



***How old are you?***

I was born in 1970, so that makes me 39. Just like Jack Benny!

***How did you get your name?***

300 school children from Larkspur and Greenbrae entered a contest to find a name. From the Larkspur Library's website: "A panel of judges, which included a San Francisco Zookeeper and a local radio personality, selected Larky as the most descriptive name."

***How does the library's website describe you?***

"A cheerful, yellow, plump hippo, Larky has appeared at a number of library and civic events, in addition to the annual 4th of July parade."

***What is your favorite book?***

Hungry, Hungry Hippos

***What is your favorite movie?***

Fantasia — I love the dancing hippos

***Favorite poet?***

Carl Sandburg, who wrote, *“There is an eagle in me that wants to soar, and there is a hippopotamus in me that wants to wallow in the mud.”*

***Favorite quote?***

John Ruskin said, *“A man is born an artist as a hippopotamus is born a hippopotamus; and you can no more make yourself one than you can make yourself a giraffe.”*

***Do you like French novels?***

Yes, especially books by Alain Robbe-Grillet, who wrote, *“There is a famous Russian cartoon in which a hippopotamus, in the bush, points out a zebra to another hippopotamus: ‘You see,’ he says, ‘now that’s formalism.’”*