



# MAGICCURRENTS

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## Can Someone Teach Me a Magic Trick ?

For our February 9th meeting, Sergeant-At-Arms Mark Booth set-the-stage for the "Close-Up" Contest. Mark assembled the audio-video equipment, decorated an area with a black curtain behind a table with a soft black-satin close-up pad, and two chairs for volunteers. Two of the guests were Lee and Leigh Bresler, who would later to be assistants. Another guest was Steve Lopez. After decades of hibernation, wants to re-ignite his passion for magic by joining our club.

President Magic Mike Stilwell was troubled about having to commence the meeting with the news of another loss to our club. Recently, Dr. Kaleo Whiting passed away. For five decades, Kaleo was a prolific mentalist. He was a vital component of Ring 76, a member of The Magic Castle in LA as well as Britain's Order of Merlin. After a respectful pause, we then wished Dale Law, a speedy, healthy recovery from his upcoming cardiovascular examination.

The other announcements were more uplifting. On February 15, Magical Ms. Charley is one of the entertainers of "Vaudeville Fever" at the Tap Fever Studios in Pacific Beach. On February 26th, Anjo Sanchez and Ethan Scott are performing their "Spirits & Sorcery" magic show at the Longball Cocktail Bar in Mission Hills-North. On February 28th, Professor Paul Dwork is again producing the "Rotary Creates Magic" fundraiser at the Carlsbad Cultural Arts Center Theater. This year, the Encinitas Rotary Club is hosting both a matinee show and an evening show.

For tonight's mini-lecture, President Magic Mike Stilwell taught us about "The ABCs of a Professional Magician". For David Henderson's membership-audition, he performed Magic Mike's "ESP Bingo".

### Ring 76 Calendar

Mar 9th, 2026 - Mini Lectures  
Apr 13th, 2026 - You Fooled Us \*  
May 11th, 2026 - Lecture (TBD)

\*All members are welcome to perform !



### President's Message

Dear Ring 76 Members,

Our next meeting, March 9th, 2026, will be another fun time with members teaching members' magic! This is what it's all about, a

fellowship of sharing what we know. Professional Magicians don't usually teach their pet tricks, but I will be teaching my dice routine that I've been doing since I was 17. And you will also go home with a die to practice with in front of a mirror! There will be 5 tables, 5 teachers, 10-12 minutes at each table, and after that fun, 50/50 drawing and lots of door prizes!

Due to rising costs of Magical Entertainment and Lectures, The board has voted to raise our dues for the first time in many years to \$40.00 a year, just an 83 cents a month. Two major magic shows and two lectures, massive door prizes, and of course an incredible Library and Plex Server!!!

Also, we are working on a fund raiser to get funds together to steam clean the chairs for the church as a BIG Thank You for allowing us to have a meeting hall. If you have an idea, please share with a board member. I'm thinking about a public show with a school and we split the door, they get money for their PTA, and we get to have the chairs steam cleaned, everyone wins, We already got the lowest bidder, now all we need is cash. Also, if you just want to donate to the project, that would be great too. As always, we are very grateful to the church for letting us use the meeting hall.

Sincerely,  
Mike Stilwell  
Ring 76 President

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**NOW, PAY "CLOSE" ATTENTION**

Professor Paul Dwork, VP-Entertainment introduced the "Close-Up Magic" contestants:

1. The Amazing Yeedini (David Yee) performed an intricate yet fluid playing card routine with his assistant Donna.



2. Joe Mystic used three colorful dice and cups to demonstrate his "prognostic" mind-reading skill with two lovely assistants.



3. Mr. Funtastic (Dale Law) handily handled furry bunnies with his assistants Lee and Leigh. They also helped with his "Scotch and Soda".



4. Anjo Sanchez performed "John Hamman's Aces" to explain his introduction to magic.



5. Greg Wauson manipulated "Linking Safety Pins". "Oil and Water" do not mix and neither did his packets of red and black cards.



6. Max... with an x told us about a "pretty lil' thing" who loved wearing mini-silver rings.

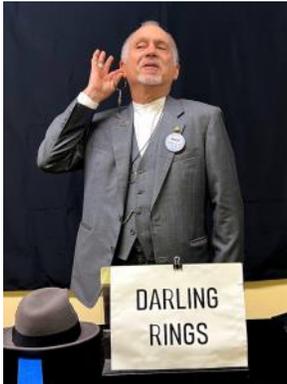


7. Mark Booth used brass cups to tell the tale of Soapy Smith, a con artist during 1876 Gold Rush.



8. Magical Ms. Charley, with a capricious 3C and 4 feisty Aces, taught us how to play the magical version of the card game Bridge.





To close the meeting, ten members were awarded raffle prizes.

Finally, thank you David Meredith for bringing the bakery boxes of soft cookies.

Written by Max Long

### Shavings from the Board



Mark Booth, our Sergeant at Arms, reports we had 37 attendees at the February 2026 meeting... 30 members and 7 guests signed in that night. A heartfelt thank you goes to Gary Salisbury for greeting members & guests and monitoring the sign-in table!

James Thayer, our VP of membership reports we now have a total of 78 members.

Gary Salisbury, Librarian, donated a box of magic/mentalism props. He also purchased 65 magic/mentalism DVDs and will digitize them.

# Ex Libris

By Gary D. Salisbury



Welcome to Ex Libris, my monthly newsletter article about the 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. For example: “*Ex Libris: Gary Salisbury*” is on all my personal books.

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

Someone recently asked me, “*What is the Ring 76 Library?*” I responded, “It is a collection of magic books and magazines, all available for check-out. It is a collection of magic themed audiobooks, magic instruction videos, magic movies, albums of magic music (some royalty free), a collection of public domain magic performance videos (many classics), a collection of magic podcasts that we co-host, magic TV series, a magic photo warehouse (where we will save all our Ring 76 activity photos) and all this is available for streaming from the *Ring 76 Magic Media Server*.”

It is also a museum for a collection of historic Ring 76 memorabilia from one of our founders, Honest Sid Gerhart. It is a magical learning source unparalleled in the entire IBM organization and it is funded totally from donations and fundraising efforts that I have engaged in on your behalf.”

### WHAT’S NEW AT YOUR LIBRARY?

We need your DVD and VHS tape videos. They will be put on the [Magic Media Server](#) so members will still be able to watch them or check the physical media out. Please help. Sharing is good! Sharing is fun!

### Library Donations:

Gary Salisbury has donated a box of magic/mentalism props to the library that are from the Dr. Kaleo Whiting estate. These will either be sold to raise library funds or used as door prizes in future meetings. He also donated \$300 to help fund new acquisitions for the library.

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

The library needs to be fed in order to keep it alive, so your donations would be greatly appreciated. It’s your library so please support it.



### Magical Arts Library (Books):

We have no books currently on loan however, have a request for three pending. We did not purchase any printed books this month however, I expect we will receive a large donation.

### Magic Media Server (Streaming Service):

I purchased 65 magic & mentalism DVDs which will be digitized and put on the Magic Media Server.

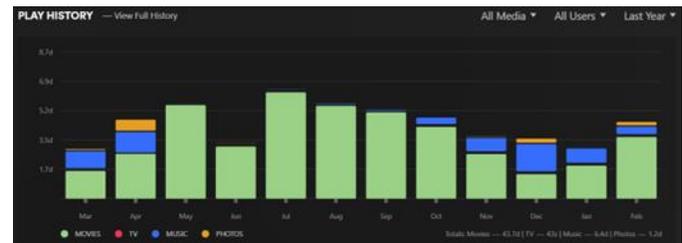
I am still working on restoring the broken Audiobooks Library. I have restored 470 files with about 660 to go.

I also have about 250 video files that need video editing work before putting on the server. Volunteers are welcome.

Plex only offers 4 categories:

- **Movie Category** in green (*Magic Instruction, Magic Movies, Magic Performances*)
- **TV Category** in red (*Magic TV & Radio Shows*)
- **Music Category** in blue (*Magic Audiobooks, Magic Music, Magic Podcasts*)
- **Photos Category** in orange (*Ring 76 Photos & Videos*)

Here is the yearly utilization report as of 02/24/26.



Here are the current statistics on the [Magic Media Server](#):

- Magic Audiobooks: 470 books(660 pending restoration)
- Magic Instruction: 1,906 videos
- Magic Movies: 97 movies
- Magic Music: 15 albums
- Magic Performances: 1,556 videos
- Magic Podcasts: 10 podcasts, 2,063 episodes
- Magic TV & Radio Shows: 23 series, 1,418 files
- Ring 76 Photos & Videos: 113 folders, 8,807 pictures

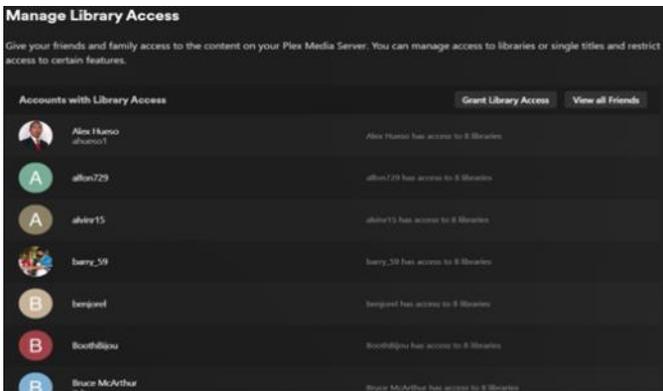
How would you like your videos of your performances featured on the *Ring 76 Magic Media Server*? Just forward any of your performance videos to me and I will put them on the server in the **Magical Performances** library where everyone can see you perform.

Check out the new video of Magic Mike performing the one-handed card shuffle in the round at Dave & Buster’s. The video is located in the *Ring 76 Photos & Videos* library under *Member Photos*.



We currently have a wide variety of magic oriented material on the *Ring 76 Magic Media* server in hopes to have something of interest for everyone. Please tell me if there is something else you would like to see there. We have lots of new things this month. You need to get logged on and do some exploring.

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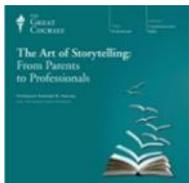


If you use a coded ID, I may not be able to tell if you are a legitimate user. Also, please add your photo so I can associate names and faces. Thank you for helping me with this.

Do you have an account on the Ring 76 Magic Media Server yet? It is the best thing since Netflix and it's FREE for members of IBM Ring 76! Send me a request at [librarian@ring76.com](mailto:librarian@ring76.com).

**AUDIOBOOK REVIEWS:**

This month we have some great audiobooks on storytelling that I guarantee will make you a better entertainer. Also, on time management and sales techniques. Yes, you do need to sell yourself! Listen and learn while you are driving to your next destination.



**The Art of Storytelling** ★★★★★  
By Hannah Harvey

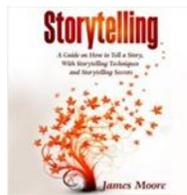
Contains 24 30-minute lectures on how to be a better storyteller.

An absolute treat for the heart and mind, these 24 lectures demonstrate how to master the art of storytelling, offering insight into the process of crafting and delivering a tale to enhancing the stories you tell everyday - to your children at bedtime, in your conversational anecdotes, and in your presentations at work. Teachers, lawyers,

clergy, coaches, parents, and anyone who wants to understand the power of stories to capture hearts and minds will benefit from these lessons.

You'll discover practical methods for building dynamic tension and capturing - then maintaining - your audience's attention. You'll acquire tips and techniques for finding, selecting, and preparing stories, whether they're based on your own experiences, time-honored folk tales, or beloved family yarns.

You'll also learn to choose expressive language, craft compelling characters, refine your narrator's point of view, shape your story's plot, structure, and emotional arc, use body language to connect with your audience, and more. Part how-to workshop, part intellectual study of the history of narrative, these lectures feature exercises that literally get you moving to develop your stories and make them more enjoyable. Professor Harvey's interactive activities and "side coaching" sessions are designed to make you comfortable enough with your story to tell it naturally and make impromptu changes as needed. You'll even learn what to do if the unexpected occurs while telling a story to a roomful of kids or giving a presentation, and about the practical considerations of using props, PowerPoint, and microphones in various scenarios.



**Storytelling**  
By James Moore

Would you like to become a great storyteller?

**Telling stories is as old as language itself.** Before humans learned how to write, the only way to communicate was through telling stories, in today's world, most of us, regard ourselves as bad storytellers...

**What happened?**

Telling Great stories is a skilled art. Almost anyone can become a first-class storyteller, And You Can Learn the Secrets...

**This book will teach you how to:**

- Grabb Attention.
- Create Emotions with your stories.
- Come up with new stories.
- You will also learn about The Story of All Stories...

This book contains exercises to help you hone and perfect your new skill. You'll soon be wowing audiences big and small. Imagine having the attention of a group. Being the star at a party as you tell an interesting tale? Imagine the doors that could open for you, as a result of perfecting something which is inside us all? That could be you, and with this book, you can take the first thrilling steps.

Are you a storytelling beginner? Then this book will teach you how to identify great stories, and how to tell those stories in a captivating way.

The art of Storytelling is a gift that many desires! Although most people, won't take the time to improve their skills...



**Magic Words**  
By Jonah Berger

*New York Times* bestselling author Jonah Berger’s cutting-edge research reveals how six types of words can increase your impact in every area of life: from persuading others and building stronger relationships, to boosting

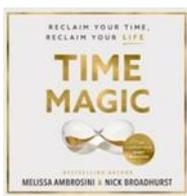
creativity and motivating teams.

Almost everything we do involves words. Words are how we persuade, communicate, and connect. They’re how leaders lead, salespeople sell, and parents parent. They’re how teachers teach, policy-makers govern, and doctors explain. Even our private thoughts rely on language.

But certain words are more impactful than others. They’re better at changing minds, engaging audiences, and driving action. What are these magic words, and how can we take advantage of their power? In *Magic Words*, internationally bestselling author Jonah Berger gives you an inside look at the new science of language and how you can use it. Technological advances in machine learning, computational linguistics, and natural language processing, combined with the digitization of everything from cover letters to conversations, have yielded unprecedented insights.

Learn how salespeople convince clients, lawyers persuade juries, and storytellers captivate audiences; how teachers get kids to help and service representatives increase customer satisfaction; how startup founders secure funding, musicians make hits, and psychologists identified a Shakespearean manuscript without ever reading a play. Supplemental enhancement PDF accompanies the audiobook.

This book is designed for anyone who wants to increase their impact. It provides a powerful toolkit and actionable techniques that can lead to extraordinary results. Whether you’re trying to persuade a client, motivate a team, or get a whole organization to see things differently, this book will show you how to leverage the power of magic words.



**Time Magic**  
By Melissa Ambrosini

**AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS BOOK AWARDS  
BOOK OF THE YEAR 2023!**

Feel like you don't have enough time? Killing yourself trying to 'do it all' without much to show for it? Forget about time *management*, you need *Time Magic*.

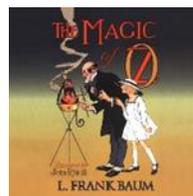
In this revolutionary audiobook, you'll learn how to create the spacious, fulfilling life you've always imagined, but that until now has felt out of reach.

Join bestselling author Melissa Ambrosini and Nick Broadhurst as they unpack the simple, actionable strategies that can completely transform your relationship with time. You'll learn:

- The tiny changes in behavior that can free up hours, weeks, even years of your life
- Simple but genius techniques to increase your productivity and skyrocket your creativity

- The health, wealth, and mindset hacks to help you squeeze more juice out of life
- What to do with your newfound time off (even if you have no idea what lights you up)
- And the surprising daily habits that can add years to your life and life to your years

If you're tired of feeling time-poor and stressed out, and you want to create a life that feels spacious, meaningful, and rewarding, this book will point the way.



**The Magic of Oz**  
By L. Frank Baum

The Nome Ruggedo, with the secret of magic and a corrupt munchkin, form an army of wild animals to march upon the Emerald City. Can Dorothy and her friends thwart this nefarious plot? The thirteenth installment in the Oz series, this novel was published a month after author L. Frank Baum’s death and, possibly, as a result, was a bestselling success.

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Our objective is to build the best magic reference library in the entire IBM organization world-wide 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! Am I doing a good job for you? Do I meet your needs? Please email me with any comments or suggestions.

From my secret underground bunker, hidden deep in the hills outside San Diego, California, I wish you a magical month and I will see you again in the next newsletter. May the *Classic Force* be with you.



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(Disclaimer: Much of this material is my own but I sometimes copy material from other sources, with and without credit, and then merged with my own commentary to give you a better, more thorough source of information. Thanks to all who have knowingly and unknowingly contributed.)

### UPDATE – “So You Want To Be A Mentalist?” Lecture

World-renown mentalist, a member of Psychic Entertainers Assoc., the Magic Castle, IBM Order of Merlin, and IBM Ring 76, Dr. Kaleo Whiting, was placed into hospice on January 3<sup>rd</sup> and passed away several weeks later. We will remember him as a kind and generous soul who wanted to pass on what he knew to you, his fellow members of Ring 76. We shall miss him and his generosity. Follow his example, go forth, and do good things. The world is watching.

**K. STEVEN WHITING, PhD**, is an Orthomolecular Nutritionist. His degrees include a Masters in Psychology, as well as a Doctorate in Biochemistry.

Over three decades of research, and practical experience with thousands of clients in the field of human nutrition have earned him an international reputation in protecting and preserving human health and well being.

His commitment and dedication within the nutrition field has led him into extensive research into such chronic conditions as Heart Disease, Arthritis, Diabetes, Osteoporosis, Prostate problems, Memory loss, Fibromyalgia, and Thyroid issues, to name but a few. The result of this research has been pivotal in the development of nutritional protocols for the prevention, management and reversal of these conditions.

Author, Lecturer, Teacher, and Consultant, Dr. Whiting is dedicated to helping others in helping themselves toward a more healthful existence through better understanding of the nutritional needs of the body. He is committed to empowering individuals with the very latest nutritional information, safe in the knowledge that this will serve to enhance both the quality and quantity of life for everyone in the years ahead.

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### Dr. Kaleo Whiting Memorial Hospice Quilt Project

I want to start a new project in honor of Dr. Kaleo Whiting. My idea is to collect magic tee shirts, from our IBM Ring 76 club members, and have them made into a warm and cozy quilt for club members who go into hospice. That way, they will feel the love from our brotherhood during their final act and we shall be with them for that final bow.

Are you with me on this new project? If so, bring me your magic tee shirts to the next meeting. We will also need \$100 in donations to make the quilt. We are a brotherhood so let's show it. Share your magic and show your love.



[Click here for the maker of the quilts.](#)

### ESTATE SALE of Dr. Kaleo Whiting

Hosted by Legacy Estate Liquidation, LLC.

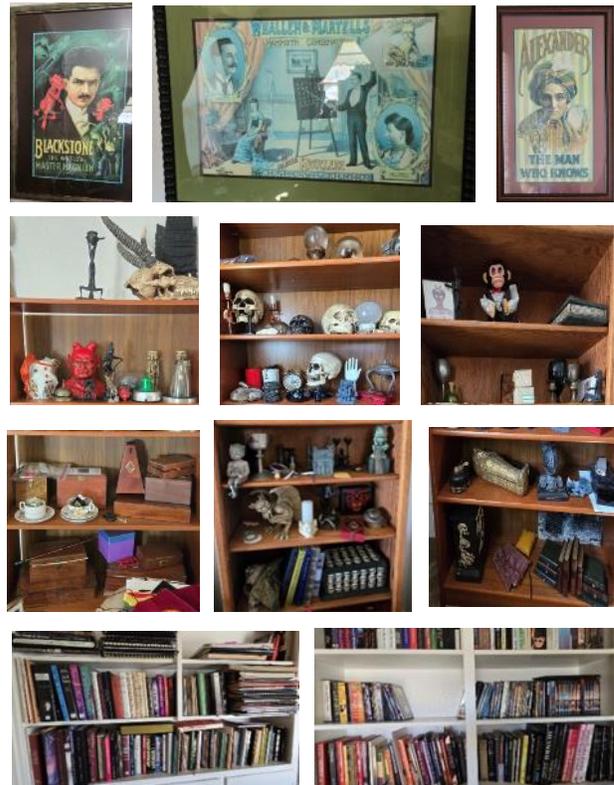
(Payments: Cash or Major Credit Cards)

On Friday, March 13th, we are scheduling a limited number of private appointments from 10AM to 2PM. If interested, you need to contact Della (619-291-2660). This private showing is very limited! Call now!

The sale will be open to the general public on Saturday & Sunday, March 14th & 15<sup>th</sup>, from 9AM to 3PM at 4727 Terrance Drive, San Diego, CA 92116 in the Kensington neighborhood.

This gentleman, a brilliant scientist and a Native Hawaiian Kaleo Kalani, had a passion for helping people which motivated him to develop an international vitamin and supplement company, which changed many lives for the better. He was a wine connoisseur, cigar aficionado, Hawaiian history buff, Sherlock Holmes buff, and was a world-famous performing magician and mentalist. He valued quality and beautiful items & objects. There is an entire room full of magic books and props plus lots of framed magic posters. This is one of the most interesting sales we have ever conducted. You do not want to miss this sale!

Below is a small assortment of some of the many items:



(Not pictured are many more magic props & books he collected.)

Website: <https://www.estatesales.net/CA/San-Diego/92116/4814766?force-reload=true>

**CLASSIFIED ADS - MAGIC FOR SALE**

**TENYO T-174 CLYDE MAGIC RABBIT (UNUSED) - \$125**



Ask a spectator to select a card from a deck, remember it, and place it back anywhere. Now this is where the magician traditionally tries to find the card. But not this time! Instead Clyde the magic rabbit will find it. Clyde is a wonderful idea, a great prop, and a guaranteed audience pleaser. This is a wonderful 'puppet' effect where the magician holds a stuffed bunny which appears to have a life of it's own. Several effects with this wonderful prop are suggested in the instructions including "card in carrot."

Even if you don't use this item for a magic act, it's a wonderful collectible item and also a great prop for puppeteers. Comes complete with original box. The rabbit itself looks very nice and is of superb quality. When you use the rabbit as the instructions say, it really does look like it is alive - very well done by Tenyo and is now a sought after collector's item selling elsewhere in the \$200 range.

**CARD-SHARK'S MARKED PHOENIX DECK (NEW) - \$20**

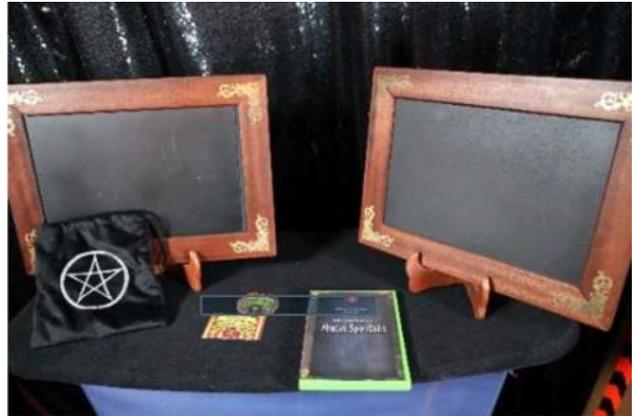
Card-Shark meets Ted Lesley. This is a dream come true for all magicians who love to use a marked deck. The markings are based on the ideas of Ted Lesley, are extremely visual compared to all other marked decks on the market as they perfectly blend into the design of the Phoenix backs.



All markings are situated at the same spot right in the corner, so even the slightest opened fan will allow you to read the marking. If the back design gets into view, you will be able to spot the value. Can't get easier!

Contact Gary Salisbury (619-328-9694) for more info.

**Lebanon Circle's Abacus Spiritalis Spirit Slates - \$275**  
**[PRICE REDUCED]**



Demo: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Puo9KymZoA>

These are the Rolls Royce of Spirit Slates! You can actually hear the spirits writing on the slates with chalk. You can also program your own sounds in them. Out of production, collectors' item originally sold for \$502. In excellent condition. Comes complete with wooden stands and instructional DVD.

Contact Gary Salisbury (619-328-9694) for more info.



"SORT OF REMINDS ME OF MOM'S PURSE, HUH, DAD?"

**HP LaserJet Pro M283cdw Wireless Color Printer - \$200**  
**[Price Reduced Again !]** (In original box)  
[\(Click here to see it currently selling for \\$499.99 at Walmart.\)](#)



- Laser Printer
- Color Copier
- High Res. Scanner
- Color FAX
- 22 pages /minute
- 600 dpi
- Duplex Printing (F&B)
- Wireless / WiFi / USB
- Max Paper - 8½” x 14”
- 2<sup>nd</sup> paper tray available



In the original box with documentation. This printer is a little over one year old and has only had about 900 color and 1,200 B/W pages printed on it. Printer reports are available. The printer is designed for a maximum duty cycle of 40,000 pages/month, for 5 years which is 2,400,000 pages. It does not have any problems. Laser printers are more durable and reliable than an ink jet printer with cheaper cost to operate. I wound up with two printers and only need one. Price is firm and price is low for a quick sale. **\$200!**

It currently needs new toner cartridges which are:



[\\$70.53 for 206A series](#)



[\\$79.46 for 206X series](#)

[Contact Gary Salisbury \(619-328-9694\) for more info.](#)

**12.9” Apple iPad Pro Tablet - \$125 [Price Reduced Again !]**



*OS Version:* 16.7.11  
*Model:* ML0F2LL/A  
*Serial:* DLXS40HUGMLD  
*Screen:* 12.9”  
*Capacity:* 32GB  
*Communications:* WiFi  
*Condition:* In like new condition, no dings, new case, works great  
*Case:* New JETech case/stand  
*Power:* Charger & cable  
*Original cost:* \$799

[Contact Gary Salisbury \(619-328-9694\) for more info.](#)

**9.7” Apple iPad Tablet - \$100 [Price Reduced Again]**  
**[\(This is a great deal!\)](#)**

*Model:* A1396  
*Serial:* DN6G341NDFJ3  
*Screen:* 9.7”  
*Capacity:* 64GB  
*Case:* Griffin IntelliCase case/stand  
*Power:* Charger & cable  
*Communications:* WiFi + Cellular (Can be used as a cell phone!)  
*Condition:* Used, good condition, no dings, works great  
*Original cost:* \$829



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