

# The Center for Children's Books

## March 2010 Newsletter

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### What's New on the CCB Website

The Spring LEEP weekend at GSLIS will take place from Thursday March 4 until Monday March 8. Due to this schedule the CCB will have different operating times than normal.

During our open hours throughout LEEP weekend we will be hosting our 9th annual LEEP Book Sale. The LEEP Booksale will take place:

Thursday March 4th: 5-7pm  
Sunday March 7th: 5-6pm  
Monday March 8th: 5-6pm

## News

### 2010 Book Sale

Thank you for another successful book sale! The money earned helps defray the CCB's operating costs. The pre-sale was a big hit, as always, with people traveling from all over Illinois to attend! In just a few hours, the attendees were able to find thousands of brand new books at bargain prices to add to their personal, school, or library collections. We were also excited to see so many new faces at the CCB for the regular sale from Monday through Wednesday.

We are already looking forward to pre-sale and book sale in 2011. Pre-sale reservations begin February 1, 2011. Look for further information next January. We appreciate your continued support!

### Gryphon Lecture

Join us for our sixth annual Gryphon Lecture given Friday, March 5th at 7pm by Dr. Allison Druin, Director of the Human-Computer Interaction Lab (HCIL) and Associate Professor, University of Maryland, College of Information Studies. In this talk, Dr. Druin will present seven search roles children display as information seekers using Internet keyword interfaces, based on a home study of 83 children ages 7, 9, and 11. The lecture will be given in room 126 of the GSLIS building and a dessert reception will follow.

## March Calendar

### Thursday, March 4, CCB CLOSED from 10am-5pm.

We will reopen from 5-7pm to host a monthly Story Coach event and begin our LEEP Book Sale.

### Thursday, March 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.

### Friday, March 5, CCB CLOSED

### Friday, March 5, 7:00pm - 6th Annual Gryphon Lecture

Hosted by YLC, this lecture will feature Allison Druin. Druin directs the Human-Computer Interaction Lab the University of Maryland. Her talk will be entitled "Children Searching in the Age of Google, Today and Tomorrow". Reception to follow.

### Sunday, March 7, LEEP Book Sale 5-6PM

### Monday, March 8, CCB CLOSED from 10am-5pm.

We will reopen from 5-6pm for the LEEP Book Sale.

### Thursday, March 11, Youth Lit Book Club

We'll be reading *A Great and Terrible Beauty* by Libba Bray.

### Monday, March 22 — Friday, March 26 CCB CLOSED for Spring Break.

*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

## A TALE OF TWO GRYPHONS

Now that the tumult and the shouting of the Gryphon Awards and the CCB Annual Book Sale have calmed, we head into the Gryphon Lecture, an annual event sponsored by the Center for Children's Books and the Graduate College for Library and Information Science.

## GRYPHON LECTURE

The sixth annual Gryphon Lecture will be held on Friday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the LIS Building auditorium (room 126). This year's lecture will be delivered by Dr. Allison Druin.

Her presentation, "Children Searching in the Age of Google, Today and Tomorrow," will describe her research on the challenges that children 7-11 years old face in searching for information in a digital environment. Druin will present seven search roles children display as information seekers using Internet keyword interfaces. Her work suggests an urgent need for new interfaces that will enable children's successful development of a search culture among children. Future interfaces for mobile phones, netbooks, and more will be discussed.

Allison Druin directs the Human-Computer Interaction Lab the University of Maryland. Since 1998, she has led interdisciplinary research teams of computer scientists educational researchers, librarians, artists, and children to create new educational technologies for learning. She is also research leader for the International Children's Digital Library [www.childrenslibrary.org], the largest online library of children's books from around the world.

The Gryphon Lecture will be followed by a reception. Both the lecture and reception are free and open to the public. Evening parking is free in Lot C10 at 5th & Daniel, entrance on 5th. Please enter through the east door of the GSLIS building. The Gryphon lecture is sponsored and hosted by the cross-disciplinary Youth Literature and Culture Interest Group (YLC) at the Center for Children's Books.

## AWARD-WINNING CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT BOOKS FOR 2010

The Center for Children's Books is sponsoring an educational display of current award-winning children's and young adult books. The exhibit features winners of the 2010 Newbery, Caldecott, Printz, and Gryphon Awards, plus the Illinois "Children's Choice" Awards, including the Rebecca Caudill, the Monarch, Blue Stem, and the Abraham Lincoln Awards.

The exhibit is in the Marshall Gallery Display Cases (east foyer) of Main Library for the month of March, 2010.



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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:

O'Connor, George. *Zeus: Kind of the Gods*.  
Porter/First Second, 2010 76p  
R\* Gr. 6-12  
ISBN 978-1-59643-431-8 \$16.99

The first in a new series of graphic novels detailing the lives and legends of characters from Greek mythology, *Zeus* walks readers through the very beginning of Greek mythology from the creation of earth and sky to Zeus' clash with the Titans and his reign upon Mount Olympus. The graphic novel format is a perfect fit for this title which is jammed packed with mythological information and all the battles, drama, love, intrigue, and adventurous illustrations a reader could want.

### Ayanna's Choice:

McCarty, Peter. *Henry in Love*.  
Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins, 2009 48p  
R 3-5yrs ISBN 978-0061142888  
\$16.99

Henry, a young cat, goes through a typical school day. Some things this encompasses are waking up to the smell of blueberry muffins, walking with his big brother to school, and doing his best forward roll at recess. Throughout the day, Henry gets closer to the "loveliest girl in his class"—Chloe the rabbit. With minimal yet prominent narrative text, the story unfolds through the extremely detailed ink illustrations of the animal characters. This preschool romance is simple and sweet with just the right amount of whimsy.

### Corrie's Choice:

Cashore, Kim. *Fire*. Dial, 2010  
480p R Gr. 9 and up  
ISBN 978-0803734616 \$17.99

Fire is the only one of her kind remaining and she's determined to be the last. Hated, hunted, and worshiped for her seductive beauty and power of mind control, Fire is a human monster. She is determined to make up for her father's legacy of destruction and manipulation, even if it means risking her life. Fans of the sequel *Graceling* might initially miss Katsa, but they will soon become enamored with Fire, an equally strong female protagonist.

## General CCB Information

CCB March 2010

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

**Zvirin, Stephanie. *The Best Years of Their Lives: A Resource Guide for Teenagers in Crisis*. American Library Association, 1996.**

**This book provides an annotated bibliography of fiction and nonfiction self help books for teens, as well as video titles, under different categories ranging in topic from "Sex Stuff" to "Safety Issues" and "Family Matters".**

**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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