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**BOOKVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS “SUN, MOON, STARS, SHINE!” SHOW
WITH MARY JO MAICHACK, MINSTREL STORYTELLER**

Bookville, MA—Bookville Public Library will host Minstrel Storyteller Mary Jo Maichack in a family program especially for children ages 4 and older. “Sun, Moon, Stars, Shine!” is a delightful, interactive show of multicultural music and storytelling celebrating the cosmos from folklore. It will take place **Tuesday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the library.** (This program is supported in part by a grant from the Bookville Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.) It is free and open to the public and is about an hour long.

“Sun, Moon, Stars, Shine!” offers listeners a look at tales from around the world that connect with the statewide summer reading club theme, “Starship Adventure@Your Library.” In the Asian tale, “The Two Brothers,” learn how the face got onto the moon. Mary Jo Maichack will sing, play guitar (including an original title song and one in Spanish) and invite audience participation. Children will be encouraged to sing along on stage as Maichack plays familiar songs of light such as “You Are My Sunshine,” “Twinkle, Twinkle” and “This Little Light of Mine.” Some audience children will wear costumes and feather boas to act out a Vietnamese story of Rooster and the Sun. There’s even a tale told with a very long unfolding set of drawings to round out the fun.

Ms. Maichack is a national award-winning singer, storyteller and multi-instrumentalist who has performed some 3,000 shows in libraries, schools, festivals since 1989. She was featured several times on WGBY-PBS TV, the Connecticut Storytelling Festival, Celebration Barn, Three Apples and Mark Twain Festivals and from South Carolina to San Francisco. She has three recordings, “Howlariious Halloween” and “Books Are Celebrations,” which won a 1999 NAPPA Gold Award, and an original tale of historical fiction for children, “Missing the Muffin Man.” She is noted for friendliness, energy, lots of variety, interaction and humor. Details of her many programs and recordings are available at her web site, www.MaryJoMaichack.com.

For more information or to register for this program, **call the children’s room at _____.**