

The Center for Children's Books April 2009 Newsletter



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What's New on the CCB Website

Every month, the CCB creates an annotated bibliography of well-reviewed books on a specific subject. In order to be eligible for the list, the books must be recently published (within the last five years) and Recommended (R or R*) by the Bulletin. To suggest a subject for a future bibliography, email ccb@uiuc.edu. All requests will be considered.

Bibliography: Journeys to the Polar Regions
Created April 2009 by Tina Ladika
http://ccb.lis.uiuc.edu/bibliographies/journeystothepolarregions_april2009.html

News

Annual Storytelling Festival:

The Center for Children's Books would like to invite you to the Storytelling Festival on Saturday, April 18th at 7:00 PM in GSLIS Room 126. Come celebrate a night of stories from near and far, filled with joy and sadness, angst, and exhilaration. Stories will be performed by GSLIS students, alumni, and faculty. The cost for students is \$3 with a Student ID and \$5 for the public. Some material may not be appropriate for children.

New Newsletter Format:

As you may have noticed the CCB Newsletter will now be coming to you in two formats! From now on you will be able to access the standard format that you are used to or get the newsletter as a PDF attachment. Our hope is that by utilizing both formats we can bring greater accessibility to our readers.

In addition to this new format, you can also now find archived CCB Newsletters on our website in the About US section. Now you can access all of our newsletters since 2006 online at <http://ccb.lis.uiuc.edu/aboutus.html>!

April Calendar

Thurs., April 2, 5 PM Story Coach Meeting

This will be a preliminary rehearsal meeting for the Storytelling Festival. Led by Dr. Kate McDowell.

Mon., April 6, 5 PM Youth Services Meeting

We'll be discussing resume building, job searching tips, and interview strategies for snagging that youth services job you want.

Sat., April 18, 7 PM Storytelling Festival

Come celebrate a night of stories from near and far, filled with joy and sadness, angst, and exhilaration told by GSLIS students, alumni, and faculty.

Thurs., April 23, 5PM Youth Lit Book Club

We will be reading and discussing *Wake* by Lisa McMann.

Thurs., April 30, 5 PM Story Coach Meeting

Do you have a story you're longing to tell? Or are you wondering what storytelling is all about? Bring your stories or just your listening ears and come to this group meeting of GSLIS storytellers. Led by Dr. Kate McDowell.

Free parking is available after 5:00 PM and on weekends in the parking garage across the street from the GSLIS building.

To see a complete calendar of events, visit our website (<http://ccb.lis.uiuc.edu>).

Message from the Center Director, Christine A. Jenkins

“What’s So Funny About Children’s Literature?”

The fifth annual Gryphon Lecture was held on Friday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the LIS Building auditorium (room 126).

This year’s speaker was Dr. Karen Coats, who is on the faculty of the English department at Illinois State University. Her talk described and detailed the linguistic and psychoanalytic conditions necessary for children to acquire a sense of humor and understand jokes, and the ways in which children’s



books facilitate this achievement. Professor Coats’ well-attended lecture (70+ attendees) was followed by audience questions and discussion, which was followed by a reception.

Karen Coats teaches children’s and young adult literature and critical theory. She is the director of ISU’s English Education program, reviewer for the *Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books*, and co-editor of the forthcoming *Handbook of Research on Children’s and Young Adult Literature*.

The Gryphon Lecture and surrounding events is hosted by the Youth Literature Interest Group (YLIG), a cross-disciplinary group of faculty and graduate students interested in youth literature and culture. The next meeting of YLIG will be held 9:30-11:00 on Friday, April 25 at the Center for Children’s Books. This meeting will be the final one for the 2008-09 academic year. Stay tuned for announcements of next year’s meeting times!

You can listen to a recording of Karen Coats’ lecture, “What’s so funny about children’s literature?” at <http://waterfall.lis.uiuc.edu/dl/events/gryphonlecture/gryphon030609.ram>. Archives of past lectures can also be found on the CCB website.

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New Books We Just Had to Read

Every month, the CCB Graduate Assistants highlight books reviewed in the most recent issue of the *Bulletin* that we were very excited to read. These decisions are based on personal preference, but all books listed are Recommended by the *Bulletin*. The goal is to introduce you to brand-new books. For complete reviews, visit the *Bulletin* website (<http://bccb.lis.uiuc.edu/>) to learn how to subscribe.

Kate’s Choice:

Ryan, Carrie. *The Forest of Hands and Teeth*.
Delacorte, 2009. 310p R Gr. 9-12
ISBN978-0-385-73681-7 \$17.99

Mary is desperate to escape the confines of her little village and see the ocean. Unfortunately, she is surrounded by a forest full of the Unconsecrated, undead beings thirsting for human flesh. When the Unconsecrated breach the village’s walls, Mary escapes with several other villagers, only to be confronted with horror and death at every turn. A heartbreaking tale of tough choices, loyalty, and love, this will appeal to fans outside of the horror genre.

Kelley Anne’s Choice:

Scott, Elizabeth. *Something, Maybe*. Simon
Pulse, 2009 224p R Gr. 7-10
ISBN 978-1-4169-7865-7 \$16.99

Hannah isn’t so great at relationships. But who could blame her? After all, her mom does walk around the house in risqué lingerie while she’s working on her live videochat and her estranged father is a dead-ringer for the infamous Hugh Hefner. Yet, despite her untraditional home life, Hannah finds herself stuck in a very traditional love triangle. Scott creates a funny new twist while addressing the timeless issues of having crushes and dealing with the ‘rents.

General CCB Information

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The Center for Children's Books (CCB) houses a non-circulating research collection of over 16,000 trade books for youth, birth through high school, and over 1,000 professional and reference books on the history and criticism of literature for youth, literature-based library and classroom programming, and storytelling. The collection includes prominent displays of Blue Ribbon Books (titles chosen by Bulletin reviewers as the best of the previous year's children's books), current award winners, books reviewed in the current issue of the Bulletin, and monthly thematic displays. The CCB also houses a growing collection of storytelling audio and video recordings.

We ensure all materials are available to patrons whenever the CCB is open - this means no materials leave the collection. Although the collection is non-circulating, it is available for examination by students, scholars, teachers, librarians, and other educators.

Our research collection emphasizes contemporary works, especially books from the last five to seven years, as well as titles of historical and critical significance.

The Center for Children's Books is located in Room 24 on the ground floor of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. GSLIS is located at 501 E. Daniel Street in Champaign.

Enter GSLIS through the building's main north entrance. Go up the stairs to your left (through an arched wooden doorway) and turn left. You will see another set of stairs. Go down to the lower level. Turn right to enter the Center.

How can the CCB assist you?

Meeting Location

Looking for a place for your group to meet? If your purpose is related to children's literature or libraries, contact us to reserve space.

Research Collection

Do you want to see a book before you purchase it? The CCB has a copy of every book reviewed by the Bulletin in the past 5-7 years!

Reference Services

Are you really stumped? The CCB will guide you to reference solutions. Call (217) 244-9331 or email ccb@illinois.edu.

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Hours
Monday: 10 am - 5 pm
Tuesday: 10 am - 7 pm
Wednesday: 3 - 7 pm
Thursday: 10 am - 7pm
Friday: 10 am - 5 pm

Highlighted Book from Our Wish List

San Vicente, Luis. Festival of Bones/ El Festival de las Calaveras: The Little-Bitty Book for the Day of the Dead. Cinco Puntos Press, 2002. ISBN 978-0938317678

A bilingual picture book for young readers that explains all about Mexico's Day of the Dead.

For more information about the CCB Wish List or how to donate books to the CCB, please visit <http://ccb.lis.uiuc.edu/wishlist.html>.



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