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President's Message



Dear Ring 76 Members,

SWAP MEET!!! For our November meeting!

Bring your friends and family!

There will be non magic tricks for sale as well!

Tables are \$10.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members to sell.

The meeting room will be open by 5:30 PM **for set up only** and the **admission for members and buyers will not begin until 6:30 pm.** We will be able to meet and greet, and get your free raffle ticket, as well as buy a 50/50 raffle ticket. There will be a brief Business meeting opening at 7 PM.

Don't forget wear your mask!

See you Monday, November 8th, 2021 for our 4th, in person meeting!

Mike Stilwell

Ring 76 2021 Calendar

November 8th Ring 76 Swap Meet

December 13th Holiday Potluck

January 10th, 2022 You Fooled Us Contest *

February 14th, 2022 Annual Clos-Up Contest *

*Opportunity for Members to Perform Dear Ring, we WILL be having a live meeting at our NEW location.

Direct any questions concerning the calendar to V.P. of Entertainment Greg Wauson.

Ring 76 meetings

Ring 76 meets on the second Monday of the month at the Immaculate Conception Church in Old Town. 2540 San Diego Ave, San Diego, CA 92110. Doors open at 6:30 pm & meetings start at 7 pm.



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What's Coming Up

November: Magic swap meet! This is always a fun event and it's been a couple of years since we've been able to do it, so don't miss it. Everyone can get involved, at least by window shopping. Bring money to buy new magic treasures – or bring magic to sell. Send Greg an email at gw83@ring76.com if you'd like to reserve a table. More information is provided in this newsletter.

December: Our holiday potluck will be the feature of our December meeting. This is a great opportunity to spend time with other magicians and their families, while enjoying good food and top notch entertainment. Speaking of that, the board has been considering various performers who would be a good fit for this event. We'll keep you posted.

January 2022: "You Fooled Us" contest. Each contestant will perform a magic trick for the audience, including two pre-selected and magic-savvy judges. The judges will then confer and offer what they think is the most likely method of how the effect was accomplished. If the judges are incorrect, the contestant has fooled them and wins a beautiful plaque created by our own Gary Salisbury. If the judges are correct and the contestant did not fool them, the contestant has still had some stage time in front of a friendly crowd and hasn't lost anything! Send Greg an email at gw83@ring76.com if you'd like to compete.

Swap Meet in November!

We are so happy not only to be meeting in person again, but to experience a Ring 76 tradition, a magic swap meet! These are always popular events. When we took a straw poll at a recent Ring 76 meeting more people voted for having a swap meet in November than a lecture so our swap meet on November 8 will be your opportunity to dump, uh, let's instead say make available, to the magic community some of the magic you won't be using. This could put money in your pocket that you could spend on more magic!



Feel free to invite your friends who might be interested. We can always use more buyers...and more sellers! Ring 76 members can rent tables for **\$10 each**. Non-members can be sellers also, at **\$20 per table**. Sellers can arrive after 5:30 PM and doors will open at 6:30 PM for sellers enter and check out all the bargains. **To be a seller, contact Greg at gw83@ring76.com**. Let him know as soon as possible so we can better determine how to arrange the tables.



Seasonal Magic a Ring 76





October was Seasonal Magic Night

October is traditionally Ring 76's Halloween or Seasonal Magic night. Members are encouraged to show their style in costume and present their effects in a way befitting the spirited time of year.

President Mike Stilwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and started by introduce the guests in attendance. Mike asked **Gary Salisbury** to draw the door prize tickets and **Nick Benevento** and guest Roslyn Cole won the door prizes. **Jeff Pearson** mentioned the Mystique Theater has opened in La Jolla. Mike reminded members about the *swap meet next month* (see page 2). He called attention to the life-size monster decorations, that **Richard Ustick** brought to the meeting, were painted by Universal Studios artists, featured at the Magic Castle, and were donated to the club for sale. Frankenstein's monster and Dracula were then sold to members and taken away to their new home. After a short break to mingle and browse some other magic items for sale, Mike asked Matthew King for an update. Matthew mentioned we sold a trifold mirror.



the parking lot by the entrance were reserve for members with mobility issues and if you needed to utilize them, please let us know in advanced. He then turned the meeting over to **First VP of Entertainment, Greg Wauson**.

Greg announced the theme is “Spooky Magic”, but of course members are welcome to perform anything they’d like.

The first performer was **Richard Ustick**. Richard performed a hilarious haunted hank routine to a classic Halloween song. However the words of the chorus were cut and replaced from “it was a Monster Mash” to, “it was a Haunted Hank”. He sang the song as he battled with his haunted hank to the music.

The next performer was **Matthew King**. He performed a séance routine to music he created, and he used props such as a tambourine, haunted bell, goblet, candle, and floating skull. Matthew was tied to a chair by guests Roslyn and Casey, who then lifted a curtain, and the items took on a haunted mind of their own.



Nick Benevento was next up. He performed a cut and restored rope routine and asked Tom Owen-Towle to help. He gave Tom the ends, and they magically had detached from the rope. Then

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magically had detached from the rope. Then



Mike then reminded members that the spots in



Nick was able to put the ends back on the rope, then place them in his pocket, and made them jump to the other side of the rope. He ended by turning the rope into a continuous loop.

Next up was **Mark Booth**. He had multiple people use their smartphones and go to a website with many different images, and had them select one, then put their phones on the table. Mark chose to use 3 of the people and had them each name a single digit, forming a 3-digit number, as he wrote it down. He asked everyone go back to their phone and look at the image of a credit card, and take note that the first 3 numbers of it matched the freely named 3-digit number.



The next performer was **Dale Law**, aka “*Mr. Funtastick*”. He showed a box and opened the front and back doors to give a view through it. Inside were cobwebs, lights, and a jumbo deck of cards. He went through cards and had Miguel Garcia tell him when to stop. Dale showed him the card, placed it back in the deck and placed the deck back in the box. Then he opened the box and pulled out a little skeleton. In the skeletons hand was the selected card.

Greg announced the next performer, **Jeff Pearson** aka “The Magic Doc”. He had guest Casey Ariew help. Jeff spoke about learning things over quarantine, and mentioned he took up bartending and sculpting. He poured some Morton's salt into his hand and he magically shaped it into a little ghost. Then he made the ghost “angry”, and it glowed red before finally vanishing.

Then Greg performed some brief comedy magic and made members laugh.

Next up was **Joe “Mystic” McGrievy**. Joe had Dale Law and Vic Terrific assist. Without Joe looking, they both chose a colored die, placed them in cups, shook them, and inverted the cup on the table so that nobody knew what number was rolled. Joe was able to tell who had what color die. Joe spoke about the history of the Whaley House and that the ghost of Violet Whaley was present to help him. He

introduced a bell, and asked Violet to look in Vic’s cup and tell him what number it is. The bell rang once. Then he asked her to look at Dale’s die, and the bell rang 3 times. The cups were lifted, and the numbers were correct.

Greg showed a cup of water from Morro Bay and spoke of the magical properties of the water. He took a spoon and stirred the water, then, while holding the spoon he was able to let go of the glass of water, leaving it magically suspended.



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The last performer of the evening was **Magic Mike Stilwell**. He started with a funny skeleton joke. Then he asked guest Casey to assist. He had her feel his pulse on his wrist and asked her to let him know when she felt the pulse stop. She giggled and said it stopped! Mike said he would restart it, and she confirmed. Then, he stopped it again. He explained it to members and said to have fun pranking your doctors. Then Mike had members come close to the table and pull out their cameras. He placed a penny on his wrist and had everyone watch closely. The penny suddenly popped up about 6” from his wrist.

Mike had Gary draw the winner of the 50/50 raffle, which went to Dale Law and the meeting was officially adjourned at 8:16 p.m. As usual, some members moved the festivities to the local Denny's restaurant to continue the evenings comradery.



Mark Booth Jeff Pearson Nick Benevento Mr. Funtastick Matthew King Richard Ustick



Ring 76 has a Facebook Page

Member-at-Large Mark Booth has created a Facebook Group for Ring 76 Members Only. The Group is private and hidden. Only those that are members of the Group can see what gets posted to the Group and who else is a member of the Group. If you would like to be added to the Group (a Facebook account is required), please let Mark know via email:

magicmarkbooth@gmail.com

Swap Meet in November!

Our November meeting will feature a swap meet! It's so good to be able to meet in person and be able to have this very fun selling event! This is an event we always look forward to since it's a good time for buyers and sellers. You can load up on magic books, props and accessories for bargain prices. Or you can clear up some space at home by selling the magical wonders you haven't used for a while and give others the opportunity to amaze with them. Either way, you win! This is also a good opportunity to bring along your friends or relatives who have an interest in magic so they can go home with new material to learn and also see how friendly the folks in our club are.

Sellers who are Ring 76 members can rent each table for \$10; they're \$20 for non-members. Contact Greg Wauson at gw83@ring76.com to reserve tables.



October Performer of the Month:

Richard Ustick!



We had a good mix of flavors of spooky magic at our October meeting, starting with Richard Ustick's singing along with the Haunted Hank song. His performance was enough to win the coveted performer of the month award for October. Congratulations, Richard! And thanks to all the performers for contributing to a fun evening: Richard Ustick, Matthew King, Nick Benevento, Mark Booth, Dale Law, Jeff Pearson, Joe Mystic, Greg Wauson and Mike Stilwell.





You Fooled Us!

Yes, it's coming back by popular demand. "You Fooled Us!" will be back at our January meeting! Why are we telling you three months in advance? Well, it's not easy to fool our knowledgeable judges, so you may need this much time to prepare your magical trickery.

There is only the slightest of similarities (ahem!) between our contest and one we've heard is on TV. For those who are new to Ring 76 and weren't at either of the meetings when we've played You Fooled Us two and three years ago, or can we say whose memories aren't what they used to be, the object is simple. Perform a magic trick for the audience, including two pre-selected judges. The judges then put their heads together for a brief time to come up with the most likely method of how the effect was accomplished. If the judges are incorrect, you have fooled them and you win a beautiful plaque created by our own Gary Salisbury. If the judges are correct and you did not fool them, you pay \$100. Ok, just kidding about that part. The point is you can win something and there's no risk to lose anything!

We're talking big-time fame and cash here and we're now looking for those hearty individuals willing to take on the challenge. Step right up and take the bull by the horns. If you want to be a player, send Greg an email at gw83@ring76.com. He'll gladly put you on the list of people who thrive on adventure and live life to the fullest!



Newsletter challenge question:

The rules of the newsletter challenge are simple. Just be the first member to figure out the answer to the question and send it in an email to VP of Entertainment, Greg Wauson (gw83@ring76.com). You will win bragging rights, your name in a winner's email sent to all members and, last but not least, a \$10 Amazon gift 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.

The October question was: Can you name the two individuals in the "historic picture" featured in this month's newsletter? Here's the picture:



The guys in the photo are our own Mike Stilwell and Joe Mystic. Looking hot, guys! No one submitted the right answer. Since there was no winner in October, everyone not on the board can win in November.

Here's our November challenge (an easy one):

What is the cost for a non-member to rent a table at our swap meet?



Bonus Newsletter Challenge from the Editor's Desk.

One of the things I try to do to bring interest to our publication is to search the archives of print journals over the last one hundred and twenty years to find magic related articles and pictures. I am often amazed at the tidbits I find both in their historic context and how little has changed in that amount of time.

Every so often I do come across a golden nugget or two and I present one of them to you as a **BONUS Newsletter Challenge**. **No prize, do not contact Greg Wauson**, just send your guess and comments to **EDITOR@RING76.COM**.

Though he wears his beard to a great length and often dresses in red all year round, this Ring 76 Member is particularly noticeable during the holiday season. He has been a member of Ring 76 for a long time but I was surprised to come across this picture while roaming the stacks of old pulp magazines.

Just who do you think this is?



The Bard of Directors of Ring 76 hopes that all its members have a warm and loving Thanksgiving this year, and that you enjoy time with your family and friends.

- ♣ Just a quick reminder, December is our annual Holiday Potluck with great food, loads of fun and outside entertainment. Each member brings their favorite holiday dish, enough to feed six to eight people and all the warmth and holiday cheer they can muster.
- ♣ Family and friends welcome, the date will be Monday, **December 13th**, our usual meeting time. Looking forward to seeing you there.





The Ring Media Stream Team is looking for member video content to share on the Ring Media Streaming Server. Truth be told, we have a lot of content today, but we really want to step it up and showcase "Your Talents".

The Ring Streaming Media Service is an excellent way to share magic knowledge, but it is also a way to secure your legacy as a distinguished member of Ring 76 for future generations.

As a contributor you will get your "Digital star on the Ring 76 walk of fame" so to speak. This will include a photo, collection cataloging, along with a bio.

If you are interested in contributing or have any questions, please reach out to: librarian@ring76.com





When Using PayPal to pay for your purchases with Ring 76, please use *Friends & Family* and **NOT Goods & Services**.

Thank you.



We need your input

Ring 76 has been around a very long time and had a lot of members over all those years. As time moves on a lot of those members and a number of interested guests have expressed an interest in staying linked to our Ring. The Board is looking into a *subscription membership* for those interested but out of the area. We would like your ideas and suggestions as to how we can make this work. Any actual amendment to the membership would have to be made official through the Constitution and By-Laws so we want to know what you think. Talk to a Board member at the next meeting or send you thoughts to **Editor@Ring76.com**

Thank you for your time and thoughts.

-Editor-



Once again the staff of MagiCurrents would like to thank those people who have contributed the pictures you have seen throughout the newsletter.

This month all pictures used were taken by **Mark Booth** and **James Thayer**.

There is a lot that goes on at Ring meetings and no one can see everything so if you happen to get a picture of the action please forward it to Editor@Ring76.com. You will receive credit.

Please Excuse us but



Due to program difficulties the monthly library report could not be added to this month's newsletter and will be provided as a separate supplement. Please watch your inbox.

Ex Libris

By Gary D. Salisbury



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

'Ex Libris' (Eh-cks LEE-breese), means 'From the Book'. Generally you will see this term used on bookplates to denote that it came from the library of its owner, "Ex Libris: Gary Salisbury."

This is where we talk about your library and do book & video reviews. Yes, your library! If you are a Ring 76 member in good standing, then this is your library! So keep in good standing by paying your dues on time.

OBJECTIVES OF THE LIBRARY:

The library's primary objective is to support the promotion of the Art of Magic by making it the best reference library in the entire IBM organization for our members. We will do that by:

- Increasing quantity and quality of materials available to members.
- Implementing easier methods to check materials out.
- Improving communications to members about library issues.
- Implementing record-keeping and other methods to minimize loss.
- Develop & document policies & procedures of how the library will operate.

METHODOLOGY USED TO ACCOMPLISH OBJECTIVES:

We will increase the quantity and the quality of books & videos by:

- Soliciting donations and direct purchasing, as funds allow.

- Converting all existing VHS tapes to DVD format for checkout.

We will implement easier methods to check materials out by:

- Putting materials on-line (Ring 76 web site & PLEX Server) for easy access.
- Having a librarian available (7x24) to be more responsive to member's needs. (The Librarian's email, cell phone, and physical address are published in each Ex Libris and in each Ring 76 Library Gram.)

We will improve communication about the library by:

- Publishing a monthly newsletter article, Ex Libris, with book & video reviews.
- Using Ring 76 Library Gram emails to communicate directly and quicker.

We will implement record-keeping and other methods to minimize loss by:

- Retaining the master media in the library and use a legal copy for checkouts.
- Installing library cards & pockets on each library item to track what is checked out and by whom.

We will document how the library will operate by publishing a Ring 76 Library Policies & Procedures Manual detailing of all library policies and procedures. This will give all future club librarians a standard set of guidelines to follow in managing the library.

ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT METHODOLOGY:

- Solicited donations for the library.
- Working on building the media server.
- Working on the book collection inventory, clean up, restoration, and labeling Working on the VHS conversions.
- Purchasing books and videos for the library.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY?

I am changing the format of my Ex Libris newsletter article this month to tie in a bit closer to the monthly status report I do for the Ring 76 Board of Directors so it is more efficient. Let me know what you think.

• **Library Donations-----ON GOING**

Dr. Kato Whiting donated three boxes of props and books to the library this month. He always comes through with a surprise or two. Thank you, Dr. Whiting, for your generosity.

Pending:

I have been soliciting donations of books and videos from different magic groups on Facebook and have several promises to send us some material. 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.

Barbara Burt has said that she would like to donate some items to the Ring Library. I am working with her on that. It may, or not, require a trip to Sedona depending upon the volume.

Stan Sieler, a former San Diegan magician now residing in San Francisco, emailed me that he would like to donate **200** magic DVDs to the Ring 76 Library. Stan is sending them to me this month.

Frank Lehmann, a North County magic group member, has offered a large donation of Genii and Magic magazines. We will coordinate delivery with him.

We survive on donations. Please take a look in your own libraries and see if you can donate any books or videos so we can share them with other Ring 76 members. All videos will be digitized so you can have 7x24 access to them.

• **Loche David Craine-----PENDING**

I am serving as the contact point between Ring 76 and the Probate Attorney for Loche David Craine. Loche's hand written will

specified that he wanted to leave the ring some of his magic books. We are waiting for a Probate Court hearing before proceeding. The current will is being protested by some unhappy family members.

• **Magic Media Server-----ON GOING**

I finally got enough funds to purchase a legal copy of Windows 10 Pro for the server so we can have remote administration of the server. I will work with Dave Chiu to get it upgraded and remote access enabled.

The server is being *temporally* housed at Dave's home while he helps get it organized. He is currently adding those 300 DVDs we got from Bill Michalek. I have yet to get Dave the new lecture videos that we have acquired.

Here is what he has added so far:

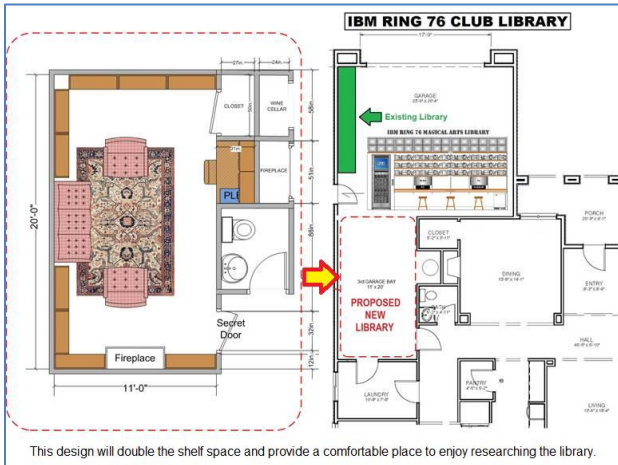
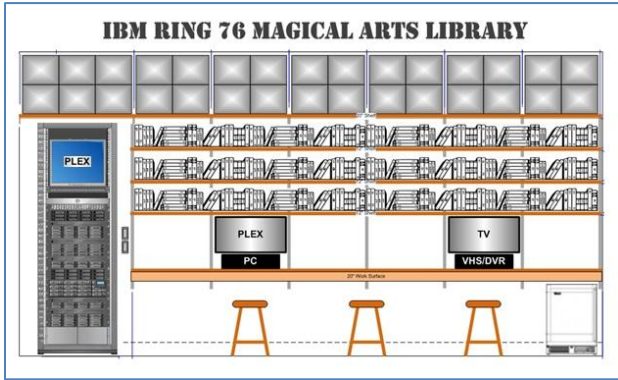
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Michael Close	Devious
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Nate Kranzo	Stand Up Coin Magic
Andrew Maurry	13
Nicholas Byrd and James Coates	Conjuring Cola
Kris Noving	Band-It
Kozmo	Tales from the Streets: Disc 1 The Real Work
Slydini	No Title: Disc 1
Slydini	No Title: Disc 2
Paul Wilson and Lee Asher	Hit the Road
Bill Anderson	Promotional Magic
David Regal	In the UK: Disc 3
David Regal	In the UK: Disc 2
Harry Lorayne	Magical Classics
Bruce Cervon	Ultra Cervon: Volume 1
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Colin McLeod	Opening Minds: Disc 1
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Colin McLeod	Opening Minds: Disc 3
Colin McLeod	Opening Minds: Disc 4
Ted Lesley	Mental Magic: Cabaret Mentalism

Thank you Dave for all your hard work you do for our members. If you see Dave, say "Thanks!"

• **Magical Arts Library-----ON GOING**

The Ring 76 Library is physically located at my home in Blossom Valley and anyone is welcome to stop by and browse as much as

you desire. It was stored on a heavy duty industrial shelving system in my 3 car garage. Currently, we had 16 feet of wall space but as donations grew, the available space became smaller and smaller so I came up with an idea. My garage is 2 cars wide and 2 deep on one side. I decided to convert the 3rd bay (shown in red) into a dedicated room for the library.



I have a lofty goal to make the new club's library look like the Magic Castle foyer complete with secret door.

Construction is underway but going slow because I am doing this all myself. I have cleared out all of the existing cabinetry in this area and reinstalled it. The next task will be to add the wall and new door and then we have to patch and paint the room. After that the new cabinetry gets installed and the library unpacked. We then have to do a complete inventory and get it published so you know what books and videos we have. Volunteers are always welcome to assist.



There are 6 items currently on loan and 1 pending.

• **New Acquisitions-----ON GOING**

This month the library has acquired the following material which will be made available to members as soon as possible.

- Stuart Cumberland, Mentalism Training Course (videos) - Magic Media Server --

- Masterclass Live (videos) - Magic Media Server -----
- Reel Magic Magazine (videos) - Magic Media Server -----
- At the Table Live Lectures (videos) - Magic Media Server -----
- Genii Magazine (pdf) – Arcanum -----
- Magic Magazine (pdf) – Arcanum -----
- David Copperfield’s History of Magic, (autographed book) – due 10/26/21---

● **Swap Meet-----PENDING**

We are planning on having a “For Sale” table at the upcoming Ring Swap Meet at the November meeting with duplicate books and videos. I am looking for volunteers to help with the table.

● **Custom Magic Wands-----ON GOING**

Custom Magic Wands

All wands are hand-made by Ye Of Wand Maker of Blossom Valley.

50% Discount to IBM Ring 76 members.
Profits go to the Ring 76 Library.
Custom orders on request.

Wands are 1/2" in diameter x 14-16" in length (Phoenix feather extra)

One Piece Black & White Delrin (Retail \$50) - ~~\$50~~

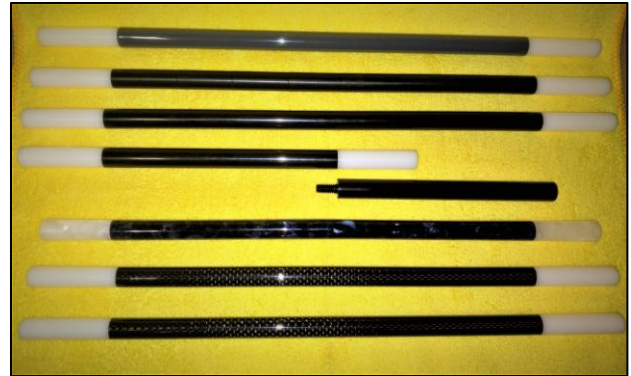
Two Piece Black & White Delrin (Retail \$60) - ~~\$50~~

Two Piece Blue & White Aquapearl (Retail \$70) - ~~\$35~~

One Piece Black Carbon Fiber/White Delrin Tips (Retail \$80) - ~~\$40~~

Two Piece Black Water Buffalo Horn/Ivory Tips (Retail 100) - ~~\$50~~

I have started a new fund raising effort for the library and hope you will check it out. I am making premium grade magic wands and they will be on sale at each meeting at 50% off to members. I can also do made-to-order to your specs. Please stop by and see what we have to offer. Place an order by sending an email to me at librarian@ring76.com.



LIBRARY PETTY CASH

We currently have \$116.62 in the Library Petty Cash Fund. Donations are highly desired and essential for the library to operate. We do make some money with the 50/50 Raffle held at each ring meeting but that goes quickly.

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.

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. The library is here so YOU can learn how to perform magic. Use it!

Non-urgent communications will always be done via the [Ex Libris newsletter article](#) while more urgent communications will be done by an [IBM Ring 76 LibraryGram](#) emailed to: ring76members@googlegroups.com.

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

IBM Ring 76 Librarian



Email: librarian@ring76.com
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