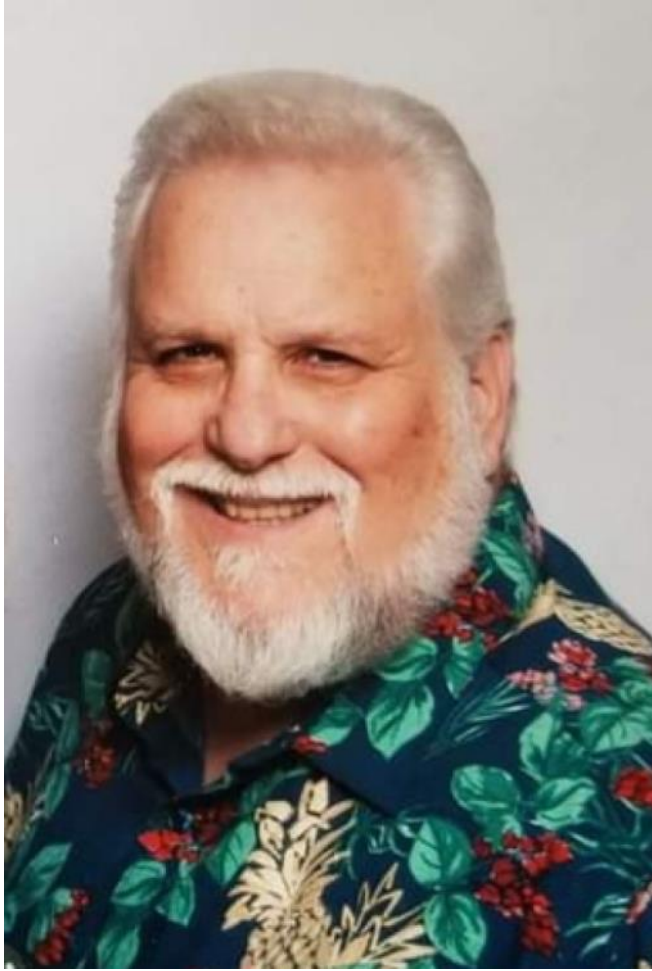
The March 8 meeting will be a performance night where it's all about you entertaining the group. The evening theme will be "Tricks I learned from the IBM Linking Ring magazine" or "Tricks I learned from Jeff Marcus." OK, since Jeff was the king of rubber band magic, any rubber band magic trick will count. You are always free to perform any type of magic on our performance nights, but to be eligible for the entertainer of the month award, or to have votes you receive count toward the yearly total for the entertainer of the year award, your effect must keep to the topic. It goes without saying (did I just say that?) it will again be a Zoom meeting.

— *Greg Wauson*

Jeffrey Marcus, 67, magician, hypnotist, dies from COVID-19

Jeff Marcus was 7 when his father gave him his first set of magic tricks, a gift that turned into a life passion. Growing up in suburban Chicago, he started putting on magic shows for family and friends at 10 years old. He spent hours fooling his younger brother, Mark, and their friends with card tricks, hocus-pocus charm and sleight-of-hand maneuvers.

That love of magic eventually led him to a 40-year career entertaining thousands in Southern California. Marcus, who mastered the art of stealing watches as a magic trick, was also a practicing hypnotist and professional clown who performed at events like the



Mother Goose Parade. He was a regular entertainer at private corporate events, at local schools and at the San Diego Zoo, Sea World and at the San Diego Fair/Del Mar Fair.

Unable to perform for crowds for many months because of COVID-19 restrictions, Marcus, who lived in Alpine, traveled in December with his wife, Peg, to see her children and grandchildren in Ohio. While on vacation, Jeff Marcus contracted the novel coronavirus, and passed away on Jan. 18, less than three weeks after being diagnosed, in a Toledo, Ohio, hospital. He was 67 years old.

Peg Marcus said that her husband lost his sense of taste and smell on Dec. 20, was tested for Covid-19 on Dec. 26, found out he was positive on Dec. 30 and was hospitalized on Dec. 31. She said that while her husband was a big man who had sleep

apnea, and was pre-diabetic, he had no other health complications.

“Jeff was one of those guys who would do magic for anyone at anytime, even if it was for a waitress at Denny’s at 3 a.m.,” said his friend, fellow magician Jeff Jay Smith, who lives in Indiana. “Jeff had an encyclopedic knowledge of magic with a reverence for the old timers and patience for newcomers. I had done magic as a young child and when I picked it up again as an adult, he encouraged me, gave me guidance and helped me become a professional magician myself.”

Jeffrey Kimball Marcus was born Oct. 30, 1953, in Midland, Mich., to Stanley Allen Marcus and Beverle Fern (Horwitz) Miller, moving to Chicago with his mother when he was 2. Marcus moved to San Diego in January 1974 to major in telecommunications at San Diego State University.

While attending SDSU, he met his first wife, Sheila Albee, and the two married in 1979. Following a divorce, he married Peggy Ellen Mosley in 1989, and became a stepfather to Peggy Marcus’s three children. The two lived in Santee for nearly 30 years, then moved to Alpine in 2016.

“Jeff loved people, most of all our family, and he never met a stranger,” Peg Marcus said. “He was excellent at complimenting people, never failed to thank a veteran for serving our country, and frequently gave money to homeless individuals. I suffered from depression most of my life. Even though Jeff didn’t fully understand, he did everything he could to learn about it, including taking classes through NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Always supportive and ever my champion, he stood by my side always.”

Marcus was a longtime member of Hollywood’s Magic Castle and the International Brotherhood of Magicians (IBM) Ring 76. He was also the Territorial Vice President of IBM. His friend Smith said that Marcus liked to travel every summer for the annual Magic Festival in Colon, Mich., known as the “Magic Capital of the World.”



Smith said that even though the conference was cancelled last August because of Covid-19, he met Marcus there, and the two went to magic shops and “very respectfully” visited the Lakeside Cemetery in Colon, the final resting place for more than 30 magicians.

Local performers were also saddened by the loss of their colleague in the magic world.

“Jeff was a true professional and always a presence as a stand-up performer,” said magician Dana Law of El Cajon. “He did a lot of corporate work and was extremely talented. And he was such a nice man.”

Mark Miller, Jeff Marcus’s brother, said he was glad the two became closer and saw each other more often when Miller moved from the Midwest to Arizona about six years ago. He said the void runs deep and that he will always remember his brother

as a kind man with a big heart, who always looked out for his little brother.

“I remember as kids we would get about 10 to 12 friends and go to Wrigley Field to see the Cubs,” Miller recalled. “And they would always get rained out, so we would come back to the house and Jeff would put on a magic show. All my friends would say it was so cool. And I hated it! Of course when I became older, I would come to appreciate it so much. He was a great magician and a great performer. The magic world lost a great one.”

Marcus was preceded in death by his father, Stanley Marcus, and leaves behind his mother, Beverle Miller; brother, Mark Miller; sister, Jennifer Marcus (Rajnik Raab); wife, Peg; stepchildren Dawn Burnett (Mike Birky), Dashelle Cranker (Mark) and Stan Applegate; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two nephews and one niece.

Marcus’s funeral was held on Jan. 25 and he was buried near his father at Westlawn Cemetery in suburban Chicago. No dates have been set but Peg Marcus said one or more celebrations of life for Jeff Marcus would be held in the near future.

— Karen Pearlman

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January Meeting — 11Jan2021

In Cyberspace

“Between the 1850's and the 1930's the world was transfixed by the proliferation of magic. Specialist theatres existed and huge magic shows toured the world, each promising something more exciting and special than the last one.” This quote is from a website which considers this time period to be the “golden age of magic,” coincidentally titled www.goldenageofmagic.com,

An argument can be made that, due to the high quality of so many of the recent top magical performances, we are in another golden age of magic.



Not only are there baffling, and more importantly, entertaining, magic acts, there are a lot of them. And featuring magicians from all over the world. With the use of the Internet, we can watch them from the comfort of our homes anytime we want. But with so many, how do you find the cream of the crop? That was the task for Joe Mystic for our January meeting, our first meeting devoted to showing videos of stellar magic.

He requested Ring 76 members to submit links to their favorite magic videos. Joe sifted through those performances, kept those which made the cut – in his opinion - and then added many of his own favorites. The result was some of the best of the best, which made for an enjoyable time for those members and guests who attended the Zoom meeting.

First up was Sean Farquhar on “Penn and Teller’s Fool Us.” His sealed deck containing Penn’s signed, chosen card was an absolute mind-blower and was strong enough to be a fooler to Penn and Teller. Next was Lea Kyle on Fool Us, who performed an incredible quick-change act. It didn’t fool Penn and Teller but it was still a stunner.



Then it was Eric Chien’s turn from “Americas Got Talent.” He seemed to be somewhat stage-struck initially but calmed down as he went along and turned in a terrific closeup performance where cards turned color, disappeared and changed into coins. It was a very clever act, unlike any other.



Then back to a Fool Us contestant, Kostya Kimlat, who is a close friend of Ring 76’s own Josh Sherwin, who recently moved to Florida. He wowed everyone with a very smooth and deceptive card trick which certainly took years to master. The same can be said of Richard Turner’s poker dealing performance which was next, also from “Fool Us.” They didn’t tell the audience but Mr. Turner is almost completely blind, which made his piece even more impressive.



David Copperfield performed the Floating Rose effect from one of his TV specials from the 1980s. I submitted this as my all-time favorite magic trick. It’s

got everything: a simple plot (a napkin floats and animates, then is folded into a rose, which also floats and changes into a real rose), cool music, a lovely volunteer assistant and it's done completely surrounded by the audience. It definitely has the Copperfield touch. The quality of this video is not good but the strength of the performance more than made up for it.



Eric Mead on Fool Us showed how sleight of hand should be done, with his rendition of the classic cork and cylinder mystery. It was beautifully done and was a fooler. Alexandra Duvivier, also from Fool Us, fooled her hosts. Mark Booth pointed us to a behind-the-scenes YouTube clip which showed she initially didn't fool them, left the stage but the judges determined Penn and Teller's explanation was not complete enough so she had fooled them after all. They actually called her back onto the stage to refilm the ending, under the guise of a "technical problem" and she was surprised when they announced she did fool them.

Next up was the FISM performance of a Japanese magician named Den Den. Joe Mystic and Mike Stilwell saw this highly skilled card and paper crane manipulator perform at the Magic Castle and agreed his act was the best they had ever seen. The video quality was not up to snuff, but the magic



quality again made up for it. Then back to another Fool Us contestant, Danny Cole, who demonstrated a stack of wooden blocks had the ability to suspend in mid-air. This was a fooler not only for Penn and Teller but also for everyone else who saw it.

Paul Gertner was the first person to be asked to



appear on Fool Us three times. On this performance, he showed incredible skill by impossibly finding five people's selected cards on the top of each of five piles. As a kicker, he also revealed the bottom cards formed a straight flush. Next, the FISM entry by Rick Merrill stunned everyone with silky smooth sleight of hand which had no visible moves. A sharpie, pencil and coin visibly appeared, disappeared and changed

into each other. And this was without his wearing a jacket. This phenomenal performance won him first place in the international competition.

The last magician was Shin Lim. His ability to astonish people with a deck of cards has made him a household name and he consistently wows



magicians also. There have been 64 million YouTube hits of his first appearance on Fool Us. On this second performance he made the aces and queens visibly appear, disappear and the backs of the entire deck changed from red to blue, then became white and imprinted with “Did I Fool You?”. The deck instantly appeared back in the box, then disappeared. What else to say about this? It was another fooler.

The feedback we received from our first video night was very positive. We found many more videos of top notch performances but didn’t want to go on too long in one meeting. This is in keeping with the real first rule of magic: Always leave the audience wanting more.

— Greg Wauson

Matt Fore Lecture

Sometimes it’s the little things that take your show to a new level. It’s the funny lines, the gags, the segues and callbacks. Our lecture by comedy magician Matt Fore immediately following this month’s closeup contest is about helping you generate the kind of laughter, applause and astonishment that makes your show the best it can be.

The title of his lecture says it all: **Killing it On Stage – How to Slay Your Audience with Comedy, Gags, Lines, Structure, Callbacks, Segues and a Big Finish.** You’re going to have a lot of fun and you’ll learn some practical magic you can do right away! Your show goes to a whole new level when you add in the funnies, a hilarious callback and end in a big way.

Matt Fore is a full-time comedy magician who has served as the main stage performer for corporate, association and faith-based events around the country for more than twenty-eight years. He has performed for Carnival Cruise Lines, the Magic Castle and has appeared on several national TV shows including The Crook & Chase Show on TNN, Fox Sports and



Matt Fore



Swan's Place on Odyssey. He has also performed and lectured at numerous magic conventions.

Matt is the creator of “Killing It Onstage – How to Slay Your Audience with Comedy, Gags, Lines, Structure, Callbacks, Segues and a Big Finish,” a course designed to help entertainers take their shows to new heights and is the founder of *The Entertainer's Marketing Academy* used by magicians around the country to grow their businesses step by step. In addition, Matt is a contributor to Success.com, Entrepreneur.com and is the author of two books, *The Five Essential Elements - A Simplified Road to Success* and *The Truth Shall Make You Laugh*.

— Greg Wauson

Shavings From the Board

January 25, 2021



The meeting was held via Zoom and it was called to order at 7:06 pm. by President **Richard Ustick**. Also in attendance were First V.P. (entertainment) **Greg Wauson**, Second V.P. (membership) **James Thayer**, Treasurer **Joe “Mystic” McGrievy**, Sergeant-at-arms **Dave Chiu**, Secretary **Matthew King**, and Members-at-large **Mike Stilwell** and **Robert Vinson**. Also present were Social Media rep. **Mark Booth**, and Ring 76 Librarian **Gary Salisbury**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The December and January meeting minutes were discussed and approved.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report, Joe “Mystic”

McGrievy: Joe shared his excel spreadsheet regarding expenses and status. We paid a \$14.00 fee for our website, a fee to Dana Daniels Performance and lecture, two Amazon gift cards, and we received a donation from magician **Ron Anderson**. Our current balance is \$1,060.85. Joe indicated that the balances match in the bank with the records.

Sergeant-at-Arms Report, David

Chiu: David indicated we had 19 members at the January meeting, with no guests present.

Library Report and Discussion, Gary

Salisbury: Gary donated a few audiobooks to the library/Plex server. There are 13 items out on loan and are pending the end of the Pandemic. Gary has been asking for book/video donations from magicians in online magic groups, and **Lynn Stedd** may have some items of **Jack White's** to donate. Gary also talked to **Brad Burt** about donations of books/videos. He asked for a consensus on opening the Plex Server to club members. **David Chiu** asked for any input as to navigation. Gary showed a diagram of the projected library and shelving, and he informed the club of a \$300 donation he received to be applied towards any expenses incurred on the library project or construction.

First VP of Entertainment, Greg Wauson: Greg and board members enjoyed the YouTube videos at the January meeting, and he would like to see some more attendees present at the next one. A thought for a future meeting is to play “Fooler” magicians from Penn and Teller, and then have a conversation or make guesses as to how it was accomplished. Board members liked this idea of collaboration.

Second VP (Membership), James Thayer: We have dropped to 53 members due to the unfortunate passing of lifetime member **Jeff Marcus**.

OLD BUSINESS

Richard Ustick thanked **Joe “Mystic” McGrievy** for helping with the January meeting, and he did a wonderful job managing videos.



NEW BUSINESS

Matthew King discussed the donated magic items he received which **Robert Vinson** had been storing. He showed a list and photos of the items inventoried so far and thanked **Mike Stilwell** for helping to organize, identify and photograph some of it. We discussed offering them to members first via the newsletter and e-mail before advertising on public auctions. **Richard Ustick** reminded the board he has the movie monster cutouts to sell, too. **Matthew King** asked for photos of the monsters to be added, along with their back story. **Greg Wauson** sent a friend the pictures to see if she's interested. **Gary Salisbury** said he has a producer friend who also may be interested.

Richard Ustick asked about renaming the club, consent of members, and the necessary paperwork involved. We discussed semantics, possibilities, potential scenarios, or future problems. We also discussed the history of Ring 76, and the previous change to "Sid Gerhart". It was agreed to table the conversation until the next meeting.

Richard Ustick asked about the timing with the Broken Wand ceremony for **Jeff Marcus** at the next meeting. **Gary Salisbury** indicated **Peg Marcus** should be back by then. **Richard** indicated he would like to perform the ceremony, and **Mark Booth** said he will put together a tribute video for **Jeff Marcus** and asked for any available videos. **Richard** discussed the timeline for the meeting with board members and getting photos of **Jeff** from previous newsletters. Decided to structure the meeting with the Tribute video first, followed by the Broken Wand, then the business meeting, the lecture and, lastly, the close-up contest. **Greg Wauson** indicated there have been 5 sign-ups for the close-up contest and he sent an email to members for more.

Richard Ustick asked for any suggestions as to the March and April meetings. **Mike Stilwell** mentioned having a roundtable discussion about **Jeff Marcus** during the March meeting and record it for **Peg Marcus**. We liked that idea and members can tell a few stories. **Greg Wauson**

mentioned having another themed performance meeting. **Mike Stilwell** mentioned a theme using effects from The Linking Ring magazine, or maybe a meeting about publicity materials. **Greg Wauson** asked him to give a mini lecture on it at a future meeting.

NEWSLETTER REQUIREMENTS

James Thayer indicated the deadline for newsletter articles is next weekend, preferably on or before Saturday the 30th.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

— James Thayer

Newsletter challenge question

It's time again for your opportunity for fame and fortune by taking on the infamous newsletter challenge. If you spot the answer to our question and are the first to send it in an email to VP of Entertainment, [Greg Wauson](#), you will become the proud owner of a \$10 Amazon eGift card! Please put "Newsletter challenge" in the subject line of the email. All Ring 76 members are eligible, except board members and the previous month's winner.

Congratulations to our January winner, Mark Booth!

Here's our February newsletter challenge question:

Who performed the best act Joe Mystic and Mike Stilwell have ever seen? The answer is somewhere in this newsletter.

— Greg Wauson

Ex Libris

By Gary D. Salisbury



Welcome to Ex Libris, my monthly newsletter article about the IBM Ring 76 Library in San Diego, CA.



Donations Wanted

- ♣ We need more books and videos to build the library. Those have to come from donations because there are no funds earmarked for library acquisitions in the ring budget.
- ♣ We have not raised any additional funding for the library because physical meetings have been cancelled and we have gone to virtual meetings. That means no library sales table or 50/50 raffle.
- ♣ Currently we need money to buy Windows 10 Pro software and some incidentals for the Magic Video Streaming Server project. If you could help out by donating something for this? We need \$300 more but anything at all will help.
- ♣ If you have purchased a downloaded video lecture (such as Penguin lectures) and no longer need it, I have a suggestion. Donate it to the library and we will put it on our PLEX server. That way you will always be able to view it any time along with the rest of the club. The club would then officially own the copy however, once it is transferred over to the library, you must delete all copies of it from your system. This is no different than donating a VHS or DVD except the media isn't physical, it is digital.

January Donations

Thanks to the generosity of a few, we have a few more items that we can all share and funds to build with. Thanks again for your generosity and setting an example for others to (hopefully) follow.

Thank you, Gracias, Grazie, Merci, Danke, Arigato, 谢谢, 감사합니다, спасибо!

Gary Salisbury:

- ♣ **Carter Beats the Devil** (Audio Book) by Glen David Gold
- ♣ **The Magician's Tale** (Audio Book) by David Hunt
- ♣ **Harry Potter Series** (Audio Book) by J. K. Rowling

- ♦ **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone**
- ♦ **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets**
- ♦ **Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban**
- ♦ **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire**
- ♦ **Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix**
- ♦ **Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince**
- ♦ **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows**

LOAN STATUS

13 items still currently on loan. If you have something checked out, it would be appreciated if you could drop it off.

MAGIC BOOK REVIEWS

Here are reviews of the two audio books I donated this month from Goodbooks. Both of these audio books are on the PLEX server so you can listen to them on your smart phone.

Carter Beats the Devil (Audio Book)

by Glen David Gold

Charles Carter—a.k.a. Carter the Great—is a young master performer whose skill as an illusionist exceeds even that of the great Houdini. But nothing in his career has prepared Carter for the greatest stunt of all, which stars none other than President Warren G. Harding and which could end up costing Carter the reputation he has worked so hard to create. Filled with historical references that evoke the excesses and exuberance of Roaring Twenties, pre-Depression America, *Carter Beats the Devil* is a complex and illuminating story of one man's journey through a magical—and sometimes dangerous—world, where illusion is everything. (I love this audio book and recommend it highly.)

The Magician's Tale (Audio Book)

by David Hunt

When the police find the decapitated head of a young man with the body nowhere to be found, they are stunned. They begin to piece together the clues and soon find out that the head belongs to Tim Lovesey, a handsome prostitute who worked in the seedy section of San Francisco called Polk Gulch. In this sexually charged never-world, the police prefer to look the other way and chalk this up as another bizarre crime in an equally bizarre area of town, setting the premise for *The Magician's Tale*, one of the summer's most chilling thrillers.



Kay Farrow, a professional photographer who was working on a photo book about the hustlers in the Gulch, is the only person who seems to care about the grisly murder, and she proceeds to investigate further, hoping to get to the bottom of this strange crime. Kay, an achromat suffering from an extreme color blindness, possesses a unique vision that informs her world as well as sharpens her skills as a talented photographer.

During Kay's quest for justice, the search takes her back in time to an unsolved serial murder case. This case has many similarities to Tim Lovesey's murder, but the police proceedings are what strike closest to home with Kay. Her father was one of the officers on the case and due to police mistakes the case was never solved, resulting in Kay's father getting ousted from the police force. Kay's further investigation of the murder takes her to Tim Lovesey's "uncle," who tells her the interesting tale of Tim's magician past. Kay learns more about Tim's mysterious history and discovers how he was teamed with his twin sister in a magic act that lasted for most of their childhood.

Risking her life and everything she holds sacred, Kay must sort through the riddles of the past and present before she can uncover the truth in Tim's death. Along her search she faces potential mental and bodily harm as her colorless vision shows her shades of lust, greed, jealousy, and desire.

MAGIC BOOK & VIDEO REVIEWS WANTED

If you have watched a magic video or read a magic book (good or bad), please drop me an email telling me what you thought of it so I can include your comments in the next issue of Ex Libris. (librarian@ring76.com)

WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY?

Soliciting Library Donations On-line:

I have been soliciting donations of books and videos from different magic groups on Facebook and have a promise to send us some DVDs. We might have to pay shipping in some cases but it would probably be beneficial for us to do so. I will evaluate this on a case by case basis.

If you have any magic DVDs or VHS tapes, why not consider donating them to the library? They will be digitized and put on the PLEX server so they would always be available to you any time plus be sharable to other club members. Sharing is good!

IBM Ring 76 Magical Arts Library:

I have put this action item on hold pending another solution, a donation of lots of cabinets.

IBM Ring 76 Magic Media Server:

The IBM Ring 76 Magic Media Server project is one where we will have all the magic videos we legally own available to members for streaming via a PLEX media server. At last count, we had over 1,200 instructional and performance magic videos that will be available for viewing on the server.

Current Project Status:

The IBM Ring 76 Magic Media Server is up and running so if you would like to try it out, send an email to: librarian@ring76.com with your real email address (not your ring email address) requesting access. I will send you a PLEX invitation, which you will need to accept, in order to gain access. People who have tried it say it is nothing less than **FANTASTIC!**

Process:

Step 1:

1) Please provide me with your real email address and I will send an Invite to Join and Connect to the Plex Server. When you create your PLEX account access you should use the same email address.

Ex: DaveChiu11@gmail.com

Step 2:

You will receive an email inviting you Join view the IBM Ring 76 Magic Media Server.

Step 3:

Click on the link in the Invitation, "*I accept the invitation*"

You will then be at the Sign-In page:

Step 4:

If you have an existing account, you can use it to log in.

-or-

You can create a new PLEX account on the link "sign up with email"

Step 5:

Log into the you Plex Account at

<https://www.plex.tv/>



Step 6:

Click on Launch to start Plex.

Step 7:

Click on "IBM Collection"

Step 8:

Enjoy!!!!

Extra:

You can view from your PC, or you can also Install the Plex App and view from your smart device. You can also do both. The smart device would be useful for listening to audio files on the Plex server.

LIBRARY CHECK OUT PROCEDURE

Members may contact me 7x24 either by e-mail at librarian@ring76.com or by cell phone (voice or text) at 619-569-6035 to let me know what you would like to check out. (If you do not hear back from me within 24 hours, there may have been a technical problem so call me.) I will make sure the item(s) get to the next monthly meeting or you can pick it up at my home in Blossom Valley.

There is a limit of 4 items per month. You will need to sign the library card attached to the item along with your phone number. We ask that you return the items to the library on or before the monthly meeting for the following month (for example: If you check out a book at the July meeting, it should be returned on or before the August meeting). If need be, you can keep the book or video again if nobody else has requested it but you must sign for it again.

Remember, our objective is to build the best magic reference library in the entire IBM organization worldwide but we need your help to do that. Please return over-due books & videos and donate regularly to your library.

Have a magical month my friends and we will see you again next month. In the meantime, email me with your thoughts about the library. I would love to hear from you.

— Gary Salisbury



Chris Lorensen is selling a number of magic items. For Ring 76 Members he will entertain all offers. [Contact Chris](#) for a list of what he has available.



Have magic to sell, stage equipment to rent? Looking for something to buy or rent? Need a ride or have room for a passenger to an out of town event such as the Magic Castle?

Have a special skill or service another member might use? Need a temporary assistant?

Advertise it at no cost to Ring 76 members in MagiCurrents



Don't forget that Ring 76 has a private area just for members called [Arcanum](#). There you can find contact information for other Ring 76 members and numerous magical documents are available for download. Contact [James Thayer](#) for instructions on how to log in for the first time.



Ring 76 is still looking for a new editor for MagiCurrents. It's a great opportunity to put your stamp on this organization. If interested, contact [James Thayer](#).

