

# The Center for Children's Books

## Dec 2010/Jan 2011 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](mailto:ccb@uiuc.edu). All requests will be considered.

#### **Bibliography: Voyages**

**Created by CCB Volunteer Tricia Dean**

[http://ccb.lis.illinois.edu/bibliographies/voyages\\_dec2010.html](http://ccb.lis.illinois.edu/bibliographies/voyages_dec2010.html)

#### **Bibliography: Artist Biographies and Autobiographies**

**Created by CCB Volunteer Beth Yendrek**

[http://ccb.lis.illinois.edu/bibliographies/artistbio\\_Dec2010.html](http://ccb.lis.illinois.edu/bibliographies/artistbio_Dec2010.html)

## News

### **New Newsletter Format Coming Soon!**

This will be the last newsletter with a PDF version. We'll have an e-newsletter with a colorful header beginning in February. We will also be creating a new section of the website with information about conference and publishing opportunities as well as CCB affiliate publication updates.

### **Galley Give-Away and Book Sale**

We invite you to our second galley give-away of this academic year, which will begin Wednesday, January 19th and last through Friday, January 21st. The give-away will occur during normal CCB hours.

The Tenth Annual Book Sale of the Center for Children's Books (CCB) will run from Monday, February 21st through February 23, 2011. We will be selling thousands of brand new children's books for youth from birth through high school.

Attend our pre-sale and get first dibs on our wide selection of books. The pre-sale will be held on Sunday, February 20th 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](mailto:ccb@illinois.edu). We will be accepting reservations February 1st – 9th.

## Dec/Jan Calendar

### **Thursday, December 9th, 5-6pm**

#### **Youth Literature Book Club**

Come hear about some of the highlight young adult books that the CCB recommends for holiday reading. Also, bring your own holiday reading suggestions to share.

### **FINALS and HOLIDAY HOURS at the CCB**

**December 13-17:** Open from 10-3 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, closed Wednesday, Dec 15th.

**December 20-January 7:** Closed for the holidays.

**January 10-17:** Open from 10-3 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, closed Wednesday.

**January 18:** CCB resumes regular semester hours.

### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

#### **Pre-sale for the Tenth Annual Book Sale Sunday, February 20th, 1-4pm**

Tickets: \$20 per person. Make reservations by calling CCB at 217-244-9331 or by emailing at [ccb@illinois.edu](mailto:ccb@illinois.edu).

#### **Tenth Annual Book Sale February 21st-23rd**

*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>).*

# Interview with Ayanna Coleman, CCB Grad Assistant



Interviewed by Miriam Larson

Read the complete interview and view our recommended books on our website.

## What do you love most about the Center for Children's books?

The books! Every day when I come in I get so happy. It's such a bright and wonderful place. I ask myself, "What book will I find today? What discussion will I have today with my co-workers?" It's all literature all the time and I love it.

## If you could change one thing about the CCB what would it be?

I would make it bigger, a bigger space so we could do more activities. I want to see the CCB full of people using the resources we have. If we had more space we could do more activities and get more people in here.

## What books can you recommend to YA and children's book enthusiasts over the holidays?

Well, as it happens, the CCB has many recommendations for reading over the holidays. The Bulletin recently released its Guide Book to Gift Books which is available on the BCCB website.

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## Our Affiliates Out and About

**ALISE (Association for Library and Information Science Educators), January 4-7, San Diego, CA**

Kate McDowell will be presenting a poster titled "Picturing Evolution: Images of Geological Time in Science Books for Children, 1865-1956." For a full description, visit the CCB website.

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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.

### Ayanna's Choice:

**Berry, Julie.** *Secondhand Charm.* **Bloomsbury, 2010. 342p. ISBN 978-1-59990-511-2. \$16.99. Gr. 6-9.**

When news comes that the King is traveling to her village, Evie and everyone else start getting ready. Gypsies are invited to the festival and Evie finds herself taken by three necklaces peddled by a charms seller. Each charm is said to have special abilities: one for love, one for luck, and one for protection against a snakebite. These charms come in handy through her ongoing adventure as she sets out to attend University on a scholarship bestowed upon her by the King. Evie also stumbles upon a very unlikely companion and must come to terms with who she really is and who she wants to be.

### Laurel's Choice:

**McBride, Lish.** *Hold Me Closer, Necromancer.* **Holt, 2010. 342p. ISBN 978-0-8050-9098-7. \$16.99. Gr. 8-12.**

Sam's mundane life as a college dropout working at a fast food restaurant is turned upside down when Douglas, a powerful necromancer, discovers that Sam also has the ability to raise the dead. Douglas gives Sam a week to decide whether to join him or suffer the consequences. Unfortunately for Sam, Douglas becomes impatient before the week is up. The suspense and horror throughout the book are nicely balanced by Sam's quick-witted humor. Fans of the supernatural are likely to appreciate the variety of other worldly characters present in McBride's first novel.

### Miriam's Choice:

**Goodman, Shawn.** *Something Like Hope.* **Delacorte, 2010. 208p. ISBN 978-0-375-89752-8. \$16.99. Gr. 7-10.**

Shavonne wants to avoid getting transferred from the Juvenile Detention Center to adult prison when she turns eighteen. But she has little reason to trust any adults to help her fulfill her wish; she has experienced abuse from her foster parents, phony sympathy from child psychologists, and manipulation by the detention center guards. When Shavonne meets Mr. Delpopolo, the shrink at the Juvenile Detention Center, she finds an adult who may help her break the cycle. Shavonne begins a struggle to learn how to trust herself and stop blaming herself for the violence she has experienced at the hands of adults. Author Shawn Goodman worked as a psychologist in a girls' detention center.

The CCB Graduate Assistants also put out a list of recommended holiday reading that we will be talking about at our next book club meeting. The list is also available on the CCB website. Here are some books that I would specially recommend; these are mostly YA books from the past year:

**For the fantasy lover:**

*Bleeding Violet* is cool, twisted, and has a lot going on. The main character, Violet, lives with her mother in Portero, Texas. What happens, like hallucinations, is not so strange for her because she's manic-depressive. But as the reader, you have to sort out what is real and what is not.

**A little fun existentialism:**

*Meanwhile* is a little like R.L. Stein's alternate ending *Goosebumps*, except there are way more endings. Sometimes you end up dead and sometimes you end up saving the world but it's different every time.

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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](mailto:ccb@illinois.edu).

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Hours (during class sessions)  
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

Abeel, Samantha. *My Thirteenth Winter: A Memoir*. Scholastic, 2005. ISBN 978-0439339056.

Abeel tells her coming of age story, one that is unique because of her struggle with a learning disability. Abeel describes in detail the particularities of her learning disability as well as the emotional and social side effects that followed her through her young life.

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>.

