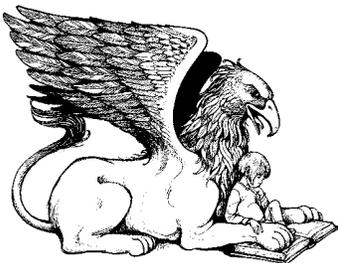


The Center for Children's Books

May/June 2009 Newsletter



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What's New on the CCB Website

Every month, the CCB creates an annotated bibliography of good books on a specific subject. In order to be eligible for the list, the books must be recent (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: Bibliography: Do-It-Yourself
Created May 2009 by Lizz Zitron http://ccb.lis.uiuc.edu/bibliographies/doityourself_2009.html

Bibliography: YA Music
Created May 2009 by Laura Rancani
http://ccb.lis.uiuc.edu/bibliographies/yamusic_2009.

News

Storytelling Festival

The Center's big event for April is the Storytelling Festival, and this year's festival, which was held on Saturday, April 12th, was the biggest one yet! It was great to see so many supporters of the rich tradition of storytelling at GSLIS. You can listen to the audio of the stories on the CCB website at

<http://ccb.lis.uiuc.edu/storytellingaudio.html>.

Galley Giveaway and Summer Hours

The Center for Children's Books is open during the summer months. You can access the current and future week's hours on the top right corner of the CCB homepage. Come down to the air-conditioned CCB and catch up on that book you didn't have time to read during the school year! Oh, and if you need some summer reading, be sure to stop by our Galley Giveaway May 4th - 8th during open hours.

Book party for *A Narrative Compass: Stories that Guide Women's Lives*

Save the date: Thursday, May 14, 4-6 p.m.! If you need a break from end-of-semester stress or just want some good summer reading, drop in on our book party for *A Narrative Compass: Stories that Guide Women's Lives* (University of Illinois Press, 2009). In an anthology of essays edited by Betsy Hearne, former CCB director, and Roberta Seelinger Trites, 19 scholars from a variety of disciplines identify and explore the stories that motivated them and shaped their research. We'll be at the Center for Children's Books with snacks, conversation, and copies of the book. Come to Room 24 in the LIS building at 501 E. Daniel, corner of Fifth and Daniel (and feel free to bring friends). After you've read the book, you can post your own stories and comments about the essays on our interactive website at www.press.uillinois.edu/narrativecompass/. Hope to see you there!

May/June Calendar

Galley Giveaway

Monday, May 4 - Friday, May 8

Stop by to pick up as many free pre-publication copies of books as your arms can handle!

Finals Week Hours

Monday, May 11 - Friday, May 15

- Monday: 10 AM - 3 PM
- Tuesday: 10 AM - 3 PM
- Wednesday: Closed
- Thursday: 10 AM - 3 PM
- Friday: 10 AM - 3 PM

Narrative Compass Book Party

Thursday, May 14, 4-6 PM

Celebrate the release of *A Narrative Compass: Stories that Guide Women's Lives*.

Summer Hours Begin

Monday, May 18

Check homepage for current and future weeks' hours.

CCB Closed

Monday, May 25

CCB Closed in observance of Memorial Day

LEEP Weekend Hours

Check the CCB website and LEEP online schedule for our LEEP Weekend hours.

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 Director, Dr. Christine Jenkins

Many of you may have heard the April 23 announcement that GSLIS has again been ranked #1 among all LIS schools by U.S. News & World Report. But did you know that GSLIS has also been ranked #1 among all LIS schools for education in Services for Children and Youth?

The Youth Services program here at GSLIS includes The Center and the Bulletin, plus three fulltime tenure track faculty, a thriving K-12 certification program, and hundreds of GSLIS students and alums. Our program is flourishing and we are very pleased that this strength is being reflected in the ratings. The GSLIS youth services program has unparalleled faculty and library resources, and we cultivate a sense of community among our graduate students that creates lifelong affiliations. Receiving this public acknowledgement of our robust program in youth services is, I believe, an indication of our national impact on the future of information literacy, reading, and readers of all ages.



This morning a reporter from the News-Gazette called my office to discuss the U.S. News & World Report's new ratings. His first question: "So, are you celebrating your ranking?" As he spoke, it was clear that he was asking if we were holding festivities around the announcement. Well, not exactly, but maybe we should! As I look around the Center, I don't see balloons, crepe paper streamers, or other traditional signs of celebration—at least not right this moment, but perhaps a future gala?—but what I do see and hear is the movement and hum of activity as Center staffers and student volunteers ready the Center for our Spring Galley Giveaway. Next week (May 6-10), the Center will be buzzing with GSLIS students, who are understandably eager to acquire free children's and young adult books. Every year we hold four such Galley Giveaways. Plus our annual Center Book Sale extravaganza in February. Plus the Gryphon Lecture every March. Plus our annual Storytelling Festival in April. And then there are our monthly events: Story Coach meetings, student-led discussions of the latest children's and young adult books, meetings of YLIG (Youth Literature Interest Group) to discuss youth literature scholarship. And so much more.....

So upon reflection....OK, no balloons or streamers.... but YES, we are celebrating--today, tomorrow, and on into the future. Every day we celebrate excellence in youth services librarianship as the Center does its part to educate and work with current and future librarians, teachers, parents, and community members on projects, events, and courses designed to help children and teens become literate adults.

The work of youth services librarianship in school and public libraries is stimulating, challenging, and endlessly interesting. Did you know that over one-third of all GSLIS graduates take one or more courses in youth services? Every fall our students fill three to four sections of children's literature and youth services librarianship. Every spring they fill three to four sections of young adult literature and storytelling. And we offer two or more additional youth courses each semester. Many of the students in these classes are going into youth services work, but there are also a number who simply see the value of these courses to their own education as future librarians and information professionals, whether or not they will be serving children or teens. GSLIS students understand that youth services courses contain core knowledge!

The GSLIS youth services program has unparalleled faculty and library resources, and we cultivate a sense of community among our graduate students that creates lifelong affiliations. If you are reading this, you, too, are part of our community. Welcome! Let's celebrate!

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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:

Hest, Amy. *Little Chick*.
Illus. by Anita Jeram. Candlewick, 2009 48p R*
2-5 yrs ISBN978-0-7636-2890 \$17.99

This quaint collection of three tales recounts Little Chick's trials and tribulations as she tries to get her carrot to grow tall, her kite to fly high, and her own little self to fly to the stars. Old Auntie gently encourages Little Chick through each obstacle and the water color illustrations in gentle pastel tones only add to her comfort. Give this to any child with a skinned knee or a bruised ego.

Kelley Anne's Choice:

McCormack, Caren McNelly. *The Fiesta Dress: A Quinceañera Tale*. Illus. by Martha Avilés. Cavendish, 2009 40p R
5-8 yrs ISBN 978-0-7614-5467-0 \$17.99

Little Lolo knows that as the youngest in her family she usually gets a lot of attention. But on the day of her big sister's Quinceañera, Lolo isn't getting any attention at all! Replete with richly colored scenes this is a sweet tale not of a bratty younger sister but instead about family togetherness. A Spanish Glossary is included.

General CCB Information

CCB May/June 2009

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

**Dessen, Sarah. *That Summer*. Viking Juvenile, 2006.
ISBN 978-0670061105**

The coming-of-age story of Haven who is struggling her way through a summer full of family drama.

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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