

The Center for Children's Books

February 2010 Newsletter

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What's New on the CCB Website

Bibliography: War

http://ccb.lis.illinois.edu/bibliographies/war_2010.html

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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.

News

The Center for Children's Books Ninth Annual Book Sale

Thousands of brand-new children's books will be available for youth ages birth through high school at our annual Book Sale! The titles available represent the full spectrum of children's publishing in fiction and nonfiction. Hardcover will be \$5 while paperbacks will range between \$1 and \$2 and specialty items are priced as marked.

The Book Sale, which has free admission, will happen February 15 through February 17, 2010. Sale hours are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in room 24 (the basement) of the GSLIS building, 501 E. Daniel St. Champaign, IL 61820.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns about the upcoming booksale at ccb@illinois.edu. Or check out our website for up to date information about the 2010 booksale at <http://ccb.lis.illinois.edu/booksale.html>.

Gryphon Award Announced

The Center for Children's Books at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana is pleased to announce that the annual Gryphon Award for Children's Literature has been given to James Sturm, Andrew Arnold, and Alexis Frederick-Frost for their book *Adventures in Cartooning*. For more information about this winning book and the three honor books keep reading on to Dr. Christine Jenkins' Message from the Director.

February Calendar

Thursday, February 4, 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, February 11, 5PM Youth Lit Book Club Meeting

We'll be reading *Wintergirls* by Laurie Halse Anderson.

Sunday, February 14, 1-4 PM

The Center for Children's Books Pre-Sale

We are no longer accepting reservations for this year's pre-sale.

Mon., February 15 -Wed., February 17, 10AM - 6PM

The Center for Children's Books Book Sale

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Free Admission. Thousands of great deals available on children's and young adult books!

Saturday, February 20, 9AM - 12PM CPDU Workshop: Award-Winning Books of 2010

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Graduate School of Library & Information Science Building. Workshop fee is \$45 and there are 3 CPDU credits available. Pre-registration is required by February 15th.

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

2010 Gryphon Award!

Each February the Center for Children's Books announces the winner and honor books for the Gryphon Award, a prize awarded to the author of an outstanding English language work of fiction or non-fiction for which the primary audience is children in kindergarten through fourth grade. Award winners are books that best exemplify those qualities that successfully bridge the gap in difficulty between books for reading aloud to children and books for practiced readers.

The Gryphon Award, which includes a \$1,000 prize, is given annually by the Center for Children's Books, a unit of the

Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. It is sponsored by the Center for Children's Books and funded by the Center for Children's Books Outreach Endowment Fund. Income from the fund supports outreach activities for the books center and the Gryphon Award for children's literature.

The Gryphon Award was established in 2004 as a way to focus attention on transitional reading – an area of literature for youth that, despite its importance to the successful transition of children from new readers to independent lifelong readers, does not receive the critical recognition it deserves.

The 2010 Gryphon Award winner is:

Adventures in Cartooning (Center for Cartoon Studies / First Second/ Roaring Brook, 2009) by James Sturm, Andrew Arnold, and Alexis Frederick-Frost is an engaging knight and dragon tale, replete with familiar folkloric elements and surprise twists in which the three author/illustrators demonstrate how to transform a promising idea into creative, effective comic book format. Aspiring cartoonists and graphic novel neophytes will embrace this introduction to crafting comics and bridging readers will enjoy putting their literary and visual skills into simultaneous action.

Three Gryphon Honors winners also were named:

Nikki & Deja: Birthday Blues (Clarion Books, 2009), written by Karen English and illustrated by Laura Freeman.

Alvin Ho: Allergic to Camping, Hiking, and Other Natural Disasters (Schwartz & Wade Books, 2009), written by Lenore Look and illustrated by LeUyen Pham.

Kit Feeny: On the Move (Knopf, 2009), written and illustrated by Michael Townsend.



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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:

Oldham, Todd. *Kid Made Modern*. AMMO, 2009 188p. R Gr. 4-8
ISBN 978-1-934429-36-5 \$22.95

The fantastically colorful and engaging book is part both art information and do-it-yourself fun. Packed full of ideas, Oldham created the motivating layout of one page introductions to either an art tool (i.e. paint) or famous modern artist (i.e. Alexander Calder) followed by numerous project ideas which allow youngsters (and let's be honest-us adults too) to try their hand at new techniques that are sure to liven up any space.

Ayanna's Choice:

Bemis, John. *The Nine Pound Hammer*. Random House, 2009 368p. R
Gr. 5-7 ISBN 978-0375855641 \$16.99

Ray's father left eight years ago with only a lodestone, a rock that is attracted to metal, to take his place. With an urge to go South, Ray finds himself among an interesting group of individuals traveling in a medicine show. What Ray does not know is that he and these people with an array of special abilities are connected; it's up to them to save the world from an evil mentioned, but disguised, in John Henry's folktale. With snippets about other legends as well, this book is a great supplementary story for lovers of tall tales and legends.

Corrie's Choice:

Ephron, Delia. *The Girl with the Mermaid Hair*. HarperTeen, 2010. 312p R*
Gr. 7-12 ISBN 978-0-06-154260-2 \$16.99

Sukie is the full package--brains, looks, talent, money. But in her constant struggle to be perceived as perfect (a feat achieved by constantly taking "selfies" on her cell phone), she isolates herself from her classmates. As her world starts to crumble, she looks to her journal, mirror and faithful dog for support but ultimately realizes that confiding in a friend can be the best feeling in the world. Teens will appreciate the modern cultural references and Suki's surprisingly brutal honesty.

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

Baxter, Kathleen. *Gotcha Again! : More Nonfiction Booktalks to Get Kids Excited About Reading. Libraries Unlimited, 2002.*

This book offers more than 350 nonfiction titles and also provides suggestions for booktalks and activities.

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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