

The Center for Children's Books

January 2010 Newsletter

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What's New on the CCB Website

Make sure to check out our 2010 Booksale page as we will continue to update you with pertinent Booksale and Pre-Sale information.

Find it at <http://ccb.lis.illinois.edu/booksale.html>.

News

The Center for Children's Books (CCB) would like to invite you to our ninth annual book sale which will be held February 15th-17th, 2010. We are selling thousands of brand new children's books for youth ages birth through high school.

For the best selection, join us at a pre-sale on Sunday, February 14 from 1-4 p.m. Admission for the pre-sale will be \$20 per person. To attend, you must make a reservation by either calling the CCB at 217-244-9331 or by emailing at ccb@illinois.edu. **We will begin accepting reservations February 1.** This year we will require pre-payment to hold reservations; after you receive our confirmation e-mail, please send a \$20 (per person) check made payable to the "University of Illinois" and mail to:

Center for Children's Books
Attn: PreSale
501 E. Daniel St., Rm 24
Champaign, IL 61820

The CCB must receive your payment by Friday, February 12 or your reservation will be cancelled. Reservations will not be accepted at the door and due to fire safety regulations, there will be a limited number of reservations available.

Admission will be free and open to the public February 15th through the 17th, 10 AM – 6 PM.

Paperback books are \$1 or \$2 each, hardcover books are \$5 each, and special items are priced as marked. We accept cash, checks, Visa/Mastercard, and purchase orders. The proceeds from the book sale are a major funding source for running the CCB.

If you have any questions about the book sale, or to reserve your ticket to the pre-sale, please contact us at ccb@illinois.edu or (217) 244-9331.

January Calendar

Monday, January 11-15 CCB Reduced Hours

Monday, 10 AM – 3 PM
Tuesday, 10 AM – 3 PM
Thursday, 10 AM – 3 PM
Friday, 10 AM – 3 PM

Monday, January 18 CCB Closed The CCB will be closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Tuesday, January 19, CCB Spring Hours Begin

Monday, 10 AM – 5 PM
Tuesday, 10 AM – 7 PM
Wednesday, 3 PM – 7 PM
Thursday, 10 AM – 7 PM
Friday, 10 AM – 5 PM

Tuesday, January 19 – Friday, January 22 Galley Giveaway

Join us for another round of giving away a limited number of prepublication books. First come first served for best selection.

Tuesday, 10 AM – 7 PM
Wednesday, 3 PM – 7 PM
Thursday, 10 AM – 7 PM
Friday, 10 AM – 5 PM

Free parking is available after 4:00 PM and on weekends in the parking garage across the street from the GSLIS building.



Message from the Director, Dr. Christine Jenkins

BULLETIN BLUE RIBBONS

For those interested in children's and young adult literature, January is the month for book award announcements. Here at the Center, this begins on January 1st with the announcement of the annual list of Bulletin Blue Ribbons. The thirty-three books on the 2009 list represent the books that the Bulletin staff believe to be the year's best literature for youth. The annotated list of the 2009 Blue Ribbons is available from the Bulletin website (<http://bccb.lis.illinois.edu/blue09.html>), formatted as a double-sided, tri-fold brochure that can be freely downloaded, copied, and distributed.



2010 GRYPHON AWARD

And finally, on February 1 the Center for Children's Books will announce the 2010 Gryphon Award (for books published in 2009), the CCB's annual award given to the book that best exemplifies those qualities that enable young readers (grades K-4) to become independent readers. Stay tuned!

CPDU WORKSHOP: AWARD-WINNING BOOKS OF 2009

A Workshop for Librarians and Teachers

Saturday, February 20, 2009

Workshop Information:

Date: Saturday, February 20, 2009

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Workshop Fee: \$45

CPDU Credits: 3

Location:

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Library & Information Science Building

501 E. Daniel Street, Champaign, IL 61820

Description:

And the winner is.....[drum-roll].....

Learn more about the newest award-winners at the CCB's Award-Winning Books of 2009 workshop!

Pre-registration is required by February 15.

For further information and registration link, go to:

http://www.lis.illinois.edu/programs/cpd/book_workshop.html

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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:

Hurwin, Davida Wills. *Freaks and Revelations*. Little, 2009 234p. R Gr. 9-12 ISBN 978-0-316-04996 \$16.99

Inspired by a real-life incident, Hurwin recounts the parallel lives of two young men growing up in 1970's California. Jason is kicked out of his home when he reveals to his mother that he is gay. Doug escapes his abusive household through embracing the growing punk movement. Alternating narration gets shorter until finally the two boys meet in a violent collision. This book gives readers poignant insights into growth, change, and eventual reconciliation.

Ayanna's Choice:

Aylesworth, Jim. *The Mitten*; illus. by Barbara McClintock. Scholastic, 2009 32p. R* 4-7yrs ISBN 978-0-439-92544-0 \$16.99

Presented as a wonderful read-along, this story of a boy losing his mitten on a winter afternoon includes minimal text and large colorful pictures. The repeated phrases as one animal after another finds the woolen mitten and tries to warm its icy toes are sing-songy and charming. Children and parents alike will enjoy opening this book and reading aloud together over a hot cup of cocoa.

Corrie's Choice:

Chima, Cinda Williams. *The Demon King*. Disney/Hyperion, 2009 512p R* Gr. 7-10 ISBN 978-1-4231-1823-7 \$17.99

With a weak Queen and an overly ambitious High Wizard, it's up to Princess Raisa and Helena to help maintain the ancient laws that help protect the kingdom from dark magic. Meanwhile, Han "Cuffs" Alister struggles to establish himself as a respectable citizen despite considerable pressure to revert back to his old ways. Their stories intertwine as they both strive to protect the kingdom and to discover their destiny. *The Demon King* is a great treat for fantasy lovers.

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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Highlighted Book from Our Wish List

Huck, Charlotte and Barbara Kiefer. Children's Literature in the Elementary School with Student CD and Litlinks Activity Book. McGraw-Hill 8th ed. 2003 ISBN 978- 0072878417

This classic text, which is often used in children's literature classes, shows how children's literature can be effectively used with elementary school students in an effort to foster reading skills and a lifelong love for books.

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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