

The Center for Children's Books

December 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: Vampires, Werewolves and Zombies, Oh My!

Created by Katie Lobner

http://ccb.lis.illinois.edu//bibliographies/vampire-swerewolveszombies_2009.html

News

Winter Break

The holiday music on the radio and the malls flooded with people seem to suggest the holiday season is upon us! We'd like to take this time to send a heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported the Center for Children's Books in the past year. From our volunteers to our donors, we appreciate your dedication to the CCB. Thank you very much for all you have done! Happy Holidays to all! Please see our calendar for operating hours during the winter break.

Guide Book to Gift Books

Don't forget about the BCCB's 2009 Guide Book to Gift Books! The need for good advice for selecting children's and young adult books is more important than ever in December as the holidays approach! The link to the 2009 Guide Book to Gift Books is available on the Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books homepage (<http://bccb.lis.illinois.edu/>).

December Calendar

Thursday, December 3, 5PM

Story Coach

Teaming up for the first time Story Coach and GSLIS Gamers combine for a night of fun storytelling games!

Thursday, December 10, 5PM Youth Lit Book Club Meeting

We'll be discussing great reads to catch up on over the holiday vacation.

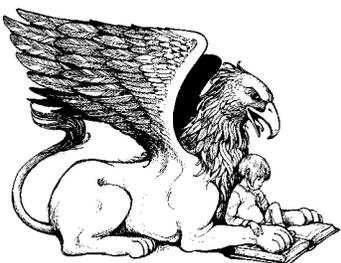
Monday, December 14 - Friday, December 18 Fall Final Hours

Monday, December 14th: 10AM - 3 PM
Tuesday, December 15th: 10AM - 3 PM
Wednesday, December 16th: Closed
Thursday, December 17th: 10AM - 3 PM
Friday, December 18th: 10AM - 3 PM

The CCB will be closed from December 21st 2009 through January 10th 2010. Happy Holidays!

Free parking is available after 4:00 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

COMMUNITY CREDIT COURSES FOR SPRING 2010!

A number of GSLIS courses being taught during the Spring 2010 semester will be available as community credit (non-degree) courses. Both on-campus and LEEP (online distance education) courses are available. Classes that focus on specific aspects of youth services librarianship include:

CLASSES ON CAMPUS:

LIS 409B - Storytelling

LIS 590ML - Media Literacy and Youth

LIS 590SM - The School Library Media Center: Curriculum, Collaboration and Connection

CLASSES TAUGHT VIA LEEP:

LIS 404LEB - Literature and Resources for Young Adults

LIS 404LEC - Literature and Resources for Young Adults

LIS 590MLL - Media Literacy and Youth

LIS 590SML - The School Library Media Center: Curriculum, Collaboration and Connection

To see a complete listing of all available courses and learn more about community credit courses, go to: http://www.lis.illinois.edu/programs/cpd/Community_Credit/spring10.html

To learn more about community credit courses—and how you can enroll!—go to: http://www.lis.illinois.edu/programs/cpd/Community_Credit/



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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:

Willis, Jeanne. *The Bog Baby*; illus. by Gwen Millward. Schwartz & Wade, 2009
32p. R* 5-8yrs. ISBN 978-0-375-86176-5 \$16.99

When the young narrator and her sister go fishing in a magic pond in Bluebell Wood they happen across a bog baby. As the story goes on, the sisters love and care for their newly acquired pet who is round and blue and "soft as jelly". But when he gets sick they learn that true love means they must let the bog baby go free. This touching tale complete with soft, and well-proportioned illustrations is sure to be a favorite of both the animal-loving and the imaginative.

Ayanna's Choice:

Kizer, Amber. *Meridian*. Delacorte, 2009
305p R Gr. 6-9
ISBN 978-0-385-73668-8 \$16.99

Do you believe in angels? Meridian's not sure if she does, and she is one; well, sort of. She's a Fenestra—a being that helps mortal souls cross over to the afterlife. Fenestras come into their full powers at sixteen, and that's exactly where the story begins. With a short creepy introduction filled with dead bugs and small animals to a speedy transition to Meridian's sixteenth birthday and her abrupt trip to her aunt's to learn how to harness her powers, the reader and Meridian's head is still spinning by the time she gets a grip on what she's supposed to do and who she really is. An interesting coming of age tale that is just begging for a sequel, *Meridian* takes a different spin on the supernatural.

Corrie's Choice:

Casino, Mark. *The Story of Snow: The Science of Winter's Wonder*; by Mark Cassino with Jon Nelson; illus. by Nora Aoyagi and with photographs by Mark Cassino. Chronicle, 2009
33p R* 7-9 yrs ISBN 978-08118-6866-2 \$16.99

What determines the shape of an ice crystal? How are snow crystals formed? Why do snow crystals have six sides? The story of snow explains it all through vivid, magnified photographs of ice crystals. Readers of all ages will be fascinated by the beautiful, intricate photographs and the clear explanations of snow crystal formation. The book even includes tips for catching snow crystals of your own to examine. Perfect for a class experiment or a family project on a snowy, winter day!

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

Abeel, Samantha. My Thirteenth Winter: A Memoir. Scholastic, 2005. ISBN 978-0439339056

After multiple anxiety attacks over everyday things stemming from her feelings of insecurity, it is finally established that Samantha Abeel is living with dyscalculia. In her memoir, she tells of the relief she feels now that she knows what is wrong. This is a touching tale for any child with a disability to read.

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



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