



Turn your hometown Public Library into organized, nationally affiliated community music centers

Once a month Music event!

We need a Front Porch 'round the World!
SongFarmers
Hometown Library Music Jams

SongFarmers.org/library
Call 859-255-5700
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SongFarmers of Tellico Plains, TN

“SongFarmers of Tellico Plains will gather tonight for a musical jam at 5:30 pm, at the Tellico Plains Community Center. This gathering, which drew many musicians in April & May, is designed to encourage community involvement in acoustic music and singing. This is FREE and open to all ages and musical abilities. Help bring music back to its roots and join us.”

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WoodSongs Old-Time Radio Hour is an ALL VOLUNTEER live audience celebration of grassroots music and the artists who make it. The show airs on 515 radio stations from Australia to Boston to Dublin, Ireland. It also airs on American Forces Radio Network twice each weekend in 173 nations, every military base and US Naval ship in the world. The shows airs coast-to-coast in millions of TV homes as a public television series. WoodSongs.com

WoodSongs created the 501c-3 **WoodSongs Front Porch Association** (WFPA) an international association of community-driven, front porch minded musicians, artists, and dreamers who seek wonderful opportunities to use their music to make their communities better.

SongFarmers.org

Our mission statement: To gather the global community of front porch minded musicians and help them do good work, bring roots music education into schools free of charge, and enhance communities by redirecting the tremendous energies of local musicians.

We call our members "**SongFarmers.**" A SongFarmer is any artist who uses their music to make their families, their hometowns, their careers better. Two major efforts of the SongFarmers movement is:

WOODSONGS CLASSROOM education effort, in partnership with the University of Kentucky, this is an Arts Education Project involving music, history, language arts and more designed to encourage community and creativity ... everything from Banjos to Walden. The programs are FREE to teachers and homeschool families complete with lesson plans. WoodSongs.com/CLASSROOM

HOMETOWN SONGFARMERS CHAPTERS are being organized nationwide from Vermont to the Virgin Islands. **MANY CHAPTERS ARE BEING FORMED AT LOCAL LIBRARIES** and thus our proposal to the **ALA**. These are community organized music jams for the local community, free to the public and organized by our WFPA members.

To see the ever growing list of SongFarmers chapters plus the **30 sec promo clip made by the Library of Cabot Arkansas**, visit: SongFarmers.org/chapters



*"We need a Front Porch
'round the World"*



*"To affect the quality of the day, that is the highest of arts."
Henry David Thoreau*



HOW DOES IT WORK?

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It's EASY

A simple gathering, once-a-month, using the public library as the venue for local music jams. We like smaller events, 30-50 folks. A music jam is where interested musicians, singers and fans of organic "front porch" style music come together to sing and play with each other in a big, happy circle.

It's COMMUNITY

The public library is where hometowns come together to learn, share, explore and find friendships. Music is the ideal way for this to happen all at once. Families, friends and children are all included.

It's FREE

This is a free public event, a gift to the community from local SongFarmers members and the hometown public library. No tickets are needed, just show up with your voice and an instrument and play your heart out.

It's FOLK MUSIC

Traditional songs, bluegrass, blues, cajun, old-time, roots music, instrumentals, original songs ... even drum circles. Anything that is family oriented and can be played without plugging anything in. No sound systems are needed!

Let's START!

SONGFARMERS CHAPTERS are springing up nationwide. When a hometown chapter starts, simply make the public library available as a community gathering place. Our SongFarmers are mentored and taught to organize the music jams.

WHEN THE LIBRARY BECOMES THE SONGFARMER CHAPTER we will help you start and organize the SongFarmers Music Jams at your public library. All that is required is one person becomes an official member of the WFPA (only \$25 a year in membership dues)

Extra EVENTS

We have scores of public events ready for your library!

WALDEN Film on your DVD projector: show the Walden film (60 minutes) to celebrate Henry David Thoreau in April for Earth Day or September to bring on the autumn.

WOODSONGS CLASSROOM Projects: introduce your community to the banjo with multi-Grammy award winner Bela Fleck; traditional American jazz with Preservation Hall Jazz Band; old-time bluegrass with JD Crowe and Doyle Lawson; Barbershop Quartet Singing and much more.

IDEAL FOR STUDENTS and HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES these project come complete with LESSON PLANS for middle, high and college level instruction.

