

The Center for Children's Books

October 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: Imagine That!

Created by Ayanna Coleman

http://ccb.lis.illinois.edu/bibliographies/imaginethat_Oct2009.html

Bibliography: Spooky Spirits and Grim Ghosts

Created by Genevieve Henricks

http://ccb.lis.illinois.edu/bibliographies/ghosts_Oct2009.html

News

A Visit from Nic Bishop

This month the Center is very pleased to be hosting author and photographer Nic Bishop, who will be talking about his quirky adventures in non-fiction. His presentation will touch upon the values of children's non-fiction literature and how he became involved in his interesting work as an author and photo-illustrator of children's books. Join us October 16th in room 126 at 7pm for this exciting opportunity!

Gruesome, Gory, and Ghastly Ghosts and Ghouls

Celebrate Halloween in style this year and listen to scary ghost stories from local storytellers and GSLIS students. The Spurlock Museum will be hosting two storytelling events on Saturday, October 31st at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm. The Spurlock Museum is located on the U of I campus at 600 S. Gregory in Urbana.

At 2:00pm there will be a family event that will feature multicultural ghost stories told in the Museum's galleries. The stories will be appropriate for children grades K-8. Children will receive bags of candy to start their trick or treating off right.

At 7:30pm there will be a ghost story concert for adults. This event is designed for a mature audience, so admission will be limited to ages 16 and up. Refreshments during the intermission will help ensure that everyone gets their Halloween candy allotment.

These events are co-sponsored by GSLIS and the Center for Children's Books. Suggested donation for each event is \$5. See <http://www.spurlock.uiuc.edu/education/index.php> for more details.

October Calendar

Thursday, Oct 1, 5pm – Story Coach

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

Thursday, Oct 8, 5pm – Youth Lit Book Club

This student-led discussion group will be talking about *Flygirl* by Sherri L. Smith. The book is available to read at the CCB.

Thursday, Oct 15, 5pm – LEEP Advising Meeting

Meet with the Youth Services faculty members to discuss your Spring 2010 semester classes and practicum opportunities.

Friday, Oct 16, 5-6:30pm – K12 Portfolio Assessment Meeting

See portfolio examples, get planning worksheets, and learn how to organize your portfolio.

Friday, Oct 16, 7pm – Nic Bishop Author Visit

Come together at GSLIS in room 126 to hear celebrated author and photo-illustrator Nic Bishop talk about his experiences and adventures capturing the glories of nature for children in his non-fiction books.

Monday, Oct 19, CCB Closed

Monday, Oct 26, 5pm – Youth Service Advising Meeting

Meet with the Youth Services faculty members to discuss your Spring semester classes and practicum opportunities.

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

In September we celebrated the start of the 2009-2010 academic year with our well-attended Open House and accompanying Galley Giveaway. And a good time was had by all!

At the top of our list of October events at the CCB is a visit from author and photographer Nic Bishop, creator of numerous books about animals in their natural habitats, including Nic Bishop's *Frogs*, winner of last year's Gryphon Award. The CCB's Gryphon Award is given to the book from the previous year that we believe "best exemplifies those qualities that successfully bridge the gap in difficulty between books for reading aloud to children and books for practiced readers." His presentation will be at GSLIS (room 126) on Friday, October 16th at 7:00 pm.

This is the time of year when many school librarians are putting together their book orders, so we hope you can come by the Center and take a look at the hundreds of excellent 2009 books we have available for examination. You can give us a call to set up a time to consult with the CCB staff or simply come by during our open hours



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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:

Umansky, Kaye. *Clover Twig and the Magical Cottage*; illus. by Johanna Wright. Roaring Brook, 2009 288p R* Gr. 4-6
ISBN 978-1-59643-507-0 \$16.99

When the local witch Mrs. Eckles advertised a job cleaning house, young Clover Twig knew she would be up to the task. She didn't realize, however, that when the cottage you are cleaning is a magical flying cottage, strange events can, and do, take place. Along with clumsy Wilf and Neville the cat, Clover finds herself enmeshed in a deep sibling rivalry between Mrs. Eckles and her evil, yet fashionable, sister Mesmeranza. Umansky has created a rollicking middle-grade fantasy full of crazy characters, and laugh-out-loud moments.

Ayanna's Choice:

Nayeri, Daniel and Dina. *Another Faust*. Candlewick, 2009 400p R
Gr. 7-12 ISBN 978-0-76363-707-1 \$16.99

If you could have everything you ever wanted, what price would you pay? In the tale of Dr. Faustus, he paid with his soul and in this reinvention of the tale five teenagers do the same, however; there are twists and turns along the way that are quite surprising and original. The characters are cleverly developed through their human and sometimes very adolescent weaknesses and the evil mastermind, Ms. Vileroy, is delightfully manipulative. The use of grotesque images, historical references, and the background of a posh high school are not the most surprising parts in the tale. The ending will really catch readers off their guard and make them beg for the story to continue.

Corrie's Choice:

Peterfreund, Diana. *Rampant*. Harperteen, 2009 416p R Gr. 7-12
ISBN 978-0-06-149000-2 \$17.99

Think unicorns are cute and innocent mythical creatures? Well, they aren't. Unicorns are poisonous, blood-thirsty monsters that can only be killed by virginal female descendents of Alexander the Great. When her boyfriend is attacked by a zhi, Astrid discovers the true nature of unicorns and accepts her destiny as a unicorn hunter, sacrificing her freedom to save mankind. *Rampant* is an addictive read with a creative premise that will be sure to draw a legion of fans.

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

Reichman, Henry. *Censorship and Selection: Issues and Answers for Schools.* American Library Association, 2001. ISBN 978-0838907986

Censorship! The word itself sparks debate, especially when the context is the public school. This book remains the most comprehensive guide for protecting the freedom to read in schools and provides the best and most specific information on providing access and facing challenges to intellectual freedom.

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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