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NPL DEBUTS ALL-NEW WISHING CHAIR PUPPET PRODUCTION, ROCK-A-BILLY ROAD, ON MAY 8

When three musical goats butt heads with a grumpy troll, they use teamwork and kindness to resolve their differences — and make a new friend

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Get ready to rock! Nashville Public Library debuts an all-new puppet production, [Rock-A-Billy Road: A Musical Shindig with the Gruff Family Goats](#), on May 8. NPL's beloved in-house puppet troupe, [Wishing Chair Productions](#), created the story, script, songs and set.

This free 28-minute show runs at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on May 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 and 23 at the [Main Library](#)'s Children's Theater, 615 Church Street.

"Rock-A-Billy Road is a testament to our talented Wishing Chair team, who consistently create extraordinary ways to delight audiences and promote early literacy skills through the magic of puppetry, story and song," said Nashville Public Library Director Terri Luke. "This show brings a Nashville twist to an old favorite, infusing it with the fun and flavor of our city's musical history."

Old Friends and New

Rock-A-Billy Road comes from the imagination of veteran Wishing Chair performer Library Pete, who more than a year ago set out to build a new puppet production around three vintage [Tom Tichenor](#) goat marionettes never before used in a Wishing Chair show.

In Pete's rockabilly reimagining of the classic fairy tale "The Three Billy Goats Gruff," Carl P., Wanda and Jerry Lee Gruff must win over a stubborn Elvis-inspired troll using kindness and teamwork. The multi-talented Wishing Chair team worked together to build the set and paint backdrops, restore the vintage marionettes and sew new puppet friends, as well as write the script and songs and perform on the soundtrack.

A Music City Original

The soundtrack for **Rock-A-Billy Road** includes 10 new toe-tapping songs that pay homage to Nashville's musical roots. Local producer Chris Gingrich produced the music at his Harmony Birds Studio, adding vocals, guitars and keyboards to the mix. Local session players also joined in, including Kevin Martin (lead guitar), Blaise Hearn (trumpet), Chase Coffee (trombone), Jordan Morack (saxophone) and David Adkins (drums).

Building on Legacy

Rock-A-Billy Road follows in the footsteps of Wishing Chair's 2025 full-scale theatrical production **Goldilocks**, which featured an original script, new songs and a professionally produced soundtrack. Nashville Education, Community and Arts Television ([NECAT](#)) Network filmed the stage show and behind-the-scenes moments and released **Goldilocks** as an [on-demand video](#) and a [documentary](#), earning two [Nashville/Midsouth Emmy Award nominations](#) in music categories. **Rock-A-Billy Road** is destined to be another Wishing Chair classic.

Getting There

Parking is available at the [McKendree Garage](#) — located at 140 6th Ave. North — at the discounted rate of \$4.00 for up to 90 minutes (excluding service fee and applicable taxes). For more parking options, visit the Nashville Downtown Partnership's free, interactive [downtown parking map](#). [WeGo](#) is also a great way to get downtown.

About Wishing Chair Productions

The Nashville Public Library's award-winning puppet troupe, [Wishing Chair Productions](#), has been creating world-class shows that delight children and adults alike for nearly 90 years. Founded by puppet master [Tom Tichenor](#) in the early '60s, the curated collection is composed of more than 3,000 handmade new and vintage puppets and marionettes. Wishing Chair is supported in part by generous donations to the [Nashville Public Library Foundation](#).

About Nashville Public Library

With more than 2 million books, movies and music items to choose from — plus exceptional programming and resources to improve early and adult literacy, STEAM, ESL and other key skills — [NPL](#) is Nashville's gateway to some of the best resources Nashville has to offer. Every year, across 21 locations, thousands of visitors discover how NPL lives up to our philosophy: books are only half the story.

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