

The Center for Children's Books

September 2010 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. All books included are recent (within the last five years) and Recommended (R or R*) by the Bulletin. To suggest a subject for a future bibliography, email ccb@illinois.edu. All requests will be considered.

Bibliography: Trips & Treks: Books about Travel

http://ccb.lis.illinois.edu/bibliographies/travel_Sept2010.html

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News

Open House

Please mark your calendars for Monday, September 13th! We will be having our annual Room 24 Open House, which will be your chance to learn all about the CCB and the resources we offer. Meet the staff and faculty of the Center for Children's Books and the Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books and hear all about the programs and projects going on at the CCB. Don't forget to pick up some free pre-publication copies of children's and young adult books! Apple doughnuts and cider will also be provided.

Galley Giveaway

Free books! Get your free books here! We'll be giving away pre-publication copies of children's and young adult books during our Open House and throughout the week of September 13-17. See Calendar for times.

Youth Literature Festival

Do you like to meet the authors of the books you read? Come to the Youth Literature Festival Community Day on Saturday, October 9th from 10am-4pm at the Kranert Center for the Performing Arts. The festival will feature 12 visiting authors, a music stage, storytellers and activity tables including a CCB table with giant climb-through boxes! More information at <http://youthlitfest.ed.uiuc.edu/>.

September Calendar

Monday, September 13, 5 PM-7 PM CCB

Open House and Galley Giveaway
Come meet Room 24 personnel, learn about the units included in the CCB, and enjoy cider, doughnuts, and FREE books!

Galley Giveaway Hours:

- Monday, September 13th, 5-7 PM
- Tuesday, September 14th, 10 AM-7 PM
- Wednesday, September 15th, 3-7 PM
- Thursday, September 16th, 10 AM-7 PM
- Friday, September 17th, 10 AM-4 PM

Thursday, September 23, 5 PM Youth Lit Book Club

Our student led discussion group will be talking about Mockingjay this month. In the final book in the Hunger Games series by Suzanne Collins, Katniss faces the threat of those who want revenge. Come share the excitement with fellow YA enthusiasts.

Thursday, September 30, 5 PM Story Coach Meeting

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

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. Deborah Stevenson

Greetings to all! As the new director of the Center for Children's Books, I must first thank my estimable predecessor Christine Jenkins, whose legacy here is invaluable. We are particularly indebted to her for the creation of the Outreach Coordinator position, which allows the CCB to connect with people and organizations beyond our walls. Fortunately, Christine will remain closely involved with the CCB through her role on the advisory committee, as one of the Center's valued faculty affiliates, and as the senior youth services faculty at GSLIS.

While I'm new to the director position, I'm an old friend of the Center; I've been associated with it for twenty-one years and currently serve as the editor for the Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books. I will continue to support the CCB's best-known attributes—its unique research collection, its support for students on the road to youth services librarianship, the Gryphon Lecture, and the Gryphon Award. We're looking forward to our annual Storytelling Festival in the upcoming spring, and we'll always provide a comfy couch and a quiet corner for those looking to curl up with a book.

What you'll be hearing more about is our research. Between our talented affiliates, our provision of research support to faculty and doctoral students, and our own projects, we're expecting a lot of exciting new exploration into youth services, literature, and culture, its history and its future. To that end, our newsletter will include a Research Roundup section that will document what we've been working on each month. You can also check our Out and About section for information on what conferences our affiliates and I will be appearing at in the near future. For instance, I'll be speaking at the Illinois Library Association conference's Extravaganza of Books on September 28, so I'd love to say hello to any friends of the CCB who are there.

I look forward to having much to report on in upcoming newsletters; thank you all for reading and for your support of the Center for Children's Books! -Deborah Stevenson



Our Affiliates Out and About:

This weekend! Libraries in the History of Print Culture Conference

September 10-11th, Madison, WI

Look for Dr. Kate McDowell, Dr. Christine Jenkins and other CCB associates!

Illinois Library Association Conference

September 28-30th, Navy Pier, Chicago, IL

Deborah Stevenson will be presenting at the Extravaganza of Books on Tuesday, September 28th from 3:30 to 5:00pm; her presentation will offer a look into the best and most noteworthy new children's and young adult books of 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.uiuc.edu/>) to learn how to subscribe.

Ayanna's Choice:

Pearce, Jackson. *Sisters Red*. Little Brown, 2010 - This YA version of Charles Perrault's tale provides the reader with Violet and Scarlet's story. After their grandmother was killed and Scarlet scarred for life by a werewolf, the sisters take up the hunt, determined to save unsuspecting teens and tween girls (the wolves like them young) from a horrible death that they narrowly escaped themselves. Filled with action, drama, and forbidden love, this familiar tale has interesting twists and turns that will push the reader to consider if that really good looking and charismatic guy is just an animal with ulterior motives.

Laurel's Choice:

West, Jacqueline. *The Shadows*. Dial, 2010 - As soon as eleven-year-old Olive and her parents move into the old McMartin mansion she knows there is something unusual about the ancient house. While her parents are busy working at the local university, Olive explores the odd house and all of its intricacies. She discovers three talking cats who call the mansion home and when wearing a pair of glasses she can enter the paintings that decorate the house. Olive knows that this is only the beginning of what the house has to reveal. It is hiding something much more, a very dark secret.

Miriam's Choice:

Turner, Pamela S. *Project Seahorse*. Houghton, 2010 - In this colorful, information-packed book, Turner provides descriptive narrative about seahorses and also explains the threats to seahorse habitat. The book is unique for its attention to the cultural and political implications of industrial fishing and profiles fisherman Rodrigo "Digoy" Paden, a local supporter of one of Project Seahorses' protected areas. It is also full of fun facts; did you know seahorses are gender-benders? Female seahorses implant their eggs into the male and he gets to be the one with a swollen belly!

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

From Our Wishlist

Haven, Kendall. *Story Proof: The Science Behind The Startling Power of Story*. Libraries Unlimited, 2007. ISBN 978-1591585466.

Kendall synthesizes and analyzes research about the importance of the story. *Story Proof* is a text for Dan Keding's Storytelling class this semester.

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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