ANN ARBOR MAGIC CLUB I.B.M. Ring 210 & S.A.M. Assembly 88	On the Cover **By Karl Rabe**

Magic Messenger May 2024



Mike Thornton takes home the coveted First Place Trophy for the 2nd Annual Ann Arbor Magic Club Close Up Showcase.



President's Corner

By Dan Jones

Hello Fellow Magi of the Ann Arbor Magic Club and Friends,

I would first like to say congratulations and thank you to all of our performers in last month's Close Up Showcase competition. It was a great turnout of members and guests to support the performers of all skill levels and experience. They should all be proud of themselves. And a congratulations to Mike Thorton who won the event as voted by the audience.

On a personal note now I would like to ask our club members to hold me accountable when it comes to being a magician. I always have a few magic effects with me when I'm out and can perform them at anytime. But at a magic meeting I arrive with a bag of tricks but rarely perform them. At a recent meeting when I asked a member what they were working on they reciprocated the question and asked me the same thing. It made me think and I recounted an effect in progress. Now I'm motivated to complete the work and present it at a meeting. That is what I need to do.

How about you? At a magic meeting of a magic club we need to see more magic, talk more magic, share more magic and teach more magic.

See you all soon.
Dan Jones, President of Ann Arbor Magic Club.



Secretary's Report

By Karl Rabe

We had a fantastic turnout for our meeting with a number of guests and old friends. The feature of the evening was our 2nd Annual Ann Arbor Magic Club Close-up Showcase. Six members competed against each for the coveted 1st Place Close-up Showcase Trophy. The format involved each of the six performers stationed at their own table with 30 plus audience members split up into groups of five or six rotating every five minutes to the next table. After the magicians had performed six times all audience members had seen each magician and they voted on their favorite.

- April Barrett performed several predictions including a comedy 3-1/2 of Clubs reveal.
- Phil Mann stood at a small table busker style. He opened with a four rose production and then went into a coin through miniature table routine and a coin matrix.
- Charlie Palko is our youngest member. Charlie kicked off with some nice sleight-of-hand, transforming a chewed piece of gum into an un-chewed stick. Then suddenly the gum was wrapped! Charlie also performed a nice card to deck which visually transformed into a sealed envelope which contained the correct prediction.
- Alex Heath has been a member for only a few months, but has impressed us all with his classic sleight of hand. Tonight was no different as Alex performed a very nice cups-and-balls routine.
- Kevin Peshick did a spooky routine with an old watch and a tarot deck. A couple of cut-to cards chosen under a “cloak of darkness” correspond to the hands on the watch the spectator has been holding the entire time.

- Michael Thornton may have only joined our club last month, but he is a seasoned pro familiar to most of us. He opened with a comedy candle to bouquet and then went into a borrowed finger ring on rope routine that culminated in the ring vanishing and later being found inside a sealed envelope in his wallet.

After all the votes were in, the winner was revealed to be Michael Thornton. President Dan Jones and Sergeant at Arms Mike Bogdas presented Michael with the trophy. Then as is tradition, Mike repeated his routine for the other 5 performers so they could enjoy it too.

After a few bits of business from our President Dan Jones, it was on to member performances.

- Our Secretary Karl Rabe performed an Any Card at Any Number (ACAN) routine (VOX) with one human and Siri as assistants. The human correctly sensed Siri's vibes.
- Jeff Jackowski, a returning member, performed his classic ring and rope entertaining the crowd with the story of his father when Jeff was just a wee lad.
- Then another guest Fred Lenter fro Ring 22 performed a baffling ACAN adding in the element of two decks – one of which was borrowed.
- Don Oesterwind, Jr. demoed his latest acquisition from Michigan Magic Day, a metal wand/pen that changed its physical texture on demand.
- Phil Mann performed a classic Sponge Rabbits routine with Bill Rabe assisting.
- Finally, Dreygon Hibbler another guest from Ring 22 member and fresh from performing at The Magic Castle, performed a "Transmorgograpy" sandwich card transposition where the selected card by Mike Palko magically disappears from Mike's hands and re-appeared between two previously selected card in April Barrett's hands.

Members then socialized and jammed for the remaining 20 minutes having such a good time they had to be kicked out like last-call at the bar.



April Barrett’s book test



Alex Heath



Alex Heath



L-R Mike Bogdas, Mike Thornton, Dan Jones



Mke Thornton shares his winning routine with the other competitors



Mirf (L) and Dreygon (R)



Magic Jamming



Bou-Yu and Tara



Performers view



Former (and maybe future) Member Jeff Jackowski





Charlie’s Dad (L) and April (R) assist Dreygon Hibbler (Center)



Mike doesn’t leave home without it



That which Phil calls a rose…



Phil performing coin matrix



Charlie



Spotlight

By John Smith

As a reoccurring feature of the Magic Messenger we will highlight a member and ask them to answer a few questions about themselves. This month instead of the normal questions, we are reprinting an article written by Ring 22 President Johnny New York featuring Marvin Mathena.

Marvin has been **both** president of the Detroit Magic Club Ring 22 **and** President of the Ann Arbor Magic Club Ring 210.

We just couldn’t do a better job than Johnny writing up this lifetime member. Here is Ring 22’s “A Closer Look” reprinted with permission of Johnny New York.



Marvin Mathena

A Closer Look: MARVIN MATHENA

Feb 8, 2020 by Johnny New York

RING 22 is proud of its unique members and from time to time we like to feature one of our many “superstars” of magic. Whenever I think about the long-running history of our club, I’m always reminded of MARVIN MATHENA, who actually became a RING 22 member soon after the club OFFICIALLY began! In case you didn’t know, MARVIN was originally from Bluefield West Virgina and moved with his father in his early years to Detroit, his father seeking work in our auto factories (the rest of his family reunited in Detroit shortly after a year or two). He’s been a “Detroiter” ever since, becoming a professional magician as a mere teenager after frequenting and “sessioning with the guys” at the Roy Hall Magic Shop in downtown Detroit.

He’s the proud recipient of IBM’s rarely issued certificate for 60+ consecutive years as an IBM member. MARV actually served as a past President of RING 22 (way back in 1986, when the club met monthly in Ferndale, Michigan), and he has taught magic to many students while working for about 12 years behind the counter at an unnamed magic shop in Garden City that has since fallen by the wayside.

MARVIN is certainly an impressive and accomplished magician. He has officially been inducted into the IBM MAGIC HALL OF FAME (yes, that’s his picture currently displayed in the American Museum of Magic in Marshall, MI). He’s also been honored in recent years, being inducted into the MICHIGAN MAGIC DAYS HALL OF FAME in 2014, along with well-known magicians Claire Cummins (as in “Milky the Clown”), and Kevin James. Like many of us, he cut his teeth reading magic books, attending countless lectures, and perfecting his craft while learning the finer points of magic from a couple of well-known mentors you may have heard of – Carrol Fox and Wayne Dobson.

There are a lot of “FIRSTS” under MARV’s belt since he became a full-time stage illusionist back in the 1970s – the FIRST to cut a lady into sixths, the FIRST to use a fiberglass Hindu Basket (as well as the FIRST to fill the basket with no less than three assistants at one time!). Not surprisingly, he’s well-versed and familiar with close-up effects as well, and currently his favorite tricks make use of cards, coins, silks – just about anything he can get his hands on (he even does memdeck work) – all quite remarkable since he is the survivor of two strokes in recent years and is still going strong in the world of magic!

Hats off and a “STANDING O” to MARV MATHENA – it’s safe to say he’s truly a “magician’s magician”, and we’re glad he’s always happy to share his unique history with all of us! THANKS MARVIN!



Around the Town
By Karl Rabe

Calendar of Events

Your Support is Needed

- On Saturday May 18, **we still need volunteers** to perform magic at an Open House we are hosting at the Plymouth Community Library from 2:45 pm – 4:30 pm at 223 S Main St, Plymouth, MI 48170. This is to publicize our May shows and to recruit new member. We need volunteers to help set up, greet, and perform. Arrive time is 2:45 doors open 3:00. Please sign up at our May meeting or

online here. This is a very low pressure opportunity with Parents and Kids walking through to check out some magic.

- If you missed the Kranzo lecture… or just want to see it again (yes, it was that good), Ring 22 is hosting free lecture by Kranzo on Tuesday, May 21 at 7:30 PM at Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church, 749 W 14 Mile Rd, Clawson, MI 48017 (our usual place in Clawson, MI). Just a hop-skip-and-a-jump from Wunderground Magic Shop.
- Then Saturday May 25 is our Spring Parlor Shows at 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. This is going to be a great show and **we still need volunteers** for backstage and front of the house (no experience necessary). Ushers, Vending, Walk-Around Magic, Balloon Twisting, Ticket Sales, Ticket Taking, Stage Hands. Sign up at our May meeting or let any Board Member know. We also need members promoting ticket sales. Please gather your friends and families and treat them to some great entertainment.

PARLOR MAGIC SHOW

MAY 25
4PM*7PM

ADULTS $10
CHILDREN $5
WITH ADULT PURCHASE

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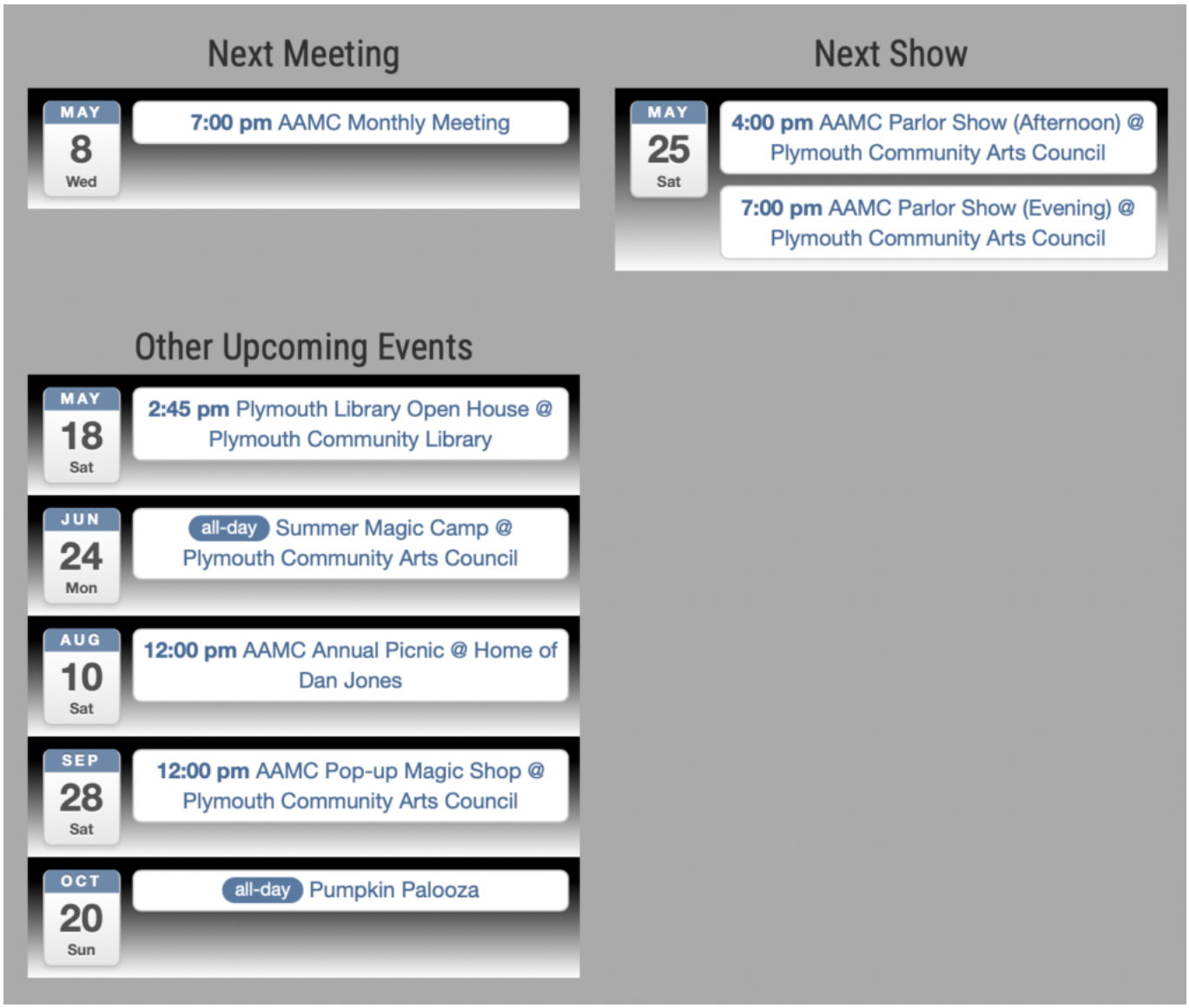
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- In June, Ring 22 brings us a real treat. They have scheduled Ondřej Pšenička (pronounced Andre Sheneechka) from the Czech Republic to lecture on Sunday, June 9, 2024, at 2 PM at Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church, 749 W 14 Mile Rd, Clawson, MI 48017 (Ring 22's usual place in Clawson, MI) – $10 for any IBM RING members, $20 for guests. You don't want to miss this one.
- On June 24 the club will be supporting a magic summer camp at the Plymouth Community Arts Council and runs from Monday June 24 through Friday June 28. It runs each day from 9am to Noon. We expect up to 24 participants ranging in age from 9-14. We expect the participants will put on a show for their parents on the last day at 11:30. We need volunteers who are good at working with and teaching 9-14 year olds. We anticipate teaching a variety of performance types – Magic, Balloon Twisting & Juggling. Go here to sign up for just one morning or all week.



Other Calendars

- Check out John Luka's Magic page and his well maintained list of Michigan Events
- All AAMC Events and details can be viewed on the website calendar.



Funny Business

By Karl Rabe

The answer to last month’s matching puzzle is below.

Member	Year Joined
Jeff Boyer	1970s
Jeff Walters	1980s
Don Oesterwind	1990s
Roger Simmons	2000s
Ming Louie	2010s
Phil Mann	2020s

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

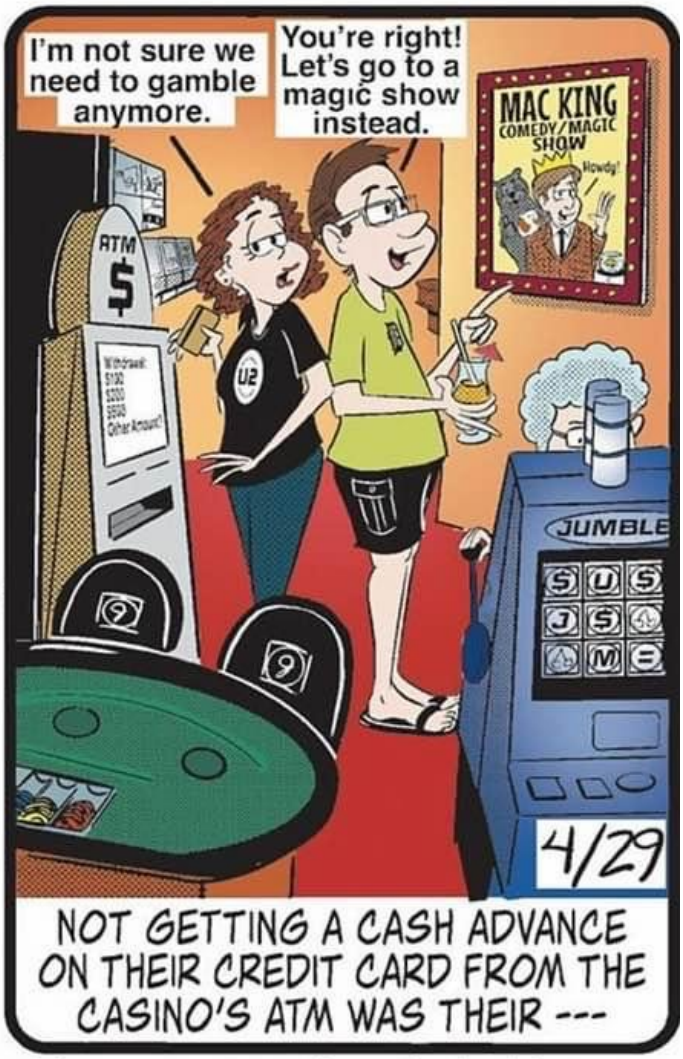
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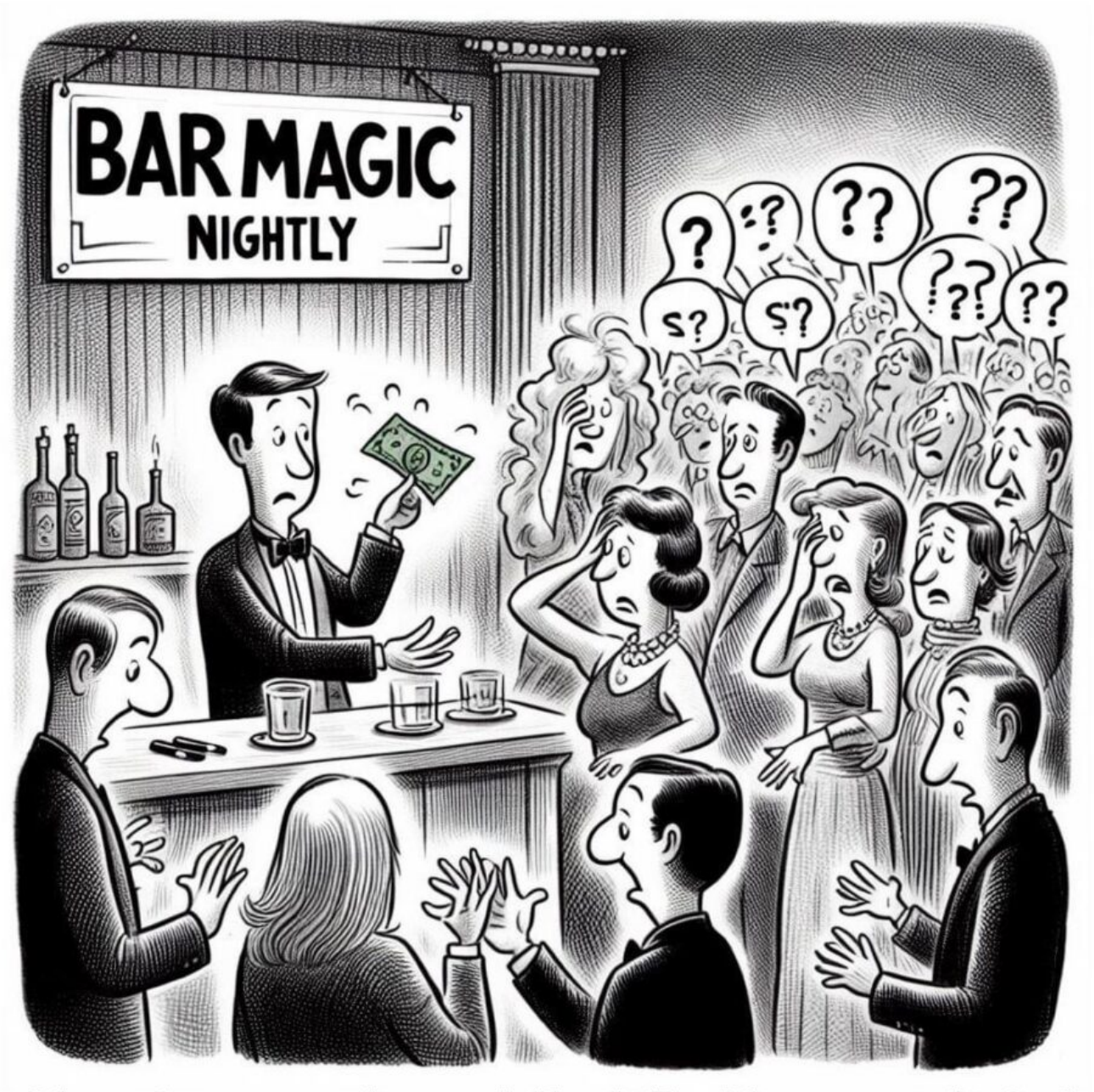
NOT GETTING A CASH ADVANCE ON THEIR CREDIT CARD FROM THE CASINO'S ATM WAS THEIR ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here:

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jknurek



I have here an ordinary dollar bill... like you might find in your late grandmother's purse... or a museum....



Ex Libris

By [Karl Rabe]

Announcing the new and improved Ann Arbor Magic Club Book Library. The Book Library has been in storage for many years and thanks to the efforts of several members, it is now back, online and better than ever.

- Dan Jones has been storing the collection. He performed a full inventory and then with the assistance of Karl Rabe the collection was cataloged online. Dan and Karl also added many books that had been donated to the club over the years to the library.
- Karl Rabe implemented the electronic catalog system and as mentioned worked with Dan to scan the books into the library.
- Phil Mann has agreed to be our Club Librarian. He will be responsible for the safe keeping of the collection and for bringing requested books to our meetings as well as collecting checked-out books when due and putting them back in storage.
- Bob Goodwin donated several books helping in the collection where a few books were missing.

We have cataloged our entire library online and have a straight forward process for members to request books.

How to use the Ann Arbor Magic Club Library

1. Use your Phone or PC to go online to **aamagic.org/library**
2. Find a book you want to check out in the catalog and click the button to PLACE HOLD.
3. You will be prompted to enter the club password and then you will be prompted to select your name from the member list. The password is the same as the password for the members only section of our website.
4. Our Librarian will be alerted and will bring the book to

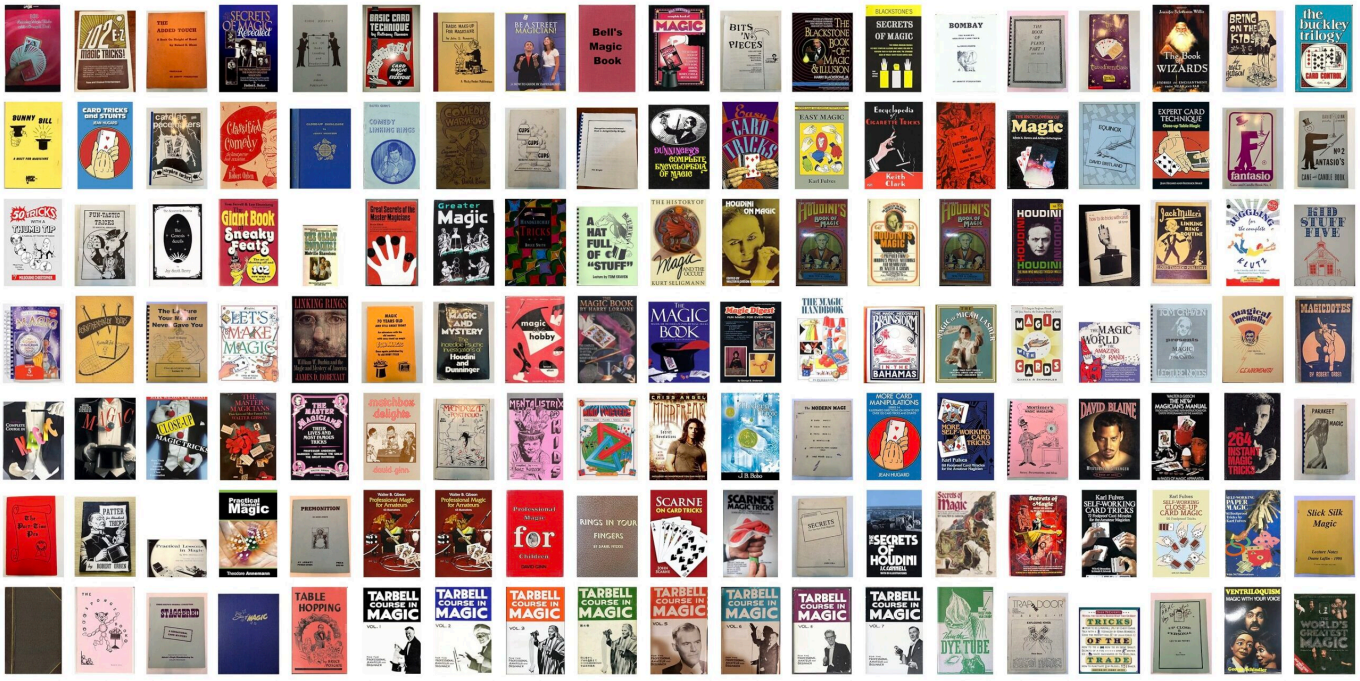
the next regular meeting.

5. The Librarian will hand over the book to you at the meeting and mark the book as CHECKED OUT.
6. Return the book to the Librarian at the next meeting and they will CHECK IT IN.

Rules

- You may check out no more than **two** books at any time.
- You must return them in one month (the next meeting).
- You will be charged for lost and/or unreturned books.

This is a picture of our actual library… less a couple books. We have a total of 135 books, lecture notes, and magazines.



This is a text list of the contents of the library

Title	Primary Author	Status
101 Amazing Magic Tricks with a Svengali Deck	unknown author	In Circulation
102 E-Z Magic Tricks	Adair, Ian	In Circulation
The Added Touch	Robert E. Olson	In Circulation

All the Secrets of Magic Revealed	Becker, Herbert L.	In Circulation
Mark Wilson’s Complete Course in Magic	Wilson, Mark	In Circulation
The Art of Body Loading & Productions	Joseph, Eddie	In Circulation
BASIC CARD TECHNIQUE card magic for everyone	Norman, Anthony	In Circulation
Basic Make-Up for Magicians	Pomeroy, John D.	In Circulation
Be a Street Magician!	Groves, David	In Circulation
Bell’s Magic Book	Bell	In Circulation
Bill Severn’s Complete Book of Magic	Severn, Bill	In Circulation
Bits ‘N Pieces	Dick Osland	In Circulation
The Blackstone Book of Magic and Illusion	Harry Blackstone Jr.	In Circulation
Blackstone’s Secrets of Magic	Blackstone	In Circulation
Bombay, the World’s Greatest Card Trick	Eddie Joseph and Gordon Miller	In Circulation
The Book of Plans Part I	Jeff Scott	In Circulation
The Book of Transformations	Tom Mason	In Circulation
The Book of Wizards	Willis, Jennifer Schwamm	In Circulation
Bring on the Kids	Walt Hudson	In Circulation
The Buckley Trilogy – Card Control	Buckley, Arthur	In Circulation
Bunny Bill	Robert Neale	In Circulation
Card Tricks and Stunts: More Card Manipulations	Hugard, Jean	In Circulation

Cardiac Pacemakers	Stephen Tucker	In Circulation
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Comedy Linking Rings	Ginn, David	In Circulation
Comedy Warm-Ups for Children’s Shows	Ginn, David	In Circulation
Cups Cups Cups	Merlyn T. Shute	In Circulation
Deceptive Entertainment that is Delightfully Wright	Tim Wright	In Circulation
Dunningers Complete Encyclopedia Of Magic	Dunninger, Joseph	In Circulation
Easy Card Tricks	Longe, Bob	In Circulation
Easy Magic	Fulves, Karl	In Circulation
Encyclopedia of cigarette tricks	Clark, Keith	In Circulation
The Encyclopedia of Magic	Heaman the Great	In Circulation
Encyclopedia of Magic	Dawes, Edwin	In Circulation
EQUINOX	Britland, David	In Circulation
Expert Card Technique: Close-Up Table Magic	Hugard, Jean	In Circulation
Fantasio’s Cane and Candle Book No. 1	Ginn, David	In Circulation
Fantasio’s Cane and Candle Book No. 2	Ginn, David	In Circulation
Fifty Tricks With A Thumb Tip	Christopher, Milbourne	In Circulation
Fun-Tastic Tricks	Don Lamb	In Circulation

The Genesis Scrolls: The Sorcerer’s Secrets	Berry, Jay Scott	In Circulation
The Giant Book of Sneaky Feats	Ferrell, Tom	In Circulation
The great Houdinis: A vaudeville	Shavelson, Melville	In Circulation
Great secrets of the master magicians	Elliott, Bruce	In Circulation
Greater magic	Hilliard, John Northern	Missing
Handkerchief Tricks	Smith, Bruce	In Circulation
A Hat Full of “Stuff”	Tom Craven	In Circulation
The History of Magic and the Occult	Seligmann, Kurt	In Circulation
Houdini on Magic	Houdini, Harry	In Circulation
Houdini: The Man Who Walked Through Walls	Gresham, William Lindsay	In Circulation
Houdini’s Book of Magic Tricks, Puzzles and Stunts	Gibson, Walter Brown	In Circulation
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Houdini’s Magic	Gibson, Walter B.	In Circulation
How to Do Tricks With Cards	Turner, Bill	In Circulation
Jack Miller’s Linking Ring Routine	Novak, Bob	In Circulation
Juggling for the Complete Klutz	Cassidy, John	In Circulation
Kid Stuff Five	Marshall, Frances	In Circulation
The Klutz Book of Magic	Cassidy, John	In Circulation
Kornfidentially yours	Fox, Karrell	In Circulation

The Lecture Your Mother Never Gave You	Geoff Williams	In Circulation
Let’s Make Magic	Day, Jon	In Circulation
Linking Rings: William W. Durbin and the Magic and Mystery of America	Robenalt, James D	In Circulation
Magic 70 Years Old and Still Great Today	HobyTyler	In Circulation
MAGIC AND MYSTERY: Incredible Psychic Investigations	Houdini, Harry & Dunninger, Joseph	In Circulation
Magic as a Hobby	Elliot, Bruce	In Circulation
The Magic Book	Lorayne, Harry	In Circulation
The Magic Book	Darbyshire, Lydia	In Circulation
Magic Digest: Fun Magic for Everyone	Anderson, George B.	In Circulation
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The MAGIC OF MICAH LASHER	Lasher, Micah	In Circulation
Magic with Cards	Garcia, Frank and George Schindler	In Circulation
The Magic World of the Amazing Randi	Randi, James	In Circulation
Magic You Can Do	Tom Craven	In Circulation
Magical Mentalia	Arrowsmith, G. E.	In Circulation
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Mark Wilson’s Complete Course in Magic	Wilson, Mark	Missing
Mark Wilson’s Greatest Close-Up Magic Tricks	Wilson, Mark	In Circulation
The Master Magicians	Gibson, Walter	In Circulation

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MATCHBOX DELIGHTS.	Ginn, David	In Circulation
The Mendoza Portfolio No. 1	Mendoza, John	In Circulation
MENTALISTRIX FOR KIDS	Hudson, Walt	In Circulation
Mind Twisters	Hall, Godfrey	In Circulation
Mindfreak: Secret Revelations	Angel, Criss	In Circulation
Modern Coin Magic	Bobo, J. B.	In Circulation
The Modern Magi, Volume 13	unknown author	In Circulation
More card manipulations	Hugard, Jean	In Circulation
More Self-Working Card Tricks	Fulves, Karl	In Circulation
Mortimer’s Magic Magazine, Issue 6	Mortimer	In Circulation
Mysterious Stranger	Blaine, David	In Circulation
The New Magician’s Manual	Gibson, Walter B.	In Circulation
Over 264 Instant Magic Tricks	Dorian	In Circulation
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The Part-Time Pro	Anderson, Gene	In Circulation
Patter for Standard Tricks	unknown author	Missing
Practical Lessons in Magic	Hawkesworth, Eric	In Circulation
Practical Mental Magic	Annemann, Theodore	In Circulation
Premonition	Eddie Joesph	In Circulation

Professional Magic for Amateurs	Gibson, Walter B.	In Circulation
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Professional Magic for Children	Ginn, David	In Circulation
Rings in your fingers	Fitzkee, Dariel	In Circulation
Scarne on Card Tricks	Scarne, John	In Circulation
Scarne’s Magic Tricks	Scarne, John	In Circulation
Secrets for the Part-Time Magician	John Luka	In Circulation
The Secrets of Houdini	Cannell, J. C.	In Circulation
Secrets Of Magic	Gibson, Walter Brown	In Circulation
Secrets of magic, ancient and modern,	Gibson, Walter Brown	In Circulation
Self-Working Card Tricks	Fulves, Karl	In Circulation
Self-Working Close-Up Card Magic	Fulves, Karl	In Circulation
Self-Working Paper Magic	Fulves, Karl	In Circulation
Slick Silk Magic	Duane Laflin	In Circulation
Slightly Entertaining	Peter Scarlett	In Circulation
The Sponge Book	Marshall, Frances (editior)	In Circulation
Staggered	Eddie Joesph	In Circulation
Stars Of Magic	Starke, Mr George	In Circulation
Table hopping	Posgate, Bruce	In Circulation

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Thru the Dye Tube	Rice, Harold R. And Van Zandt, W. T.	In Circulation
The Trap Door, Issue 17	Steven L. Beam	In Circulation
Tricks of the Trade	Dunn, Jerry Camarillo	In Circulation
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Ventriloquism: Magic with Your Voice	Schindler, George	In Circulation
World’s Best Card Tricks	Longe, Bob	In Circulation
World’s Best Magic Tricks	Townsend, Charles Barry	In Circulation
The World’s Greatest Magic	Clark, Hyla M.	In Circulation

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