

March Break At The Library

This year's March break events at the library are free, thanks to the generosity of the Lions Club of Stouffville.

However, tickets are required for all activities including movies, and space is limited for some programs. There's something for everyone, including Lego building, Hotwheels and crafts. Live performances will feature the Mad Scientist, magicians Brad Toulouse and Ian Crawford, as well as the Puppet Tamer, a ventriloquist, juggler and unicyclist, who excels at on the spot improv.

Two PG movies will also be shown during the break: *Dolphin Tale 2* and *Penguins of Madagascar*. For details and ticket information visit www.wsplibrary.ca or call 905-642-7323.



The Puppet Tamer will perform at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Library during March break.

What Pet Should I Get?

By Anne Houle

The announcement of the release of the newly discovered Dr. Seuss book, *What Pet Should I Get?*, on July 28 of this year is exciting for all. It is also perfectly timed.

Pets: many of us have them, every child wants one. They bring us joy and companionship and it's a privilege to have one in our life.

As a child I grew up with a poodle named Pokey and as an adult I've been known as the bird woman. The pet that has kept me company the longest has been my most recent, a lineolated parakeet or "linnie", which is a small parrot. Her name was Polly. I didn't name her; I would have chosen a more interesting name; but as luck would have it, she knew her name and could say it so I couldn't change it.

Polly was green and soft, and quite comical, as she loved to hang upside down, usually by one foot in her cage, for 30 minutes at a time. Although she was extremely quiet for a bird, she could screech quite loudly when she was checking to see if her human "flock" was around and okay.

My little "girl" passed away of what I suspect was a tumour, but I'll just say old age, in her 16th year on Feb. 7. So as the announcement was made about the new Dr. Seuss book not long after that, I thought to myself now that she's gone, what pet should I get?

We worry about what to do with our pets when vacation time rolls around. It's so difficult to find someone to care for them, especially for birds, and so, more often than not, vacation becomes nothing more than a week off work spent at home with your pet.

Now that my little sweetie is no longer, *What Pet Should I Get?* may help me with my decision, but I think it will be one that will suit my lifestyle. I'll just have to wait and see what Dr. Seuss will suggest for me. Let's hope it is a fluffy white dog; a Bichon Frise might be the perfect pet for me.

So if you too are looking for a pet, your best bet is to come to the library. We have books galore with every kind of pet, so come explore.

Dr. Seuss's *What Pet Should I Get?* will be available at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library this summer. Stop by and check it out. Find out what pet you should get.

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A Bichon Frise is on Anne Houle's wish list.



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