

Press Release 9/8/19

## **World Music and Language Learning**

*The World Fair Field International Festival Making Final Preparations*

On this Saturday, September 14, the **World Fair Field International Festival** will bring a world of music, performances and demonstrations. It all starts with Tim Britton and his Irish Pipes leading the Parade of Colors from Howard Park to the Central Park Square at noon. At the main North stage, the festival will officially begin with a Native Blessing and opening speech by Mayor Malloy. The performance line up this year will include music from all over. Represented will be: 12:30- Foliba, West African Drumming; 1:30- Music and Dance of India; 2:10- Fairtown Ramblers, klezmer and folk dance tunes; 3:00- Fairfield School of Aikido Introduction and Demonstration; 3:30- Magram Jazz Quintet, Latin Jazz; 4:30- Amarnath Mukta, Didgeridoo Music from Australia; 5:00- Skunk River Medicine Show, American Roots music, 6:30- Barefoot Becky & the Ivanhoe Dutchmen – Central European Polka, folk dance music; 7:30- Amine Kouider & Karen Aoki acoustic international music from Algeria and Japan; 8:00- Legendary Irish piper, Tim Britton with reknowned Irish musician, Pat Egan, and Irish dancer, Lucia Papp; 9:00- Baraka: Amine Kouider & Karen Aoki with friends North African flair dance party kick off; 9:30- Bambu, rockin' hiphop with a Latin flair to dance the night away! National Country Exhibits will be open all day for noon to 6:30 pm.

See the full schedule at [worldfairfield.org/2019-festival-schedule/](http://worldfairfield.org/2019-festival-schedule/)

**In case of rain, the event will be held at the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center, North Hall.**



**Barefoot Becky & the Ivanhoe Dutchmen**



**AIKIDO DEMONSTRATION**



**Indian Dancers 2018. Photo by Paul Delisle.**



## Fairfield Public Library Steps Up to Bridge Cultures

Once again this Saturday, our library and its staff have jumped in with both feet to help cultures be understood by others, in service to our diverse community.

They will be demonstrating their website database, ***Transparent Language***. Through the Library's site, it is available to all. This is the same service the US government has its employees use before they go to experience different cultures in the world.

***Transparent Language Online*** provides a fun, effective, and engaging experience for learners of all levels looking to build their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in a foreign language in over 100 languages, including English. Mobile apps are available for learning on-the-go.

Anyone with a current Fairfield Public Library card can access the Transparent Language database free of charge. This database provides ESL instruction, and foreign language instruction for more than 100 languages. It also provides preparation for the American Citizenship Test, covering all the core subjects presented in the civics section.

Besides library staff and volunteers demonstrating the database, they will also run the event **passport table**, and promote **international library resources** by wearing sandwich signs and special hats in four categories: *Sustainability, Global Travel, Fairfield Musicians, and Cookbooks*.

Like last year, they will let us know how we can continue learning about cultures other than our own using resources available right here at our *Fairfield Public Library*.



Local students wearing Sandwich Boards courtesy of the Fairfield Public Library.

The *World Fair Field International Festival* is brought about from support from the *Fairfield Cultural Alliance*, the *Fairfield Convention and Visitors Bureau*, *Cambridge Foundation*, *Fairfield First!*, *Community First Credit Union*, *Everybody's Whole Foods*, *Midwest One Bank*, *Libertyville Savings Bank*, *Miller Realty*, and the *Fairfield Public Library*.  
More information is available at [worldfairfield.org](http://worldfairfield.org)