

Pretty Funny Balloons Library Shows

Thank you so much for your interest in our educational programs. Pretty Funny Balloons is proud to be Indiana's premier balloon entertainment company. With over 18 years of experience, we've entertained in 48 states and 14 countries, broken a world record and used balloons to teach children and adults in schools, libraries, churches, schools and conferences around the world. This year, we're excited to bring a variety of programs to schools and organizations around Indiana.

Who are we?

Pretty Funny Balloons is a husband and wife team from Indianapolis, Indiana. Christina has a degree in Early Childhood Education while Brian studied Educational Ministry for his undergraduate. While we both eventually became full-time entertainers, we love using our educational backgrounds to create engaging lessons and teach kids about the world around them.

In addition to our educational programs, we offer balloon entertainment, face painting, glitter tattoos, balloon decorations and huge super-sculptures. In fact, in 2015 we broke the world record for the largest modeling balloon sculpture ever built with our 88 foot dragonfly.

What is a Balloon Show?

Most people have never heard of a balloon show, much less sought one out, so we find ourselves explaining it a lot. A balloon show is a fun-filled, hands-on, topical, educational experience. We've designed motivational programs for elementary schools, a STEM program for 2nd to 8th graders, an early elementary reading program and more. The third page has descriptions of each program so you can pick whatever best fits your needs, but most of our events include:



- Some jokes and balloon designs to grab everyone's attention early,
- An opportunity for kids to make their very own balloon sculpture,
- A chance to learn more about an important topic like outer space, balloon engineering, reading or using your imagination,
- Fast-paced interactive learning,
- Lots of volunteer interaction.
- A challenge or take-away for the students



Can we switch things up a bit?

Absolutely. Our normal show is 45-60 minutes, but we can make it a bit longer or shorter if you like. If we have the time and space we'll sometimes lead some balloon games for the kids. We can also tailor our lessons to a certain focus or age group to fit your needs. With our educational backgrounds and a bit of advance notice we're sometimes able to design a custom lesson to fit your needs.

You can also switch things up by adding some balloon entertainment either before or after your show. It's perfect for a special event or end-of-year party. Since we'll already be there performing, we can make balloons for the guests at a significant discount.

Did you say Freebies?

Oh yeah, we also donate a copy of our DVD, "Beginning Balloons with Brian" to the school library and normally give one away during the show. They're available for sale after the program for any guests that would like to learn how to become a balloon artist.



OK, what's it cost?

We try to keep our costs low enough that small and large organizations can afford to bring us in. All programs include set up, a 45-60 minute show, a complimentary instructional DVD and a short meet and greet after the show. We bring everything we need to perform our program, but if you have a large crowd, you might want to set up a microphone so I can reach everyone better. Depending on our schedule, the show may be led by Brian, Christina or both of us.

The cost of a 45-60 minute Educational program is \$300

We are happy to perform multiple programs in a day, teaching 50-100 students at a time in the auditorium or library or circulating to multiple classrooms. The additional cost for multiple shows would depend on the number of performances and guests, but is normally around \$80 per additional show. Call us for more details.

You can add a Balloon entertainer for 30 minutes of entertainment after the show for \$50.

Book two hours of balloons or face painting instead of a show – same cost as the show.

Travel – We are happy to serve all of Indiana and beyond, but for longer trips we have to add in our travel cost and make sure everything fits in our schedule. Travel within Indianapolis and the nearby suburbs is included in the cost. Travel elsewhere in Indiana is \$1.50 per mile from our Indianapolis studio, so Anderson is about \$45, Fort Wayne is about \$135, etc. If you schedule your program for the same day as a nearby school or library, we can split the travel costs to make things more affordable.

Programs Available:

Motivational Program: Kindergarten to 6th grade

This is our most popular school show. We start off by making a couple balloons and cracking some jokes or even play some balloon games. Then we introduce ourselves and what it's like to have the coolest job in the world. We share what it's like to break a world record and entertain in different countries and discuss how we make our really huge balloon creations. Then we teach everyone how to make a balloon dog they can take home. Once they're back in their seats, we explain how as balloon artists we use all the things we learned when we were in elementary school, even the things we never thought we'd need to know. We ask them for their favorite (and least favorite) subjects and explain how we use them every day. Their challenge is to stay curious and learn all you can because you never know what you'll encounter.

STEM Program: 2nd to 8th grade

Our STEM program is similar to our motivational show, but with a greater focus on Science, Technology, Education and Math. It's best suited for second grade and up. We open with some balloon twisting and jokes, introduce what we do and focus on our large-scale sculptures. We divide the students into teams to build a balloon house with pre-inflated pieces or a 5 balloon tower, then regroup to discuss the crazy amount of math, engineering and science it takes to plan and build a world-record breaking balloon sculpture. We'll talk about simple machines and rigging and work through some examples of the multiplication and geometry I need to plan a large-scale sculpture. The takeaway is similar to the motivational program, as we'll go through some subjects and share how we use everything we learned, even in an "easy" job like balloon twisting.

Early Elementary Program: Pre-Kindergarten to 5th grade

Geared toward the younger crowd, this program starts off with some jokes and balloon creations, then switches to a high energy reading of "The Three Little Pigs" acted out alongside the book by students in Pig and Wolf Hats running to Straw, Stick and Brick houses made on the spot by the balloon guy. Like the other programs, the kids will get to make their own balloon dog and learn what it's like to be a balloon artist. We'll finish off with a challenge to become lifelong learners

Spaceflight and Balloons: Kindergarten to 8th grade

Quite different from the programs above, our space themed balloon show (adapted from our 2019 "Universe of Stories" library program) jumps right into the action with hands on demonstrations of how balloons, airplanes and rockets work using helium balloons, toys and rocket balloons to demonstrate the concepts of flight. We'll learn about orbiting the earth and Laika, the space dog, then make our own Laika balloon dogs. Once their dogs are "stowed for flight" beneath their chairs, we'll learn how hard it was to go to the moon using an 8 foot Saturn V balloon Rocket to tell the story of Apollo 11. They'll learn about what we did on the moon, how we got there and how we plan to go back soon, then find out what it takes to become the next generation of astronaut or rocket engineer. After the program, students will get to see and touch some of our space artifacts, including meteorites and a piece of the space shuttle.

Balloons and the Imagination: Pre-K to 6th Grade

Adapted from our 2020 “Imagine your Story” library program, this show encourages students to use and develop their imagination. We’ll act out stories, share some of our favorite authors and careers that use imagination, teach everyone to make a balloon pirate sword and finally introduce them to role-playing games by fighting a ferocious balloon dragon. Full of interactive elements, kids will learn that imagination is powerful, but it’s even more powerful if you use visual aids, cooperate with your friends and add a little structure to your games.

We hope to see you soon!

Thank you for looking into our educational programs. If you have any questions or would like to book us for an upcoming event, please feel free to give us a call any time at 317-762-8008 or check out our website at PrettyFunnyBalloons.com

All the best,
Brian Getz and Christina Williamson Getz
Owners of Pretty Funny Balloons

