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## **Festival** **Library** **on a String'**

weekend – June 20 through  
the library will host the  
Nashville International  
Pet Festival: World on a  
g at the main library on  
ch Street. Puppeteers from  
France, Germany and  
a will perform, showcas-  
various international pup-  
y traditions.

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ide the popular, 300-plus-  
old Punch and Judy pup-  
pyle with two puppets in a  
controlled by one “profes-  
puppeteer as well as the  
e modern object theater,  
h combines imagery, pup-  
y and choreography to

manipulate common objects.

“The festival reflects many  
puppetry styles, from the tradi-  
tional and familiar to the  
abstract,” said Brian Hull,  
artistic director of Wishing  
Chair Productions – the  
library’s own marionette and  
puppet group.

“Through our cultural  
exchanges with Sister Cities  
of Nashville, we have visited  
Europe to see these plays in  
person, which has affected our  
work forever. And this event  
promises to change the way  
everyone looks at puppetry and  
storytelling.”

The main performances will  
include “Little Red Riding  
Hood” by the Magdeburg  
Puppentheater group from  
Nashville’s German sister city.

Teatro dei Burattini San  
Carlino will perform “Music  
Abducts Puppets,” a free inter-

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## **Lucky Friday** **the 13th**



**Sophia Gilbert, Mya Morrill, Allie Horick and Joshua Gilbert  
play with some of the cats and kittens available for adoption  
at the Lucky Friday the 13th Black Cat Adoption from 2 to 4  
p.m. at the offices of The Lipman Group Sotheby’s  
International Realty, 2325 Crestmoor Road, Suite L-4. Call  
463-3333 for help with directions. Cats of other colors will  
also be available. See Page 14.**

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## 'Lucky Friday the 13th' Black Cat Adoption Planned

The 'Lucky Friday the 13th' Black Cat Adoption will be held to help find homes for cats that have been maligned in U. S. history but make great pets according to event organizers.

The Black Cat Adoption will be held at the offices of The Lipman Group Sotheby's International Realty at 2325

Crestmoor Road, Suite L-4, in Green Hills. Call 463-3333 for help with directions.

The event, which will run from 2 to 4 p.m., will feature a number of black cats of all sizes and ages. The cost to adopt a cat or kitten is \$100, which covers the cost of spaying and neutering, vaccinations, etc.

There also will be some cats of other colors available.

"Black cats are always the last to be adopted," said organizer Julia Duke," even though they are often the most affectionate cats of all."

"I have had numerous cats in my life, and the two sweetest of all were solid black cats," said

volunteer David Hodgson. "I think people just don't realize what loving pets they are."

"The origin of the black cat and good luck is believed to have begun in ancient Egypt," Duke said. "Today in parts of Europe if a black cat crosses your path that is considered good fortune. If a black cat walks into your house, you are truly blessed.

"But in the United States, some people adhere to an idea the Pilgrims believed in that the black cat was a companion to witches and therefore, unlucky," Duke said. "We are trying to let people know these black kitties make wonderful pets."

Duke's cat rescue, which she runs with volunteers through her pet sitting business, The Privileged Pet, has taken in many black mother cats this spring, which is kitten season.

"I just can't turn my back on them," Duke said, "and, of course, black mama cats have black babies. So our rescue is full of black cats needing homes."

"Black cats have always been good luck for our family," said Randy Horick, whose two black cats, 20-pound Jinx and six-pound Boo-cat, spend much of each day with Horick in his home office. Both cats were res-

cues and both, according to Horick, "have great personalities."

"We are very excited about having this event at our offices," said Larry Lipman, owner and president of Lipman Group/Sotheby's Realty. "We all love animals and we're very happy to be able to help some of these cats and kittens find good homes. I hope lots of people will come to see them."

*For more information, visit [theprivilegedpet.petfinder.com](http://theprivilegedpet.petfinder.com) or call 354-5611.*