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Library Contact:

Location, Date, and Time:

**“Wacky Witty Way-Out Pet Songs”
at the Library**

Award-winning children’s songwriter Monty Harper will perform at [LOCATION] on [DATE] at [TIME] for families and daycare groups with kids ages four to twelve. The program will run approximately forty-five minutes and is made possible with assistance from the Oklahoma Arts Council.

Harper’s performance will feature songs from his new CD, entitled *Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales*. The pet-related theme and title of the CD coincide with the 2006 Collaborative Summer Library Program which spans thirty-six states including Oklahoma.

Harper’s songs involve the listener in imaginative and humorous tales. In “It’s Hard to Love a Reptile,” a family find themselves baby-sitting an alligator; an imaginary pet runs amuck in “I Took My Dragon For a Walk;” in “Dog Books,” a boy tries to convince his parents to get him a dog by reading only dog-related books; and “The Cat Came Back” is a reworking of an old folk classic with a new surprise ending.

Concertgoers who would like to familiarize themselves with Harper’s songs ahead of time may do so online at www.ReadingSongs.com. Song lyrics are available there, as well as free downloads and podcast episodes which provide insight into Harper’s creative process.

CDs, cassettes, and digital music files will be available for purchase after the program, and Harper will be on hand as well for autographs and photos.

Based in Stillwater, Harper performs year-round at schools and libraries throughout the region. This summer is his sixteenth to participate in the Oklahoma summer reading program. Harper has released five CDs of original songs for kids. His songs and recordings have received many accolades including a Parents’ Choice Approved Award, a NAPPA Honors Award, Children’s Music Web Awards, an iParenting Media Award, a Kids Radio Mania Family Favorite Award, and Unisong International Songwriting Competition awards. More information on Harper and his music is at www.montyharper.com.

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