

# The Center for Children's Books

## April 2010 Newsletter

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### What's New on the CCB Website

We decided to turn the tables this month and ask all of you what you want to see on the CCB website. What resources are helpful? What resources do we not have that you wish we did? Are there any subjects that you would like to see new bibliographies about? So send us your feedback about how the CCB website can work to better meet your needs in the future. Contact us at [ccb@illinois.edu](mailto:ccb@illinois.edu) with any comments or concerns. We look forward to hearing from you!

### News

#### 2010 Storytelling Festival

The Center for Children's Books would like to invite you to the Storytelling Festival on Saturday, April 17th at 7:00 PM at the Spurlock Museum in the Knight Auditorium.

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 \$5 with a Student ID and \$8 for the public. Some material may not be appropriate for children.

#### CPDU: Wikis Go to the Library

On April 24, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., The Center for Children's Books is sponsoring "Wikis Go to the Library," a Saturday morning workshop for librarians and teachers facilitated by Frances Jacobson Harris.

Feeling overwhelmed at the prospect of creating your own website? Wiki software might be just what you need. Wiki software allows multiple people to create and edit web pages. Wikis typically support text, photos, graphics, video, and links, are easy to update. In this hands-on workshop, participants will set up their own wiki using Wikispaces, and will learn about how wikis can be used in libraries, schools, and other settings.

#### For more information, visit:

<http://www.lis.illinois.edu/academics/programs/cpd/wikis>

#### Register here:

<https://www.eventville.com/catalog/event-registration1.asp?eventid=1006756>

If you have any questions, please contact the CCB Outreach GA, Corrie Ball, via email ([ccboutreach@illinois.edu](mailto:ccboutreach@illinois.edu)).

### April Calendar

#### Thursday, April 1, 5PM GSLIS Story Coach Meeting

This group of GSLIS students, staff, faculty, and alumni meet to share stories. Bring a story to share, or come to listen.

#### Thursday, April 8, 5PM Youth Lit Book Club

We'll be reading the award-winning non-fiction title *Charles and Emma: The Darwin's Leap of Faith* by Deborah Heiligman.

#### Sunday, April 11, Edible Book Festival for Children at the Urbana Free Library

More information: <http://www.library.illinois.edu/ediblebooks/kidsfestival.html>

#### Saturday, April 17, 7PM 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 at the Spurlock Museum, 7pm.

#### Saturday, April 24, 9 AM-12PM. CPDU: Wikis Go to the Library

"Wikis Go to the Library," a Saturday morning workshop for librarians and teachers facilitated by Frances Jacobson Harris in room 126 of the GSLIS building.

*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.illinois.edu>).*



# Message from the Director, Dr. Christine Jenkins

## 2010 Gryphon Lecture

The sixth annual Gryphon Lecture, "Children's Search Experiences in the Age of Google, Today and Tomorrow." was held on Friday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the LIS Building auditorium (room 126).

This year's speaker was Dr. Allison Druin, the Director of the Human-Computer Interaction Lab (HCIL) and an Associate Professor in the University of Maryland's College of Information Studies. Her talk described the interdisciplinary research that her lab is doing as teams of computer scientists, educational researchers, librarians, artists, and children create new educational technologies for learning.

Visit the following site to listen to Allison Druin's lecture, "Children's Search Experiences in the Age of Google, Today and Tomorrow:" <http://ccb.lis.illinois.edu/gryphonlectures.html>.

## A History of Aesop's "The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse," 1651-1918.

A presentation by Andrea Immel, Curator, Cotsen Children's Library, Princeton University library Thursday, May 6, 2010, 7:00 p.m.  
Room 126 (auditorium), GSLIS (corner of 5th and Daniel)

Andrea Immel, director and curator of the Cotsen Children's Library at the Princeton University Library, will be giving a lecture on the history of Aesop's fables, with a focus on four renditions of "The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse" by John Ogilby (1651), Thomas Bewick (1784), William Godwin (1805), and Beatrix Potter (1918).

Hosted by the Youth, Literature, and Culture interest group

Sponsored by the Center for Children's Books and the UIUC Rare Books and Manuscripts Library  
The public is welcome!



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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.illinois.edu/>) to learn how to subscribe.

### Kelley Anne's Choice:

Singer, Marilyn. *Mirror Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse*; ill. by Josée Masse. Dutton, 2010. 32p R Gr. 3-6  
ISBN978-0-525-47901-5 \$16.99

Marilyn Singer gives new representation to the idea that there are two sides to every story. With her creation of "reverso" poetry, where the same order of words are reversed from bottom to top to reveal a second poem with an alternate meaning, Singer tackles the dual viewpoints of some of fairy tales' most colorful characters. Replete with vibrant, dual-faced illustration, this is sure to wow and encourage many a young aspiring poet to try this challenging and endlessly fun new form.

### Ayanna's Choice:

Lee, Y.S. *The Agency: A Spy in the House*. Candlewick, 2010 335p R  
Gr. 7-10 ISBN 978-0763640675 \$16.99

Mary is a thief. She wasn't always one, but familial circumstances have driven her to a poor life of crime. When she is caught this last time she's sentenced to the gallows. Ann Treleaven sees something in the girl and at the last minute rescues her from her fate. Ms. Treleaven is a teacher at a girls' school that promotes other avenues of living besides as a governess, maid, or wife. What Mary doesn't find out until 5 years later is that the school is a front for a spy agency run by women and she is their newest agent. A fast paced mystery with twists until the end, Lee has put together a well-crafted mystery with a competent and intriguing protagonist.

### Corrie's Choice:

Cohagan, Carolyn. *The Lost Children. Aladdin*, 2010 313p R Gr. 4-7  
ISBN 978-1-4169-8616-4 \$16.99

Josephine has always been a bit ostracized, mostly because everyone in towns hates her rich father for proclaiming that citizens must wear gloves at all times. But when a strange little boy appears out of nowhere, Josephine follows him and enters a world entirely unlike her own. Here children are in constant danger of being fed to the monstrous "Brothers" and the townspeople are at the mercy of the evil Master. In this world, Josephine makes friends, develops leadership skills, and portrays a courage she never knew she possessed.

# 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](mailto: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

**Haven, Kendall. *Story Proof: The Science Behind the Startling Power of Story*. Libraries Unlimited, 2007. ISBN 978-1591585466**

**Connecting storytelling with brain development for children and adults, *Story Proof* collects and analyzed the research validating the importance of the story.**

**For more information about the CCB Wish List or how to donate books to the CCB, please visit <http://ccb.lis.illinois.edu/wish-list.html>.**



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